



Gary L. Griffin

November 17, 1964 - April 3, 2025

Gary Lee Griffin, 60, of Havana, passed away on Thursday, April 3, 2025, at St. John's Hospital in Springfield, Illinois. He was born on November 17, 1964, in Havana, Illinois, to James Clarence and Carla Lee (McClenning) Griffin. Gary is survived by his siblings Greg Griffin of Havana, Lori (Mark) Kachanuk of Peoria, Arizona, Lisa (David) Lippert of Chatham, Illinois, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, nephew Ty Kachanuk, Paternal Grandparents Clarence and Adelaide Griffin of Havana, and Maternal grandmother Mary Alta McClenning of Santa Clara, California. Gary was a 1983 graduate of Havana High School. He worked for many years at Griffin Electric, Inc. in Havana, as well as Kirby Risk in Peoria, Decatur, and Springfield. Gary also worked as a part-time EMS for the Mason District Hospital and the Havana Rural Fire Department. He was a member of the Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of Illinois for over 25 years, a long-time member and treasurer of The Alligators Club, and earned his Eagle Scout from Troop 166. Gary was a founding member of the Havana Area Volunteers who sponsored the Havana Easter Egg Hunt. He was an avid Cardinals fan who enjoyed spending time with friends.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, April 26, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at Laurel Hill Cemetery in Havana with Pastor Carol Stufflebeam officiating. Memorial donations may be made in Gary's name to the Havana Easter Egg Hunt or the Havana Rural Fire Department. Online condolences can be left for his family at www.hurleyfh.com.

Hurley Funeral Home in Havana is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Laurel Hill Cemetery

1105 E Laurel Ave
Havana, IL 62644
(309) 543-2986

Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR 26. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Gary L. Griffin.*



April 23, 2025 at 11:17 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Many prayers for the family. Ed remembers Gary working for him at Havana Standard many years ago. Good kid and worker!*

Ed and Diana Lind - April 21, 2025 at 01:57 PM



“ *Fly high my friend. You will be missed.*



Traci Unruh - April 21, 2025 at 12:12 PM



“ *Greg, Lori, Lisa, and families, We are so sorry to hear of Gary's passing. He was a friend to many people and he will be missed. You have our sincere condolences. Steve and Kay*

Kay Moehring - April 17, 2025 at 10:22 PM

CT

“ *Cinnamon Trimpey lit a candle in memory of Gary Griffin*



Cinnamon Trimpey - April 15, 2025 at 12:40 AM

RS

“ *Rita Smekofski lit a candle in memory of Gary Griffin*



Rita Smekofski - April 10, 2025 at 04:43 PM

LL

“ *Lisa Ludlum lit a candle in memory of Gary Griffin*

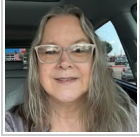


Lisa Ludlum - April 10, 2025 at 02:46 PM

KZ

“ *Thinking of Gary's family during this difficult. God bless 🙏
Kim Zeiger-Krahn*

Kim Zeiger-Krahn - April 10, 2025 at 01:35 PM



“ I am so sorry to learn of Gary’s passing.
Prayers to the Griffin family for peace and
comfort.



Lisa Ginos - April 10, 2025 at 12:17 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of
Gary L. Griffin.



April 10, 2025 at 08:57 AM



“ A [Memorial
Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gary L. Griffin.

April 10, 2025 at 08:57 AM

CB

“ Soon after the Pandemic began in February of 2020, a group of 14 of us answered a call from another player in Virginia to join a team to play the online game June’s Journey. We 15 folks were from all over the United States, north to south and east to west.

With the sequestration from the outside world and the resultant loneliness of those Covid days, we all had some time on our hands. And we played this lovely and challenging game and all became fast friends. There were illnesses (some Covid-related), big winter storms, hurricanes, the worries of wildfires and tornadoes, weddings, the birth of babies, and elections. We all supported and comforted each other through those times that were filled with worry but that also had many days of joy. Gary was our friend and cheerleader through it all. He gave us advice from his many life experiences on such things as electrical issues, purchasing generators or appliances, and the best beers. He joked with us and kidded us to make us laugh when we were sad or afraid. We all looked forward to our nightly discussions about the game or about life—and Gary was our constant and stalwart friend, counting us to make sure we were all ‘present’ at our virtual coffee house. We all made it through the Pandemic!

More recently, Gary’s health had taken a bad turn, and we all worried about him every night; he told us that, if things did not go well for him, he would be looking out for us—and we will be counting on him to do that. There will be many, many stories told and memories recalled about Gary in our nightly meetings, and we will often lift a beer to him in Heaven.

We love you, Gary, and will greatly miss having your earthly presence with us. The memories we all have of you are truly blessings. We will be counting on you to watch over us and our families.

