



## James C. Griffin

March 30, 1931 - October 25, 2015

Havana, Illinois – James (Jim) C. Griffin, 84, of Havana, Illinois passed away on Sunday, October 25, 2015 at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, Illinois.

He was born on March 30, 1931 in Havana, Illinois to Clarence and Adelaide Griffin of Havana. He married Carla L. McClenning on January 24, 1954 in Havana where they resided for 61 years until her passing on November 17, 2012.

He is survived by his children, Greg of Havana, Lori (Mark) Kachanuk of Peoria, AZ, Lisa (David) Lippert of Chatham, IL and Gary of Havana, a sister, Marte Williams of Havana, his sister-in-law Kay Needham of Havana, 7 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his wife Carla, his parents and his brother Joe. He worked as an electrician for over 60 years. He started by working in his father's business (Griffin Electric, Inc.) as a teenager and then later running the business. He was a Korean War Veteran United States Army. He was very active in the community and involved in many organizations, served for 32 years on the Mason County Board and served as Board Chairman for several years, Mason County Board of Review, Mason County Board of Health for 9 years, Mason County Road and Bridge, United Collation of County Boards, United Counties Council for Illinois, The Illinois Community Action Association, Central Illinois Economic Development Corporation's Corporate Board, Havana Rural Fire Department for 40 years, VFW, Havana Rotary Club and

was a Paul Harris Honoree and the Jaycees. He enjoyed spending time with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren; he also enjoyed restoring and showing his antique cars.

Visitation will be held from 4-7 PM Wednesday, October 28, 2015 at Hurley Funeral Home in Havana. Funeral Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, October 29, 2015 at Hurley Funeral Home in Havana. Sue Roat will officiate. Following the funeral services cremation rites will be accorded and a private family burial will be held at Laurel Hill Cemetery in Havana at a later date.

Memorials may be made to Havana Area Volunteers Easter Egg Hunt or Havana Rural Fire Department. Online memorial messages may be left for the family at [www.hurleyfh.com](http://www.hurleyfh.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **28**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Havana  
217 North Plum Street  
P.O. Box #648  
Havana, IL 62644  
(309) 543-2244  
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

## Funeral

OCT **29**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *James C. Griffin*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *I have such happy memories of my sister, Claranne and me playing with our cousins, Jim, Joe and Martha as children. Looking forward to the exciting Christmas eve when our family would do our Christmas exchange of highly anticipated gifts! The years when my best friend, Carla, was waiting for Jim's return. Years slip away, memories are dear and family, no matter the distance in years and miles, is family.  
Blessings to all of Jim's family.  
Love, Corabel Gilmore Ralston*

**Corabel Gilmore Ralston** - November 04, 2015 at 08:46 AM



“ *Jim was my older cousin, the tall quiet one, but with a heart warming smile. The one we looked up to. I know he leaves a big void in the hearts of his family and friends, but leaves a great legacy to all of them. He will be sorely missed in Havana. God Bless.*

*Priscilla Griffin Hughs, Michael Griffin and Brian Griffin*

**Priscilla K. Hughs** - November 03, 2015 at 02:07 PM



“ *Sending thoughts and prayers to the family. Sorry for your loss.  
Opie and Barb Mustered*

**Barb Mustered** - October 28, 2015 at 03:34 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of James C. Griffin.*



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October 28, 2015 at 11:37 AM



“ *Our heartfelt condolences to Jim's family in their great loss. He leaves a proud legacy of duty, honor, family, and distinguished community builder. We knew Jim for 25 years after Korea when he displayed great courage and determination in his skilled profession that would endure 60 years. Jim had a caring, gracious nature with an infectious smile that was the only "calling card" he ever needed. He was dearly loved and will be sorely missed. Friends forever (class of 49). Neil and Joan Braendle, Hastings, Michigan.*

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**Neil Braendle** - October 28, 2015 at 07:53 AM



