



## Joseph Griffith,

May 27, 1927 - March 1, 2013

Princeton, WV- Joseph Fields Griffith Sr. passed away on March 1 at Glenwood Park Retirement Village, his caring home for the past five years. He was born in Pocahontas, Va. on May 27, 1927. A proud Marine, he served at Parris Island during World War II. He attended Bramwell High and graduated from Pocahontas High. Joe was married to his beloved wife, Betty, for 60 years this week, and they've lived in Nemours since 1966. He worked with dedication at U.S. Steel Gary 14 coal mine for 36 years, first as a blacksmith before graduating to the role of mechanic. He was a member of the United Mine Workers of America. He was passionate about his many hobbies, including woodworking, carpentry, welding, gardening, dancing with his wife, WVU football, bowling, baseball and bingo. Joe fell in love with golf at the age of 71, and one of his happiest moments came in 2005 when he hit a hole-in-one. In 1990, he and his older son renovated the 18th-century log cabin on the grounds of the James Wylie House in White Sulphur Springs, which is now on the National Register of Historic Places. He also co-developed Oak Branch subdivision in Caldwell in 1996. He was preceded in death by his parents and five sisters. He was a devoted father, and in addition to his wife, is survived by sons Joseph Jr. and wife Cheryl of Mount Sidney, Va. and R. George and wife Lauren of Kenner, La. He was a proud grandfather to Leah (Kevin), Andrea (Patrick), Michael, Darra, Laura, Jenna, Brendan and Ella. He also leaves behind two brothers, George and John; many nieces and nephews; and his extended family at Glenwood Park. Relatives and friends

will celebrate Joe's life Monday at Mercer Funeral Home, 1231 West Cumberland Rd., Bluefield. Visitation will be held at 1 p.m., and a service will follow at 2 p.m. He will be buried afterward at Grandview Memory Gardens. Serving as pallbearers will be Joseph Griffith, Jr., R. George Griffith, Michael Griffith, Les Eszenyi, Doug Bates, and Patrick Cash. Military graveside rites will be rendered by the Mercer County Veteran's Council. In lieu of flowers, gifts may be made to his lifelong church, Pocahontas United Methodist, P.O. Box 417, Pocahontas, VA, 24635. Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting [www.MercerFuneralHome.com](http://www.MercerFuneralHome.com) Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Mr. Joseph Fields Griffith, Sr.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph Griffith,*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *Dear Aunt Betty I was so very sorry to hear about uncle Joe he was a very special man you were blessed to have him for 60 yrs that is awesome not a lot of people are married that long so the two of you must of had something very special. Joey and Robin the lose of your father will hurt for a long time but never forget how much your mom needs you boys now. please all know that we would of been there if we could of,love to you all Sandy and Rick*

**Sandy and Rickey** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM



“ *If his son George is an example of his dad, then he was a good family man. Thoughts and prayers go out to George and his family. His friends in New Orleans and thinking of him.*

**Ken Mangum** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM



“ *Betty know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Will miss Joe so much. The time I spent taking care of him has made me a better person. Joe mad a difference in my life. Made me see a lot of things in life in a better way. Thank you so much for allowing him to be a part of our life at GWP.*

**Donna Coeburn** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

RB

“ Joe "adopted" my family... "even your husband", he'd say. Even when he was in the worst of health he was always hopeful, determined, and kind. As Betty told me, "He's for real". And he really was. We will miss Papaw Joe. "Love you, too, Joe."

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**Raegan Biggs** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

KA

“ Andrea & Family- My thoughts are with your family at this difficult time. Your grandparents were wonderful loving people. I hope that you can find comfort in knowing that your grandfather made a wonderful impact on everyone that he met. He had such a warm spirit that will be cherished by many. If we can do anything for you, please let me know. With Love, Krista & Family.

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**Krista Adkins** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

LC

“ So sorry to hear of Joe's passing. He will always be remembered as a friend of our family. Thinking of you and the boys during this time. Much love and many thoughts from NC.

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**Lynn Gilmore Chance** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

BC

“ Your family is in our thoughts and prayers

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**Bill and Doug Cabble** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

AF

“ Betty and Family- I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Joe was such an amazing man and great friend to everyone in the valley. He will be greatly missed-but he is not far, we now have him as a glorious guardian angel! LOVE YOU JOE!!!!

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**Ashley Froy** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

AF

“ Joe was an amazing man. I knew him my entire life and loved just sitting on his car port in the summer talking to him about golf and baseball. He always helped me with my putting, and brought life to Richwood everytime he walked through the door for the Senior scramble. Unfortunately, I have an exam tomorrow and will be unable to attend the services, but his family is in my prayers. I will never forget how much Joe taught me and how he never met a stranger.

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**Andrew Froy** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

VP

“ Uncle Joe, You will be missed! I am so thankful that we got to visit with you last October! You will be in our hearts forever!!!! Love, Melanie & Victor

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**Victor & Melanie Proton** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

CS

“ To the Griffith family: I was very saddened to learn of Joe's death. I first met him in February 2010 when I went to Glenwood for rehab. Joe and I used to bounce a ball between us in therapy. I was admitted again in September 2012, and he seemed to remember me, we talked and laughed! I had the pleasure of meeting Joe's wife and son. My father, D. Homer Stewart, knew Joe and Cheryl in Lewisburg. My deepest sympathies to you all.

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**Carolyn Stewart** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM