



John Joseph Griffin

April 23, 1926 - July 26, 2015

Attorney John Joseph Griffin, 89
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Attorney John Joseph Griffin, 89, of Lake Wesauking, PA, passed away peacefully on July 26, 2015 at Towanda Memorial Hospital.

John was born in Sayre, PA on April 23, 1926, the son of the late John E. Griffin and Mary Carroll Griffin. He was a graduate of St. Agnes High School Class of 1944. In May 1944, John enlisted in the Army Air Force serving his country as a B 29 Flight Engineer during World War II. John was part of the 39th Bombardment Group 60th Squadron stationed at a base located in Guam. He flew 25 combat missions and 7 rescue missions in the Pacific. John received an honorable discharge from the Army Air Force on February 21, 1946. He received numerous decorations and citations for his war service including the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with Two Oak Leaf Clusters, Good Conduct Medal, Distinguished Unit Badge, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with Two Bronze Stars, and Victory Medal.

After completing his military service, John entered St. Bonaventure University in Olean, NY, graduating in 1950 with a Bachelor of Business Administration. John continued his education at the Dickinson School of Law, Carlisle, PA, graduating with a J.D. in 1953.

John returned to Towanda where he began 42 successful years of practicing

law. He first associated with Attorney Romeyn F. Culver. Later Attorney Marshall Dawsey joined the firm and the firm name became Griffin & Dawsey, beginning a long professional and brother-like partnership. Over the years the addition of Attorney Ray DePaola and Attorney Chris Jones formed the firm now known as Griffin, Dawsey, DePaola & Jones, located at 101 Main Street, Towanda. John retired in 1996.

During high school and college, John worked during vacation periods, weekends and summers for the American Stores Co., the J.J. Newbury Co. and Ingersoll-Rand. After passing the postal service examinations, he worked as a substitute clerk carrier out of the Towanda post office.

On September 14, 1957, John married the late Agnes Hoffman Griffin. John and Aggie began their life together on Second Street in Towanda, PA. Their family quickly grew and in 1969, John and Aggie, along with their seven children, moved to Myersburg, PA.

John will be remembered for his commitment to family and community. He was a devoted husband, supportive father, proud grandfather, loving brother, uncle and cousin. His compassion, honesty, generosity and unselfishness extended beyond family; reaching out to friends and others in need was one of his greatest attributes. John held numerous past leadership roles in the community, including: President and member of the Bradford County Bar Association, Chairman and Board member of the Towanda Memorial Hospital, Board member of the First National Bank of Bradford County, and President of the Towanda Ambulance Association. He was also instrumental in the implementation of the Northern Tier Career Center and the Sayre House. John was a member of Saints Peter and Paul Church and a former member of the Knights of Columbus.

At the time of his death, John was a director and the Chairman Emeritus of Tuscarora Mutual Insurance Company. He provided leadership and vision for 46 years, 32 of which he served as Board Chairman. In February of this year he resigned as Chairman and assumed the role of Chairman Emeritus.

When not working, John enjoyed spending time with people, whether one-on-

one or with a group. People gravitated towards him because of his quick wit and magnetic personality. John was an avid skier and golfer. He enjoyed his winters at his home in Beaver Creek, Colorado and spent his summers on the golf course at Eagles Mere Country Club.

Surviving are his children Carroll (Glenn) Wert, Eileen Griffin (Bill Shramek), Kathy Griffin, Attorney Mary Cummings, Patrick (Margaret) Griffin and Robert (Christine) Griffin; daughter-in-law Mary Pat Griffin; grandchildren, Brian, Brigid, Kevin, Maureen and Maggie Griffin; Danny and Michael Griffin; Meghan and Matthew Wert; John Joseph "Jack" and Sarah Griffin.

John is also survived by his sister Mary Ellen (Robert) Landy; brothers-in law Henry (Glenna) Hoffman, John Hoffman, and Jerry Madden; sisters-in law Catherine "Kate" Snell, and Joyce Hoffman, and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 31. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home
217 York Ave.
Towanda, PA 18848
(570) 265-2272
info@bowenfuneralhomes.com

Service

AUG 1. 10:00 AM (ET)

S.S. Peter & Paul Roman Catholic Church
106 Third Street
Towanda, PA 18848

Tribute Wall



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October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *John Joseph Griffin* ”

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *John Joseph Griffin* ”

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *John Joseph Griffin* ”

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *John Joseph Griffin* ”

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM

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“ Dear Family of John Griffin,

It is with sadness that we read his obituary. We saw and visited with him just a few months ago. He was a great man to all. Please accept our sincere condolences and know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

*May God Bless,
T. Vance & Joyce Hinkson*

Joyce/Vance Hinkson - July 29, 2015 at 12:10 PM



“ *Fields of Europe was purchased for the family of John Joseph Griffin.*



July 28, 2015 at 01:25 PM

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“ *Griffin family,*

Your dad was a part of our family's life as long as I can remember. From the THS football games to the Griffin family summer parties to the crazy ski adventures to being one of my dad's closest friends, please know the impact he made on the entire Perry family. Thank you for sharing your dad with all of us. May his legacy continue on for years and years.

*Much love from St. Louis, MO,
Judy Perry West*

Judy Perry West - July 28, 2015 at 12:47 PM

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“ *One of the finest men we have ever known. A lawyer's lawyer, a dedicated servant of the community, both professionally and civically, and a loyal friend to so many. What more can be asked of a man? We send our deepest condolences to all the family and thank them for the blessing that the life of John Griffin was to so many.*



John & Brenda Mott - July 28, 2015 at 11:12 AM