

Pallbearers

Andre D. Owens Sr.

James E. Gunn

Brian Denson

Carlos Harris

Peris J. Gunn

Don J. Hollingsworth II

Flower Bearers

Family and Friends

Beyond Life's Gateway

There's an open gate at the end of the road, Through which I must go alone;
And there is a light we cannot see, Our Father claims his own;
Beyond the gate, our loved one finds, Happiness and rest;
And there is comfort in the thought, That a loving God knows best.

Acknowledgement of Appreciation

The family of James M. Griffin Sr. wishes to acknowledge with appreciation the many acts of kindness shown in our time of bereavement. Such thoughtfulness will not be forgotten. We are deeply grateful to our cousins: James Luster (Nora), Gertude Luster, Mary L. Crawford, Laura Thompkins, Terri Jo O'Neal, Edward Armstrong, Debra Jackson, Ericka Craddock, Jasmine Jackson, Timothy Craddock, Rebekah Gunn and Family, Raymond Donaldson and Family, and special friends, Marsha Ann White (Clif). We would also like to acknowledge Ivy Tech Community College Staff, Harrison Primary Center Staff, Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center Staff, Martin Luther King Senior Men's Club, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated—Nu Upsilon Sigma Chapter and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated—Upsilon Omicron Zeta Chapter. May God continue to richly bless each of you. ~ Mandy, Mike, and Shelly

Arrangements Entrusted To



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For as Long as Life and Love Shall Last...

We Will Remember Thee

James Michael Griffin Sr.

Born Into Life

September 24, 1948

Born Into Eternal Life

April 29, 2020



Monday, May 4, 2020

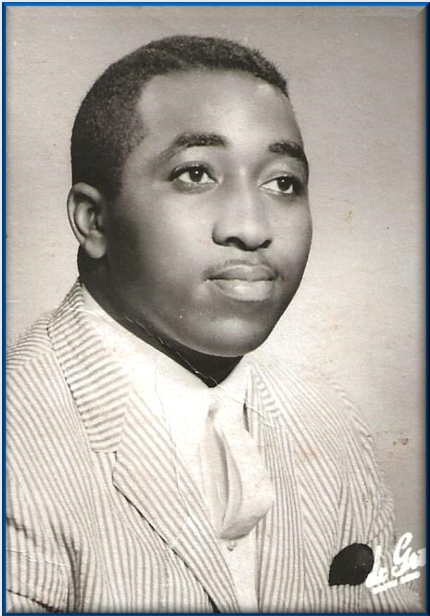
Visitation: 10:00 a.m.

Service: 11:00 a.m.

Alford's Mortuary Chapel

1222 Napier Street • South Bend, Indiana 46601

Pastor André A. McGhee, Officiating



The Obituary

James Michael Griffin Sr., born to Rev. Hampton David Griffin and Mamie (Bryant) Griffin on September 24, 1948. Following an extended illness, James departed this earthly life and entered into eternal rest on April 29, 2020 at Memorial Hospital of South Bend.

James gave his life to Christ at an early age and was an active choir member prior to his illness at Greater Saint John Missionary Baptist Church. He was a faithful member there for 71 years.

James matriculated through the South Bend Community School Corporation, initially attending Linden Elementary School. He was a very proud graduate of South Bend Central High School and spoke very fondly of his years there as well as the life-long friends that he accumulated during and after that time.

James often spoke about his love of dancing. He was a regular on “Hoosier Favorite”, a local television show that showcased area talent. According to him, he was one of the best dancers in South Bend and could out-dance anybody!

James was very active in the community and loved working with youth. He worked with students at South Bend Parks and Recreation, was a resource officer at Central Middle School, and Adams High School, respectfully. James was a retired St. Joseph County Officer and worked with the Crash, Fire and Rescue team at South Bend Regional Airport. James never met a stranger and had a million and one stories and lots of advice whenever you would speak with him. His sage wisdom will definitely be missed.

James met the love of his life, Amanda (Gunn) Griffin, in 1967. James and Amanda entered into holy matrimony on September 21, 1974. To this union, three children were born: James Michael Griffin Jr., David Griffin, and LaTonya Michelle Griffin.

*James leaves to cherish his memory, his loving **Wife**, Amanda (South Bend, Indiana); **Son**, Michael (Minda) (Goshen, Indiana); **Daughter**, Michelle (South Bend, Indiana); and **Grandson**, Jaelon (Memphis, Tennessee). James is also survived by his **Brothers**: Walter Turner Sr. (South Bend, Indiana), Charles (Stacey) (South Bend, Indiana); and **Brother-in-law**, James (Toussiant) Gunn (Indianapolis, Indianapolis); **Nephews**: Walter Turner Jr. (South Bend, Indiana), Peyton Gunn (Indianapolis, Indiana), Peris Gunn (Indianapolis, Indiana), Preston Gunn (Indianapolis, Indiana); **Nieces**: Tasha Griffin (South Bend, Indiana), Jayne Griffin, and Elaine Griffin; along with a host of great nieces, great nephews, cousins, and life-long friends.*

*James also leaves to cherish his memory, **Special Cousins**: Jesse V. Griffin (Louise), Geraldine Griffin, Marilyn Griffin, Melvin Bridges (LaToya), Isaac Hunt (Yolanda), Robert Boone Jr., Edna Boone, and Ethel Lewis (Harry).*

The Order of Service

Monday, May 4, 2020 • 11:00 a.m.

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Processional Clergy and Family

Musical Selection..... Charles Coleman

The Holy Scriptures

Old Testament and New Testament ReadingsRev. Marvin Bingham

Prayer of Comfort..... Clergy

Resolutions and Acknowledgments..... Family

Obituary Read Silently

Musical SelectionCharles Coleman

Eulogy.....Rev. André A. McGhee, Pastor
Greater St. John Missionary Baptist Church

Recessional..... Clergy, Family, and Friends



Earthly Resting Place

Highland Cemetery • 2257 Portage Avenue
South Bend, Indiana 46628