Claudia Barton - April 09, 2025 at 05:56 PM

BB

“ *Brian and Lynn Blakeley purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Gary L. Griffin.*



Brian and Lynn Blakeley - April 09, 2025 at 05:25 PM

BB

“ *Brian and Lynn Blakeley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary L. Griffin.*

Brian and Lynn Blakeley - April 09, 2025 at 05:25 PM

MH

“ *Mary Herring lit a candle in memory of Gary Griffin*



Mary Herring - April 09, 2025 at 04:04 PM

RQ

“ *RON AND BARB QUINONES lit a candle in memory of Gary Griffin*



RON AND BARB QUINONES - April 09, 2025 at 02:47 PM

JP

“ *Jennie Pierson-Muth lit a candle in memory of Gary Griffin*



Jennie Pierson-Muth - April 09, 2025 at 12:40 PM

PS

“ *Patti Specketer lit a candle in memory of Gary Griffin*



Patti Specketer - April 09, 2025 at 11:19 AM

JH

“ *My deepest sympathies to Gary's family and friends. I have a lot of great memories of spending time with Gary. He will be missed by many.*

Jim Hough - April 09, 2025 at 11:08 AM

CR

“ *Cindy Riggins sent a virtual gift in memory of Gary Griffin*



Cindy Riggins - April 09, 2025 at 10:16 AM

DW

“ *Sorry for your loss Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family*



Dan and Chris Wilson - April 09, 2025 at 09:19 AM

LH

“ *Larry and Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Gary Griffin*



Larry and Mary Hundt - April 09, 2025 at 08:37 AM

GW

“ *So sorry*



Gina Watkins - April 09, 2025 at 08:26 AM

CS

“ *Craig Schaeffer lit a candle in memory of Gary Griffin*



Craig Schaeffer - April 09, 2025 at 01:33 AM

LC

“ *Lisa Christen lit a candle in memory of Gary Griffin*



Lisa Christen - April 08, 2025 at 10:12 PM



“ *I had numerous memories with Gary over the years. He was a great guy with a big heart. He will be greatly missed. My sincere condolences.*



Ruth Lippert - April 08, 2025 at 09:51 PM

DR

“ *Debra Richardson lit a candle in memory of Gary Griffin*



Debra Richardson - April 08, 2025 at 07:41 PM

JS

“ *Thoughts and prayers to the whole family and all the friends. Lots of good times years ago. RIP Gary*



Julie shults - April 08, 2025 at 07:34 PM

TH

“ *TERNI HINRICHS lit a candle in memory of Gary Griffin*



TERNI HINRICHS - April 08, 2025 at 07:29 PM

PG

“ *Patricia Gilbreath lit a candle in memory of Gary Griffin*



Patricia Gilbreath - April 08, 2025 at 07:12 PM

LA

“ *Gary was a goofy sweet man and has made a big impact on my life. I will cherish all of the laughs and stories we shared.*

layla - April 08, 2025 at 06:20 PM

JB

“ *Sorry for your family's loss*



Jack and Donzia Boggs - April 08, 2025 at 06:10 PM

SY

“ Steven and Carol Yaeger purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gary L. Griffin.



Steven and Carol Yaeger - April 08, 2025 at 05:46 PM

SY

“ Steven and Carol Yaeger planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary L. Griffin.

Steven and Carol Yaeger - April 08, 2025 at 05:46 PM



“ Christine Shockley lit a candle in memory of Gary Griffin



Christine Shockley - April 08, 2025 at 05:34 PM

LC

“ Larry and Lola Cross lit a candle in memory of Gary Griffin



Larry and Lola Cross - April 08, 2025 at 05:16 PM

LS

“ *Our very deepest sympathy to Gary's family in his passing. He was a very caring man and would do anything for you. God Bless Everyone Alvin and Lorenda Spilker*



Lorenda and Alvin Spilker - April 08, 2025 at 05:04 PM

BL

“ *Bob Lynn lit a candle in memory of Gary Griffin*



Bob Lynn - April 08, 2025 at 04:22 PM

PC

“ *Patricia Carter lit a candle in memory of Gary Griffin*



Patricia Carter - April 08, 2025 at 04:17 PM

PC

“ Gary was a wonderful part of a team of 15 which played June's Journey for over 8 years. He named himself dictator of our team when he was the President of our team for awhile. He loved to joke and banter and everyone just adored him. He will always have a special place my heart. I spoke with Gary several times a week for over 2 years making sure he was okay. His loss is devastating to the team. My sincerest sympathy to the family and friends of Gary. May God bless.



Patricia Carter - April 08, 2025 at 04:12 PM

LT

“ So sorry for your family's loss!



Lisa Jill Ulrich Thompson - April 08, 2025 at 04:03 PM

K(

“ Kerry Schramm (Johnson) lit a candle in memory of Gary Griffin



Kerry Schramm (Johnson) - April 08, 2025 at 03:53 PM



“ *Trish Hertter-Wojtkiewicz lit a candle in memory of Gary Griffin*



Trish Hertter-Wojtkiewicz - April 08, 2025 at 03:20 PM

BL

“ *Brad & Melody Lynn lit a candle in memory of Gary Griffin*



Brad & Melody Lynn - April 08, 2025 at 03:15 PM

DW

“ *Sorry for your loss* ❤️❤️❤️❤️



Dan and Chris Wilson - April 08, 2025 at 03:07 PM

JT

“ *I'm sorry for loss. Prayers and thoughts to his family and loved ones.*



jennifer trimpe - April 08, 2025 at 03:04 PM

NE

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to all of Gary's family. RIP Twinkie*



Nancy Elliott - April 08, 2025 at 02:56 PM

JW

“ *John William Witherall lit a candle in memory of Gary Griffin*



John William Witherall - April 08, 2025 at 02:55 PM