



Jerry L. Griffith

March 27, 1943 - June 17, 2025

Jerry L. Griffith, age 82, passed away on June 17, 2025, at his home in Manassas, VA. He was born on March 27, 1943, in Charleston, WV to the late Alma Marie Phillips and Clarence Griffith.

Survivors include his beloved wife of 61 years, Anna Marie Griffith; Siblings: Nancy Cox of Florida, Bill & Grace Ore of Clendenin, WV, Dwight & Jane Griffith of Philadelphia, PA; Children: Cheryl & Mark Croyle of Fredericksburg, Ed & Lisa Griffith of Chesapeake, and Jerry & Michelle Griffith of Orlando, Florida; Grandchildren: Jessica & Guy, Matthew & Amanda, Edward & Kortney, Allison, Olivia, Anne Marie, & Emma Joshua & Alyssa, Easton & Max; as well as three great grandchildren and Numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, & friends.

Jerry was a Catholic gentleman who lived his faith, loved his family and was fiercely proud of them, and enjoyed many sports throughout his life. He was a member of All Saints Catholic Church in Manassas, Virginia and a member of the Knights of Columbus. Jerry leaves behind his siblings: Nancy Cox of Florida, Bill and Grace Ore of WV and Dwight and Jane of Philadelphia, PA. He had six children, after his own had married, fourteen grandchildren including spouses, three great-grandchildren, numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. The word “in-law” was not in his vocabulary as he treated everyone like family. Jerry enjoyed the many birthdays, graduations,

weddings, holidays, and concerts that he attended with his family. In April, he traveled to Disney World to watch Emma's high school orchestra perform there. In May, Jerry Brian and Easton surprised him with third row seats to see his favorite band AC/DC.

Jerry was a devoted father and invested his time not only in his children, but the children of Hurricane, West Virginia. When asked why he did this, despite his own son being first string, Jerry replied "in high school, I was third string on a two-string team". In 1973, he and Anna Marie created an organization, the Hurricane Baseball League, where each child played the entire game. No one sat on the bench and no child was turned away due to financial limitations. His selflessness created an impact upon his children who also volunteered in the organization.

In 1984, Jerry transferred with AT&T from Charleston, WV to Oakton, VA. Despite the distance, Jerry flew home every Friday, with roses for Anna Marie, to record Ed's Hurricane High School football games. He continued to make the trek back and forth until June of 1986, when the family moved to Manassas, Virginia. While the distance from family was difficult, the move provided opportunities that were impactful. Cheryl graduated and met her husband, Mark. Ed graduated and met his wife, Lisa. Jerry Brian became an entrepreneur and met his wife, Michelle.

With a growing family, Jerry was determined to build a home with enough space for everyone to visit. In 1991, the home was complete, and Jerry's dream became a reality. He poured his heart and sweat into its completion. After retiring from AT&T, Jerry worked for Comtek Telecommunications in Chantilly, VA. When the company downsized, he had one dream left of owning a business. As Phenix Salon Suites sold franchises, Jerry persuaded Anna Marie to purchase a franchise in Ocala, Florida and later another location in West Hills, California.

Jerry was a remarkable man who lived his faith each and every day. As a parishioner of All Saints Catholic Church and a member of the Knights of Columbus, he treated everyone with kindness and worked each week to raise funds to benefit others. Jerry faithfully prepared tickets for twice-weekly bingo games and enjoyed spending time with his “Bingo family”.

