



Mary Kendrick Griffith

November 17, 1925 - October 14, 2021

Mary Elizabeth Kindrick Griffith, 95, went home to be with the Lord on Thursday October 14, 2021. She was born in Clinchco, Virginia on November 17, 1925, and came to Manassas with her family, leaving southwest Virginia, during the Great Depression. Mary remained in and around Manassas for most of her life.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband Early C. Griffith Jr, as well as her father and mother Stuart and Susie Kindrick, and her four sisters and two brothers. She is survived by two children-Betty Dickerson (& her husband Doug) and Donald Griffith (& his wife Pamela), as well as Donald's children/grandchildren—Robert Griffith (& his wife Margi & their children—Chloe, John, Carter, and Jackson) and Andrew Griffith (& his wife Ashley & their children—Peyton & Cole). Mary especially enjoyed her 6 great-grandchildren—Chloe, Peyton, John, Cole, Carter, & Jackson. Mary is also survived by a couple dozen nieces/nephews and their families. Mary's niece Bonnie (with her husband Tommy Pearson) and her nephew Frank (with his wife Mary Moore) took care of Mary during the latter years of her life in Manassas, allowing Mary to live independently. She went to live with her son and daughter-in-law, Donald and Pamela in January 2020, where they took care of her in their home in Luray, VA.

Mary worked at the U.S. Navy Torpedo Station factory in Alexandria, VA

during World War II. In later years she was the Cafeteria Manager at Marstellar Junior High School in Manassas, and a switchboard/console operator when Fairfax Hospital began.

Mary was a regular participating member of Haymarket Baptist Church for over 70 years and belonged to quilting clubs at two other churches. Early & Mary Griffith belonged to the Veterans' Farm Club, sponsor of the Prince William County FAIR since its inception. Mary enjoyed several social and artistic group activities during her retirement. At the Senior Citizen Center, Mary belonged to the knitting club. Always ready to learn, Mary was an avid reader of historical fiction and participated in Memories of the Past. She belonged to the Farm Bureau Women's Committee, as well as the Homemakers Club (Family/Community/Education). She also enjoyed walking daily with her friends each morning at the Manassas Mall, well into her 90s.

Family will receive visitors on Wednesday October 20, 2021, from 12:00 Noon to 1:00 PM at Haymarket Baptist Church, followed by her Funeral at 1:00 PM at the church. A Graveside Service will follow the Funeral at Stonewall Memorial Gardens in Manassas, VA.

Cemetery Details

Stonewall Memory Gardens

12004 Lee Highway
Manassas, VA 20109
<http://www.stonewallmemorygardens.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **20**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Haymarket Baptist Church
14800 Washington Street
Haymarket, VA 20168

Funeral Service

OCT **20**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Burial

OCT **20**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

RF

“ *My favorite Aunt and my favorite Uncle. Both fine individuals. Would stop by Aunt Mary's when ever possible when in Virginia. God Bless her and hope she with Uncle Early. Roxanne Elliott Fox*

roxanne e fox - November 03, 2021 at 12:51 PM

JJ

“ *I have known Mary Griffith my whole life. You could look the world over and you couldn't find a better person I am proud to have her for a friend.. I guess that's about all I got to say about that. Signed JIMMY JOHNSON*

Jimmy Johnson - October 21, 2021 at 08:24 PM

MJ

“ *The Glory of friendship is not the outstretched hand, nor the kindly smile. It is the spiritual inspiration that comes. to one when discovered that someone else believes in you and is willing to trust you with their friendship. The older I grow in years, the more the wonder and joy increase, when I see the power of the words of Jesus " I have called you friends..to move the human heart"*

.....YES, Mary Griffith was my sister, and she moved a lot of hearts with her true friendship.

I have known Mary for almost 60 years. Perhaps the strong connection was that we were both farm girls. We had fun together. Farm girls know the dirt and how to plant good seeds.

When I received the call of her passing, with tears in my eyes and a lump in my throat,

I called my Son Jimmy. His response was, Mom she had a long life and now she is in a better place.

So to the rest of you brothers and sisters out there..find comfort in knowing that Friendship begun in this world..can be taken up again in Heaven..and never be broken if you believe.

Mary's undeniable faith sustained her in her journey of life!

My condolences to all family members with much respect and admiration for one wonderful Mother, Grandmother, Great Grand Ma, and FRIEND!

Mary Anna Johnson

Mary Johnson - October 20, 2021 at 07:48 PM

SB

“ Mary was one of my favorite people. She participated in my fitness classes at the Senior Center and I would always hug her when I saw her at the mall with the walkers. I called her Mary the Tiger because she was always GREAT!

Sharon Bishop

Sharon Bishop - October 19, 2021 at 05:26 PM

JM

“ I met Mary Griffith as a Manassas Mall walker. Mary was such a gracious lady we all enjoyed her company. She was also a lady of great faith in Lord Jesus Christ. She never complained about anything. She always had a beautiful smile on her face. We will miss her. Now she is enjoying the presence of our Lord.

Jacob Mathai - October 19, 2021 at 02:38 PM