



Kenneth Lee Griffith

February 14, 1936 - December 14, 2016

Kenneth Lee Griffith, 80, passed away Wednesday December 14, 2016 surrounded by his wife, children and grandchildren. He was born February 14, 1936 in Wellsville, Ohio to Dave and Delores Griffith.

In his early years, he was a Thoroughbred jockey successfully riding at many tracks around the country. After retiring from racing, his second career was industrial construction and his last project before hunting and fishing on a daily basis was assisting in the building of the Hot Springs Convention Center.

He is survived by his wife of nearly 50 years, Vickie Griffith, five adoring daughters, Bonita Ponce (Armando) and Kendalene Marra (Anthony) of Palatine, IL, Kenberlee Graves (David) and Renee Nowlin (Jerry) of Hot Springs, AR, and Kristie Lowry (Curtis) of Bryant, AR. He was blessed with 14 grandchildren (not all girls) and 15 great grandchildren. Each and every one of them were his favorite.

He is also survived by 3 siblings, Sue Weiss and Michael Griffith of California, and Larry Griffith of Texas; brother-in-law, Lynn Selvidge (Linda) and sister-in-law, Belinda Castleberry (Ronnie) along with several nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his beloved dog and best friend, Pickles.

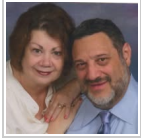
He will be remembered as an avid hunter, passionate fisherman, lover of

nature and friend to all. Now it is our turn to say, "Remember who loves you!"

There will be no memorial service but the family will hold a private celebration of his life.

Donations may be made in memory of Kenneth Lee Griffith to the Permanently Disabled Jockeys Fund, PO Box 803, Elmhurst, IL 60126.

Tribute Wall



“ Decided I might be able to share without turning into a sobbing mess , here goes ! This is about the biggest " fish " daddy caught . Dad and friend / trainer went out in a small boat on lake hamilton to throw a line . Guess Red Sharp (aka the friend) thought it would be SMART to stand and move around . Red was no small manboat tips overoh and Red can't swim and I do believe he was about 2 sheets to the wind . Now my daddy still a jockey at this time had to find Red in water and swim with him in tow back to shore . Daddy was a little mad about the rod and reel he lost , and happy about the friend (aka the biggest fish he ever caught) he saved .

Kendy Marra - December 19, 2016 at 08:05 AM



“ Dear Kristie, Charlie and I are so sorry to hear of the passing of your Dad. May our Lord and Savior give you comfort. Prayers for you and your family. Charlie and Kathy Mowery

Kathy Mowery - December 18, 2016 at 08:47 AM



Thank you Charlie and Kathy. He was a great man and I will miss him tremendously! We appreciate your prayers and are focused on the peace and comfort that only God can bring.

Kristie Lowry - December 18, 2016 at 05:32 PM



“ RIP uncle Kenny... We love you. Love and prayers <3

Teri Hawkins - December 16, 2016 at 08:16 PM