



Raymond F. Griffin

January 25, 1913 - December 15, 2006

Raymond F. Griffin, age 93, of Albia died Friday, December 15, 2006 at the Monroe County Hospital. Ray was born January 25, 1913 in Dakota City, Iowa to James and Rose (McGinn) Griffin.

After Ray attended school in Melrose, he worked in Des Moines. He married Marie Eileen Kosman on August 7, 1945 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Albia.

Ray worked for Chamberlain Manufacturing for over 20 years. He was also a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, and an Honorary Life Member of the Knights of Columbus council #4167. Ray for several years was a little league baseball coach in Albia.

Raymond is survived by his wife, Marie Griffin of Albia; eight children, Jerry (Linda) Griffin, Joyce (Gilbert) Robinson, Patty (Dave) See, Ronnie (Janet) Griffin, Dave (Cheryl) Griffin, Donnie (Sherri) Griffin, Denise (Brad) Patton all of Albia, and Robert (Carla) Griffin of Chariton; 21 grandchildren; and 25 great grandchildren. Ray is also survived by one brother, Pat Griffin of Des Moines; one sister, Pauline O'Connor of Melrose; and one sister-in-law, Marie A. Griffin of Albia.

Raymond was preceded in death by his mother and father; one grandson, Shawn Shaffer; two brothers, Louis and Manford "Freddie" Griffin; three sisters, Bina McGee, Frances Mahoney and Mildred Griffin in infancy.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 A.M. Monday, December 18, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Albia with Rev. William Walter officiating. Burial will

follow services at St. Mary's Cemetery also of Albia.

Visitation will begin after 11:00 A.M. Sunday, December 17 at the Winfield Funeral Home in Albia. A rosary will be led by the Knights of Columbus at 4:00 P.M., Sunday, and a Christian wake service will be held at 6:00 P.M., Sunday evening.

Memorials have been established to Monroe County Boys and Girls Little League and Softball or to Hospice of Monroe County.

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January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



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“ *Just wanted to express my sympathy to Ray's entire family. I was sorry to hear of his passing but know he is with God now. Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers.*

Gina Crall Family - December 18, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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“ I was saddened to read of Ray's passing and felt obligated to express my appreciation to him. Ray had a major influence on my life at a very formative time; the effort and selfless determination that he showed to thousands of young Little Leaguers was not wasted on me. Being small for my age meant that I had to be determined if I was to succeed and I always knew that Ray and Smokey were in my corner and would back me if I gave them my best.

I was in Albia once when Smokey was ill and stopped by to see him. He got a real charge out of it when I told him I was a Little League coach. I told him I finally realized why they did what they did; I was in my sixth season and just loved it. My son Logan and I have created some priceless memories along with lifelong friendships from those years. You build a strong foundation and good things follow. I was nominated to coach the All-Stars from Boone one year but was unable to do so; as it turned out they played Albia in the finals in Ottumwa. Ray and Smokey would have enjoyed that as much as I would have. I can only say "Thank you so very much" to Ray and express my condolences to his great family. And I also wish to say thank you for all of the countless families and the greater community that he empowered to be the best they could be.

Godspeed Ray, your rounding home

Jim Schleier (Dodgers 68-69)

Jim Schleier - December 17, 2006 at 12:00 AM