

In Loving Memory of
Mark Steven Griffin
November 10, 1948 ~ March 2, 2024

Rosary/Vigil Service

Thursday, March 7, 2024 ▪ 7:00 PM
Parkway Funeral Service ▪ 2330 Tyler Parkway
Bismarck, North Dakota

Mass of Christian Burial

Friday, March 8, 2024 ▪ 10:30 AM
Cathedral of the Holy Spirit ▪ 520 Raymond St.
Bismarck, North Dakota

Interment

St. Mary's Cemetery
Bismarck, North Dakota

Music

Prelude
Processional Hymn
Offertory Hymn
Communion Hymn
Recessional Hymn

"In the Garden"
"Amazing Grace"
"Here I am Lord"
"Prayer of St. Francis"
"Song of Farewell"
"Danny Boy"

Scripture

First Reading Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9
Psalm 23 *"The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want"*
Second Reading Romans 14:7-9, 10c-12
Gospel Matthew 11:25-30

Celebrant Fr. Joshua Ehli

Vigil Presider Deacon Brent Naslund

Musicians Vicky Boechler and John Young

Readers Amber Auck and Kaleen Peterson

Gift Bearers Grandchildren: Carmen Griffin, Maxwell Kramlich,
Tobias Griffin, Owen Griffin, Coleman Kramlich and Chloe Griffin

Pall Bearers Taylor Griffin, Jon Griffin, Dylan Griffin, Brady Griffin,
Riley Griffin, Nathan Griffin and Jake Griffin

Following the burial, the family invites you to join them for lunch and fellowship at The Eagles Club, 313 N 26th St, Bismarck.



Tribute Video



Mark Steven Griffin, 75, passed away on March 2, 2024 with his wife by his side. Mark's children, grandchildren, family and friends surrounded him during his final weeks.

He was born November 10, 1948 to parents Richard & D. Elaine Griffin in Jamestown, North Dakota. He attended St. Johns Academy through the 9th grade and graduated from Jamestown High School in 1967. He attended Jamestown College and graduated with a BA degree in History & Elementary Education in 1971. He received his Masters in Education from Northern State College in 1978.

He married Connie Schwab on December 22, 1973. They lived in Jamestown, Glen Ullin and settled down in

Bismarck in 1979. They were blessed with two children; Kathleen Marie was born on January 30, 1978 and Matthew Steven was born on January 30, 1980. He taught 5th & 6th grade and coached basketball for seven years. He worked for Northwestern Bell/US West from 1979-2002 selling yellow page advertising. His summers were spent coaching for the Bismarck Soccer League from 1986-1991 and traveling summer soccer team from 1991-1999. He completed his sales career at Rausch Furniture and Fireside Office Products until his retirement on December 31, 2010. After retirement, he delivered medications part-time for six years.

Throughout his retirement years Mark enjoyed chasing his six grandchildren and holding hands with his wife while cruising in their mustang convertible. He was the family shopper as he couldn't ever pass up a good sale. He always enjoyed hosting a picnic (master of the grill), playing golf, collecting coins and keeping everyone on their toes with a witty comeback or random joke.

Mark was one of the founding members, along with his grandsons, of Squadron #1 of the Sons of the American Legion of North Dakota as his father served in the United States Army during WWII. His love of the United States of America showed with everything he did.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 50 years, Connie; his daughter, Katie (Rick) Kramlich; grandchildren, Maxwell & Coleman Kramlich; son, Matt (Mandy) Griffin; grandchildren, Carmen, Tobias, Owen & Chloe Griffin, all of Bismarck; his siblings, Paul (Nora) Griffin of Bismarck, Robert Griffin of Lincoln, ND, Connie (Glen) Kleinknecht of Mesa, AZ, Daniel (Janet) Griffin of Columbus, MT, Timothy Griffin of Moorhead, MN, Richard (Donette) Griffin of Bismarck and Laura Becker of Valley City, ND; brother-in-law, Bob (Lori) Schwab of Montrose, CO and so many nieces & nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Richard & D. Elaine Griffin; in-laws, Edward & Laverne Schwab, brother-in-law, Eddie Schwab and sister-in-law, Jean Griffin.

