



## Stanley Ray Griffin

October 17, 1930 - December 28, 2025

Stanley Ray Griffin age 95 passed away at his home Saturday, December 27, 2025. He was born October 17, 1930 to the late Raymond and Olive (Jordan) Griffin in Streator, Illinois. He graduated from Cornell High School, Illinois State University, and Northern Illinois University. He served in the U.S. Army and was stationed at Fort Lee, Virginia. During a Saturday night out at the USO in Richmond, he met nursing student, Polly Fuller. They were married in Richmond in 1955 and then moved to Harvard, Illinois where Stan began his teaching career.

The family moved to the Cincinnati area in 1960 where Stan taught in Rising Sun, Indiana and later in Seven Mile, Ohio at Seven Mile High School (later Edgewood Junior School). In his career, he taught business skills, social studies, and journalism. For many years, he was the teacher advisor for the student newspaper, Cougar Scratches. Stan retired from teaching in 1991. He then volunteered at Edgewood and the Lane Public Library. In his

retirement, he also was a prolific writer for the Workers For Jesus Friends and Neighbors magazine. He wrote over 200 informative and historical stories, many of which are still online. In this way, he is continuing to teach both children and adults all over the world. In his spare time, his hobbies were reading, classic TV, and classic movies. He was a walking encyclopedia of historical facts, TV and movie trivia, and punctuation and grammar rules.

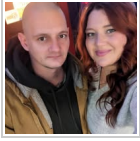
Stan was a wonderful and supportive father. Throughout their childhoods, he drove his children to countless sports practices, horseback riding lessons, and school functions. He never missed a game or program in which his children were participating. As adults, they knew he was always there for them whether it was to proofread a writing assignment or to come to their rescue when they had car trouble.

Stan is survived by two children Jeanne Griffin, Brian (Susan) Griffin; his devoted companion Doris Vanluit; family friends Tomio (Chikako) Fukumura and many other nieces, nephews, family, and friends. He was preceded in death by his wife Polly Griffin in 2003, his sister, Doris Jeanne Ayers, and two of his favorite nephews, Clayton Ayers and David Taylor.

Stan's family would like to thank his caregivers who were a tremendous help during the past

four years: Dianna, Karen, Pat, and Jean of Colonial At Home, especially Jean who in the four years of being Stan's Home Health Aide only called off one shift (due to illness), the Opal Team of Queen City Hospice: Kim, Sheryl, Jean, Chaplain Tommy, and Ania, and the Continuous Care staff of Queen City Hospice especially Chelsea who was there to help Stan and his family in his final hours. Thanks also to Stan's primary care providers: Dr. Uma Santhanam of TriHealth and Lora Reece of WellBe. Special thanks also to Stan's Edgewood Junior School family especially Ann, Cathi, Ward, and Earlene who, even after over 30 years of retirement, never let him forget that he was respected, appreciated, and well-loved. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 17, 2026 in the Activity Center at Westover Retirement Community, 855 Stahlheber Rd., Hamilton, OH 45013. Visitation from 1:00 p.m. until time of the service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Stan's favorite charity, the Wounded Warriors Project at <https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org>. Online condolences may be left at [www.weielfuneralhome.com](http://www.weielfuneralhome.com).

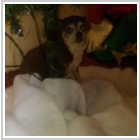
# Tribute Wall



“ *It was truly an honor to help Stan and his wonderful daughter through the final days and moments of his life. It was a privilege to have the honor of caring for him. My deepest condolences to Jeanne and family. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Chelsea Venable** - December 31, 2025 at 03:12 PM



“ *Took me to my first reds game back in the early day*

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**Linda Dye** - December 30, 2025 at 06:56 PM

CP

“ *Ward and I are saddened to hear about Stan's passing. He was truly a fine man and a great educator. Our condolences to the family and we believe the family can take comfort in knowing Stan will be with his beloved wife Polly again.*

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**Cristin Pruden** - December 30, 2025 at 03:51 PM

BB

“ *Stan was a teacher of mine in Jr. High and the I returned to teach with him before he retired. He was well respected and an icon amongst us. His love of history and teaching was very apparent. I will always remember following completion of a quiz he allowed us to doodle on the back of the test for bonus points!*

*Beth Benjamin*

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**Beth Benjamin** - December 30, 2025 at 02:34 PM

LS

“ *RIP Brother*

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**Larry Stoneking** - December 30, 2025 at 01:58 PM

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“ *Linda Anne Dye lit a candle in memory of Stanley Ray Griffin*



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**Linda Anne dye** - December 29, 2025 at 11:49 AM