



Straughan Jack Griffin, Jr.

May 20, 2009

Straughan Jack Griffin, Jr., a lifelong resident of Churchland passed peacefully at Sentara Norfolk General Hospital on the morning of May 20, 2009 at the age of 84. Straughan had his family by his side. Mr. Griffin was preceded in death by his son, Straughan Lee Griffin. Mr. Griffin was also preceded in death by his parents, Straughan, Sr. and Marie H. Griffin, his sister, Lois and his brothers, Robert, Gordon and William.

Mr. Griffin was proud of his service to his country during WWII. He was a combat veteran of the Ardennes Forest and the Ruhr River campaigns among others. Mr. Griffin was proud to have served with the 84th Infantry Division Railsplitters and made many lifelong friendships in that outfit during those difficult years. He was a life member of VFW Post 9382 and attended Churchland Baptist Church.

After the war Mr. Griffin returned home to Churchland where he and his brothers eventually started a family business called Griffin Enterprises. Many lives were touched in wonderful ways by Mr. Griffin and his brothers through this company. They made quite a name for themselves as custom harvesters, bulk milk haulers, transportation specialist, and through the efforts of "Tiny Tim", salvage and recovery specialists.

Mr. Griffin taught his family what it truly meant to be of service to his fellow man and his kindness, concern, and compassion for others knew no economic, social, or color barriers.

Mr. Griffin is survived by his loving wife, Virginia. Jack and Virginia walked

together through some of the darkest years the world and this country have ever known. They supported each other through thick and thin for 65 years. He is also survived by his daughters, Linda and Ann and his son, Neal and his wife, Amy, a much beloved granddaughter, Courtney, a host of nephews and nieces, longtime friend W. B. Speers and countless other friends.

Visitation will be held Friday, May 22, 2009 from 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at Loving Funeral Home in Churchland. A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday in Churchland Baptist Church with burial to follow in the church cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Churchland Baptist Church 3031 Churchland Blvd. Chesapeake, VA 23321 or to the VFW Post #9382 4301 Pughsville Rd. Suffolk, VA 23435.

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Virginia,
Our prayers are with you at this time of great loss. God bless you.
Donald and Faie##imported-begin##Donald & Faie
Hobday##imported-end##

May 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ To the family and friends of Jack,
I worked at Womble Generator for several years. Jack was always a
joy to visit with. His stories about his life and his brilliant blue eyes.
We had a cake to celebrate his 75th birthday and he was really
moved. The retirement celebration for Griffin Enterprises at that
restaraunt that is now gone was a memorable event. My life is
better just because I knew Jack. He definitely earned his wings for
eternity.
May Peace Be with you##imported-begin##Karen
Rannings##imported-end##

May 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Jack is a great friend and wonderful person. I had the pleasure of
knowing him through CJ, "THE SHOP" and working from time to
time on wrecker calls. He truly touched many people in different
ways. If GOD needed a wrecker crew he has one now with
Bubby,Jack and Tiny TIM!!!!##imported-begin##Johnny
Aycock##imported-end##

May 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Jack was a delightful figure daily at Churchland Macdonalds. He will be very much missed by all his friends who also were there daily. I hope the family is at peace with his passing. God rest his soul.
Curt###imported-begin##Curtis Hagwood###imported-end##

May 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Virginia, Tom and I are so sorry to hear about Jack's passing. He was an extraordinary person who has lived an exemplary life. We are honored to have known him and to be yours and his neighbors and friends. Please know you are in our prayers. Love,
Tom & Peggy Cochran, w/the Long Point Civic League###imported-begin##Tom & Peggy Cochran###imported-end##

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