Throughout his time on earth, Jerry worked to create a unique family where love, hard work, and thinking of others was the gold standard. His parents, actually in-laws, O.C. and Anna Ore, were influential in teaching him that family and faith were invaluable. Their support of yearly Myrtle Beach vacations demonstrated to Jerry that family time was precious. When the Ore’s passed, Jerry recognized that it was his turn to provide vacations for his children. Whether it was Disney World or a week in Duck, NC, the children and grandchildren gathered to enjoy the company of their grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins. Family dinners, conversations, and bingo games were the highlights that we have as treasured memories. Our family treasures the many years and experiences that we had with Jerry.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Hurricane Baseball League, P.O. Box 159 Hurricane, West Virginia 25526.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **26**. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 257-6028
pfh@piercefh.com
<https://www.piercefh.com>

Mass of Christian Burial

JUN **27**. 2:00 PM (ET)

All Saints Catholic Church
9300 Stonewall Rd
Manassas, VA 20110-2566
(703) 368-4500

Tribute Wall

AS

“ Allison, Ed, Bill & Sarah Stewart purchased the *Arrive in Style* for the family of Jerry L. Griffith.



Allison, Ed, Bill & Sarah Stewart - June 26, 2025 at 09:59 PM

AN

“ Anonymous purchased the *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* for the family of Jerry L. Griffith.



Anonymous - June 26, 2025 at 11:57 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jerry L. Griffith.



June 25, 2025 at 05:17 PM

RC

“ Regina, Rick, Maggie & Chris purchased the *Beautiful Dreams* for the family of Jerry L. Griffith.



Regina, Rick, Maggie & Chris - June 25, 2025 at 01:06 PM

EF

“ Until we meet again, dear friend! 🙏❤️ Ed

Edward Fredericks - June 25, 2025 at 12:38 PM

LI

“ Kindest man I have ever known.
On the wings of Angels.....
Love surrounds us.
Linda

Linda - June 25, 2025 at 12:00 PM



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



June 25, 2025 at 10:09 AM

CW

“ Eddie so sorry to hear about your Dad. You and your family are in our thoughts. Ron and Carolyn Wright. Hurricane 🙏

Carolyn Wright - June 25, 2025 at 08:28 AM

MZ

“ I am not one to usually make a post but wanted to share my thoughts about Jerry with his beautiful family. Jerry was one of the kindest men I have known. Each week after Sunday evening Mass, my husband and I spoke to him for a few minutes – sharing laughs, anything new and events of the past week. There wasn't one conversation where he did not mention Anna and his family or a family event he just enjoyed. We sat close to each other on Father's Day and after Mass during our discussions, with a smile on his face, Jerry mentioned the “small” family get-together earlier that day. Heavy rain started during Mass and continued after Mass ended. Jerry wanted to trade umbrellas with me – he said his was bigger and he didn't want us to get wet. Typical of him being so caring of others. My last image of him was when we got into our car – I looked over at the door of the church and he was assisting people who didn't have umbrellas to their cars. Throughout his health issue, Jerry never complained. He always looked out for others. I believe God saw him getting tired, put his arms around him and lifted him to rest. When we parted each week, we always said, “See you next week – God willing.” Rich and I will miss you, Jerry – you touched many lives. Rest in peace dear friend. We send our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to his loving family.

Mary Ann Zavadowski - June 24, 2025 at 10:19 PM

NR

“ Ed, Allie & Griffith family - you all are in my thoughts & prayers during this difficult time.

Nadine Rapanick - June 24, 2025 at 01:14 PM

CE

“ I had the pleasure of meeting the Griffith family in 2022 when they came to Hurricane in honor of passing of our Hurricane Baseball League President. Jerry and his family were great people then and I'm glad I was able to keep in touch over the years even after stepping down myself from the board of HBL. Prayers going out to the whole family over the next couple days as they embrace a new journey living life without their husband, father, grandfather. Thank you for everything you have done for our community here in WV.

Cassie Elliott - June 24, 2025 at 11:27 AM

TC

“ I met Mr Griffith a few times when he was in Chesapeake to visit Ed and his family. What a beautiful tribute to a true patriarch of the family. Ed, you have so much of your dad in you. Reading this beautiful tribute of his life and work reminds me so much of your love and dedication for your family. I pray comfort and peace for the Griffith family and especially for my dear friend Ed, Lisa, and the family.

Tracy Cioppa - June 23, 2025 at 10:58 PM