*Jim Griffin was one of the finest men I have ever known. Jim truly cared about all of the people of Mason County, and did an outstanding job of making sure that all were represented fairly. I became acquainted with Jim 18 years ago through my position at Career Link. Jim fought hard to keep the doors open here in Mason County knowing how badly people needed the assistance. Over the years he became a friend who was always willing to listen. When I was fighting cancer, he stopped by the office frequently to offer words of encouragement. I am so saddened by the loss of this wonderful man. I was on vacation, and didn't know until yesterday that he was gone. I offer my deepest sympathy to Jim's family. May you take comfort in the knowledge that Jim was admired, respected and loved by so many people. He will be sorely missed.*

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**Carol Kuchan** - December 03, 2015 at 10:56 AM

LB

“ Lex and Mike Bitner purchased the Fruits and Blooms Basket for the family of James C. Griffin.



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**Lex and Mike Bitner** - October 27, 2015 at 08:08 PM

CW

“ I am very sorry for your loss my sympathy for Lisa Lori Greg and Gary he was a very nice person always had a smile when he came in to get hair cut he will be missed my thoughts and prayers are with you Cathy

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**cathy williamson** - October 27, 2015 at 01:44 PM

JM

“ Joan, Maria and Neil Braendle, Hastings, Michigan purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of James C. Griffin.



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**Joan, Maria and Neil Braendle, Hastings, Michigan** - October 27, 2015 at 01:31 PM

GB

“ Gale Beekman lit a candle in memory of James C. Griffin



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**Gale Beekman** - October 27, 2015 at 12:29 PM

GB

*I was sorry to hear of Jim's passing. My condolences to Greg, Gary and family.*

**Gale Beekman** - October 27, 2015 at 12:34 PM

TH

*I am so sorry to hear of your father's passing Lisa. I had met him through work several years ago. He really believed in backing his community and doing all he could. My condolence's to you, your siblings and the rest of the family. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

**Tammie Higginbotham** - October 29, 2015 at 09:37 AM

 Linda Markee

“ *Linda Markee sent a virtual gift in memory of James C. Griffin*



**Linda Markee** - October 27, 2015 at 11:57 AM

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“ *My sympathy to Jim's family. I remember Jim from the years that my dad worked for Griffin Electric. May your memories sustain you through this difficult time.*



**Linda Markee** - October 27, 2015 at 11:56 AM

LC

“ *Lunchbox Cafe lit a candle in memory of James C. Griffin*



lunchbox cafe - October 27, 2015 at 10:33 AM

BW

“ *Bobbi Watson lit a candle in memory of James C. Griffin*



Bobbi Watson - October 27, 2015 at 07:32 AM

CT

“ *Cheryl Treadway lit a candle in memory of James C. Griffin*



Cheryl Treadway - October 26, 2015 at 09:27 PM

RH

“ *Renee Hayes lit a candle in memory of James C. Griffin*



Renee Hayes - October 26, 2015 at 07:54 PM

RK

“ Rick Kahn lit a candle in memory of James C. Griffin



Rick Kahn - October 26, 2015 at 06:42 PM

RK

*I am so sorry to hear of Jim's passing.... My deepest condolences to Gary, Greg and all of the Griffin family ....I will see you once I get back to Havana Thursday afternoon.... My thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time...*

Rick Kahn - October 26, 2015 at 06:47 PM

RT

“ We will be unable to come to services. Our condolences to Jim Griffin family.....



Roger and Lisa Thompson - October 26, 2015 at 04:48 PM

NE

“ Sending hugs to the Griffin family. Jim was always a kind, caring man and a great asset to this community.

Nancy Elliott - October 26, 2015 at 03:12 PM

ES

“ Thoughts and prayers to Jim's family. He was a great boss and proud to call him our friend. He will be greatly missed. Ed and Cammy Smith

Ed Smith - October 26, 2015 at 02:01 PM