



Donald Allen Griffin

February 8, 1933 - March 29, 2019

Donald Allen Griffin, 86, passed away Friday, March 29, 2019 in Tallahassee, Florida surrounded by his family. Donald was born February 8, 1933 to Beverly A. and Mary (Wright) Griffin in Valhalla, New York.

After graduating from Iona College in 1955, Donald was commissioned to the U.S. Navy and served in Vietnam supporting the Marine Amphibians Brigade. He served on numerous naval ships and was President of the National Naval Officers Association. In 1971, he established the Southern University Naval ROTC in Baton Rouge.

Rising to the rank of Captain, Donald retired from the U.S. Navy in 1980 and went on to work for the State of Florida as Assistant Secretary of Commerce (1981-82); Executive Director of the Florida Commission on Human Relations (1983-90) and Executive Director of the Department of Revenue, Division of Technical Assistance where he retired in 2001. He was a lifelong member of the NAACP and Kiwanis Club.

In 2006, Donald launched the Tallahassee Chapter of the U.S. Bowling Congress Association and was a member of several semi-professional senior bowling leagues. Donald was an avid jazz enthusiast. He also enjoyed vacationing annually with his daughters.

Donald is survived by his wife, Katherine and their daughters Denise Griffin and Marion Griffin; daughters with first wife Joan: Lynda Griffin Harvey, Donna Griffin, Leslie Griffin, Joanne Griffin McClain; sister Ruth Griffin Ruff; nephew Thomas D. Bannister and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Memorial services to be announced.

Breanna Green of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the Griffin family with their arrangements. (850-385-2193 www.bevisfh.com)

Previous Events

Honors Ceremony

MAY 31. 1:00 PM (ET)

Tallahassee National Cemetery
5015 Apalachee Parkway
Tallahassee, FL 32311

Tribute Wall

BE

“ I miss you every day. One day the tears will stop. Rest in peace

Bette - January 28, 2020 at 11:32 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Donald Allen Griffin.



May 29, 2019 at 12:33 PM

HD

“ Donald it was a joy knowing you. I will celebrate your life by remembering and cherishing your zest for life and the commitments you gave the others. Rest In Peace.

HdW - April 20, 2019 at 09:09 AM

JG

“ Dad, I can still feel you holding my hand. I will always love and cherish the time we shared together. I love you forever.

Joanne Griffin - April 16, 2019 at 07:51 PM

DL

“ Doris Lee lit a candle in memory of Donald Allen Griffin



Doris Lee - April 12, 2019 at 07:35 AM

WR

“ Remembering the times spent with Don while on vacation in Hilton Head, SC, will miss him.



Wesley Ruff - April 08, 2019 at 05:01 PM

JB

You made a gigantic difference in this young Junior Officers life in the early 1970's. I will always thank and remember you as one of the founders of the Black Naval NavaL Officer Corps. REST IN PEACE GOOD FRIEND AND MENTOR. Capt. James L Bowen.

James L Bowen - September 02, 2020 at 11:32 PM

RR

“ Saddened by the loss of my brother, I love him and will miss having him in my life.



Ruth Griffin Ruff.

Ruth Ruff - April 08, 2019 at 04:57 PM

LH

“ My Dad taught me that a promise is something you stand by. That that's who you are...honor your commitments

Lynda Anne Harvey - April 06, 2019 at 11:59 AM

DG

“ *You'll always live in my heart, Dad.* ”



Donna Griffin - April 06, 2019 at 09:40 AM

BE

“ *Bette lit a candle in memory of Donald Allen Griffin* ”



Bette - April 04, 2019 at 09:32 PM

LH

“ *Lynda Anne Harvey lit a candle in memory of Donald Allen Griffin* ”



Lynda Anne Harvey - April 04, 2019 at 10:40 AM