



Donald P. Griffin

December 31, 1926 - March 18, 2021

Donald P. Griffin, son of the late Alexander and Arline Simperts Griffin, was born on Friday, December 31, 1926, in Seaford, Delaware. He transitioned, peacefully at home, on Thursday, March 18, 2021.

Donald, known as “Griff” to many, received his education at Frederick Douglass School in Seaford, Delaware, and graduated from Delaware State High School in Dover, Delaware. Upon graduating, Donald served in the Pacific Theater in the United States Army and was honorably-discharged on September 7, 1947.

Donald received his barbering license with the State of Delaware and had a very lucrative business. Everyone would come from far and near, to Griff’s Barbershop. Donald was also a Youth Rehabilitation Counselor with the State of Delaware, retiring in 1991.

He was an avid hunter, fisherman, jazz enthusiast and had a love for cooking. He enjoyed preparing wild game such as ground hog, muskrat, racoon/coon, rabbit and squirrel, just to name a few. One of Donald’s traditions on his birthday was to prepare a feast of wild game for his friends and family to enjoy. Donald also enjoyed collecting trains. They were on display for all who came to visit him.

Donald was a member of Macedonia A.M.E. Church in Seaford, Delaware and enjoyed hearing the choir sing. Macedonia was the Griffin Family's Church home.

Donald's legacy will continue to live on through his grandchildren. He will be remembered for his keen sense of humor and one of his favorite sayings, "The Man with the Plan".

Donald leaves to mourn his passing, his devoted wife of 38 years, Barbara Holden; children, Paula E. Duffy, Shari L. Adams, Leah D. Hicks and Mahala B. Pratt (Chaka Pratt); eight grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; one sister, Irene Griffin Taylor; special nephews, Don Gaines and Derrick Griffin; and many other loving relatives. He also leaves to cherish his memory, very special friends, George Stevens, Sam Blackston, Reverend Walter Dixon and Charles "Chas" Fountain; as well as his pets, Daisy and LuLu.

Tribute Wall

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“*Unc, I am going to truly miss you! You were much more than an uncle, you were a friend! I am going to miss coming back to the east coast and not seeing you and eating muskrat! The good times we had when I used to come and see you over the years are now but a sweet memory! Rest in peace Unc! I love you! Del Simperts Jr. or as you called me "Muskrat"*

Del Simperts - March 26, 2021 at 07:52 PM

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“*A good man and good friend, farewell. my sincere sympathy.*

Fred Adams/Adams Station/Out of the Attic - March 25, 2021 at 09:17 AM

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“*We will miss you Unc now and forever*

Sugar - March 21, 2021 at 07:44 PM

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“*In loving memory of Unc. Peace, prayer, and blessings.*

Heather, Morning and Beaux - March 19, 2021 at 12:12 AM