Mark loved his time at Jamestown College and continued to follow the orange and black throughout his life. The Mark & Connie Griffin Scholarship at the University of Jamestown is a testament to his love. The scholarship is awarded annually to a student majoring in Education. Please make donations to the Mark & Connie Griffin Scholarship Fund, University of Jamestown, 6082 College Lane, Jamestown, ND 58405.

Though our time with you has come to an end, you will never be forgotten by those whose lives you have touched.

We love you.

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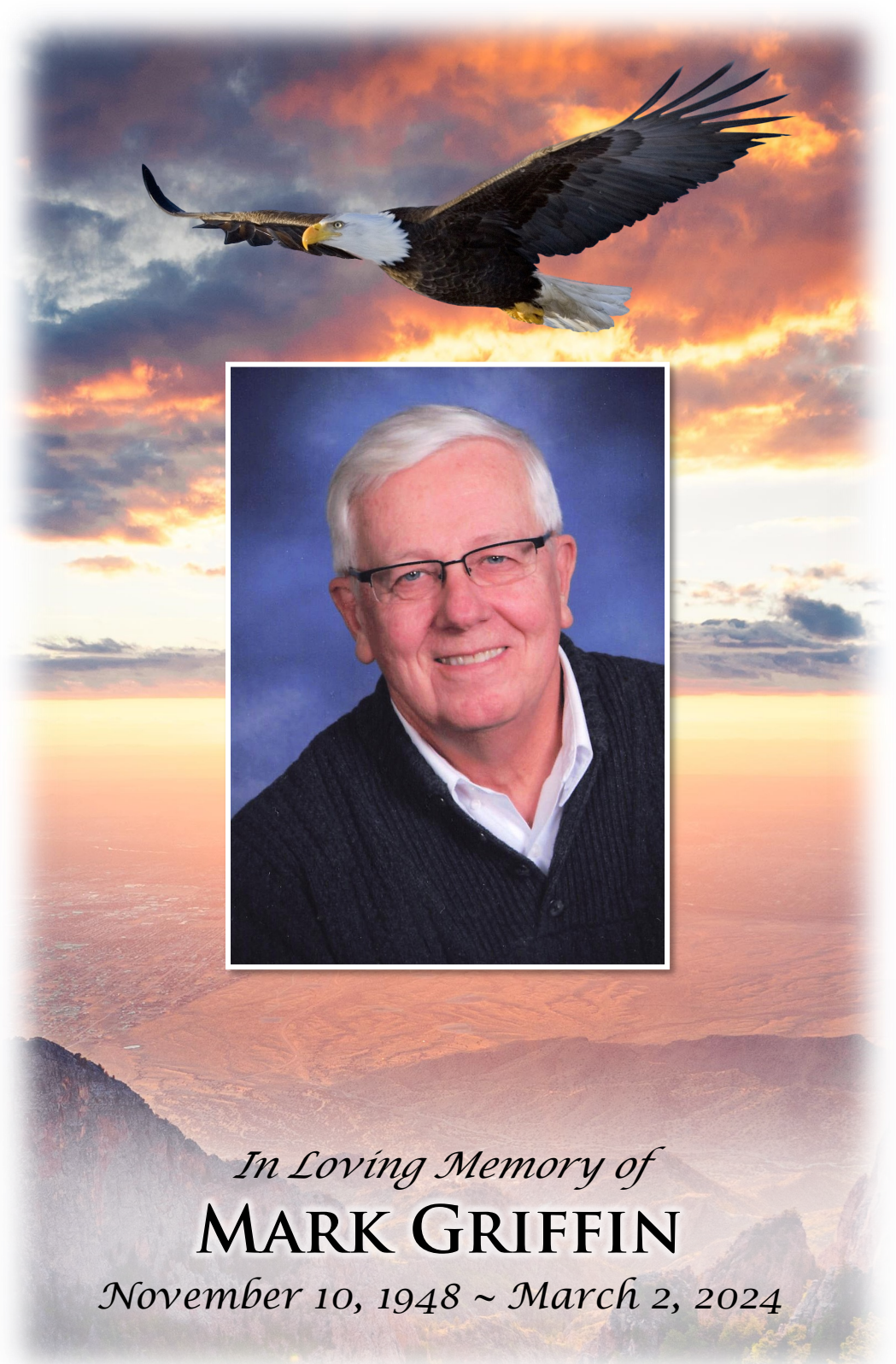
*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me,
I took His hand when I heard Him call,
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy,
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.*



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