



Raymond Griffith

October 31, 1946 - April 6, 2020

Raymond Griffith Jr. of St. Augustine, FL passed away April 6th, 2020 peacefully at his home. He was born October 31st, 1946 in Martin, KY, the son of Anna Skaggs Griffith and Raymond Griffith. Ray retired from CSX as the Assistant Vice President of Coal and Grain in 2008 after 32 years with the company. He is preceded in death by his Mother Anna Skaggs Griffith, Father Raymond Griffith, 3 sisters Janice, Thomasine, Chrissy, 1 brother William Floyd and nephew McDouglas Whicker, Jr. He leaves behind his beloved wife of 47 years Donna Justice Griffith and 2 children, daughter Cindy Leeber (Dave) and son Raymond Douglas Griffith (Jill). Ray has 4 grandchildren, Trey and Raychel Leeber, Rylee and Riggs Griffith, along with several nieces and nephews that he loved dearly. Ray was a devoted Christian and was a member of the Church of Christ for over 60 years. His strong Faith in God was evident in everything that he did. Ray served in the United States Army for 2 years and then attended Morehead State University earning a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and a Master's Degree in Education. After graduation Ray and Donna moved back to Martin, KY where Ray began coaching little league baseball. He became a teacher at Martin and then began coaching basketball and football. He was instrumental in starting the Junior Pro Basketball program in Martin where it is still active today. After his 2 kids were born Ray began his 32-year career on the railroad. Ray remained very active in all the sports and activities of both his children and grandchildren and after retirement, he returned to coaching football locally for the Village Football Association for several years, as well as serving on the Board of Directors. One of Ray's favorite pastimes was playing golf. After retirement he kept a standing tee time several days a week with several of his close friends. He was a member of Honors Golf at the King and Bear/Slammer and Squire. Ray loved his Kentucky Wildcats Basketball. He watched every game and attended the SEC tournament yearly. He and Donna would plan vacations that matched up with UK's early season schedule. Ray could always be seen wearing his famous Kentucky hat. Whether it was Maui, the Bahamas or Cancun they were there. Ray was a proud veteran and twice served as president for the annual Vets 4 Vets program at the World Golf Village to raise funds to support the St. John's County veterans. Any time he saw a veteran out in the community he stopped what he was doing to shake their hand and tell them thank you. He was also a Mason and proud member of the El Hasa Shriners

along with being a Kentucky Colonel. He has been a coach/mentor to young kids and adults alike his entire life. The purpose for Masons is "to make better men out of good men." And there are hundreds of young men who have become better versions of themselves after being influenced by him. Coach Ray will be missed greatly but his impact on the people he encountered will be felt forever.

Comments



“ A wonderful friend since childhood.
We played many a basketball game during the summers behind Bud's house. Mugsy, as we called him loved sports and enjoyed helping others and these traits carried through his adult life. MHS is proud of you.



Stevie Halbert - April 24, 2020 at 03:26 AM



“ Donna,

We were so saddened to hear of Ray's passing. Thinking back on the boy's high school years brings back many fond memories. Brad will always be grateful to Ray for the opportunity to be a trainer with CSX, which allowed him to be home and attend all those fun basketball outings! We hope you and your family are well, and please know we are thinking about you.

Love and prayers,

Brad and Kim Muncy

Brad Muncy - April 17, 2020 at 03:43 PM



“ Donna, I am so sorry to hear about Ray Prayers for you, Cindy & Ray.

Suzanne (Williamson) Clagg

Suzanne Clagg - April 16, 2020 at 10:13 AM



“ So saddened by the lose of this amazing man. Such a gentle and loving soul. He's truly missed and Mrs. Donna and Cindy can be proud to have shared their lives with Coach. You all are in our prayers. Joey and Devon White

Joey White - April 15, 2020 at 07:35 PM



“ Dear Donna and family,

We are so sorry to hear of Ray's passing. I knew Ray from CSX where he worked with my father and much later I had the pleasure of working with Ray. He was a real gentleman, mentor and fine man.

Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers.

With deepest sympathies,

Kevin and Becky Craig

Kevin Craig - April 12, 2020 at 06:26 PM



“ Mary Ellen Maggard sent a virtual gift in memory of Raymond Griffith



Mary Ellen Maggard - April 09, 2020 at 05:45 PM



“ So sorry to hear. Prayers for you and your family. Ann and Danny Stumbo

Ann & Danny Stumbo - April 09, 2020 at 09:17 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Raymond Griffith.



April 09, 2020 at 09:05 AM



“ DONNA AND FAMILY,sorry for your loss prayers for comfort during this time sorrow.



Jennifer Tackett AKA (Charlie Brown) - April 09, 2020 at 03:11 AM



“ Joe & Linda Bailey lit a candle in memory of Raymond Griffith



Joe & Linda Bailey - April 09, 2020 at 12:30 AM



“ So very sorry to hear of Mugsys passing. I have very fond memories of him.

Jodi Hayes Lewis - April 08, 2020 at 11:28 PM



“ So sorry to hear of his passing. Raymond and my uncle Morris Isaac from Martin ky was very good friends. I really enjoyed talking to him on the phone when he would call Me. I was the secretary of our Masonic lodge and Past master of John w Hall Masonic lodge 950 f&am. Rip my brother.

Alan Wright - April 08, 2020 at 10:26 PM



“ Prayers for you all from the Howard's in Kentucky. We love you and prayers going up for you
Jayne Howard

Jayne - April 08, 2020 at 10:18 PM



“ Gary Frazier lit a candle in memory of Raymond Griffith



Gary Frazier - April 08, 2020 at 09:48 PM



“ God bless you, Donna. We are so sorry to hear this news of Mugsy.
Ann Mayo Allen & Jimmy Lynn Allen

Ann Mayo Allen - April 09, 2020 at 08:05 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Mugsys passing. I always enjoyed talking with him when he would come to our class reunions.

Bobby Hall - April 09, 2020 at 09:13 AM



“ My prayers are with Ray's family. I was fortunate to have worked with Ray for several years. Always a true gentleman, leader and teacher. So many of the lessons I learned from Ray, particularly around leadership, I still use daily. May he rest in peace and his memory be eternal.

Barry Morton - May 18, 2020 at 03:38 PM