



## Jack Lee Griffis

July 1, 1932 - October 5, 2020

On Monday, October 5, 2020, Jack L. Griffis, loving husband and father of six children, passed away at the age of 88.

Jack was born on July 1, 1932 in Rossville, IN to James and Lucille (Morin) Griffis. He graduated from Marmion Academy in Aurora, IL in 1951. He went onto VMI (Virginia Military Institute) and subsequently served four years in the United States Air force during the Korean War. He finished his degree at St. Joseph's College, earning a B.S./Business Administration degree and became a successful business owner. In 1969 he moved his family to Alaska where he spent 8 years running his own aviation business. He was an expert Alaskan Bush pilot and navigated through rough terrain and severe weather conditions in Alaska's "Bush". He was also a member of the exclusive Quiet Birdmen Pilot's Club. Making his way to California in 1977, he became a commercial real estate broker. In 1997, he relocated once again to Nevada and continued his commercial real estate brokerage until just a few weeks prior to his death. Jack was a member of the Knights of Columbus at St. Joseph, Husband of Mary Roman Catholic Church and lived his faith. He loved life and enjoyed flying, racing cars, scuba diving, and making people laugh with his endless jokes. As a father, he naturally fit the role and led with passion and love. His relationships with each of his children were unique and revered by his family and friends. He said on several occasions how lucky he felt to have the love of his life, Arlyne, and his children, whom he referred to as his "6 best friends". Jack is survived by his wife of 55 years, Arlyne (Cline) Griffis, five of his

children James (Lisa), Jackie (Dan), Joe, Jason (Alma), and Jeffrey, his nine grandchildren Madison, Jack, Michael, Brianna, Nathan, Mariah, Josiah, Nayeli and Eli. He is also survived by two of his sisters, Pat Barce and Sherry Griffis as well as many nieces, nephews, and other extended family members Herb, Taunie, Baily, Jack, and Andrew.

He is preceded in Heaven by his parents, his daughter Julie Griffis, and two of his sisters, Janet Murphy and Joanne Diedam.

In lieu of flowers please make donation in Jack's name to:

St Jude's, St Joseph's Husband of Mary Catholic Church, or a charity of your choice.

# Tribute Wall

EK

“ You are a true legend Papa Jack! Will never forget you and the many jokes you told. I know you are with Julie so please be well up there with her. Much love always, Eric Kay



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**Eric Kay** - October 14, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Arlyne and Family,  
We share our recent loss of our husbands and I think the same feelings. God be with you during this difficult time but our families will be our rock along with the Lord. You are in my thoughts and prayers...



Hugs, Gerry

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**Gerry Agnew** - October 14, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ It's really hard to simply put words in print without emotions. Jack is a person if you had pleasure to meet, he made your life better. He was a story teller with great detail's to help you with a full picture. He was a man that let you lead yourself & help you if you went of course. He wasn't a man that wouldn't belittle you if you struggle. That shows the quality of a leader & a caring man. We all are curving out a piece of this life. Having someone like Jack in your corner was a tremendous safety net & a moral thermometer of success. This life counts & we will have to answer before God for our passage on this earth. That want be a problem for Jack, he did it with grace & ease. He wasn't an emotional type man visually, but you felt him it in your bones & heart. Many people have come & gone from this earth, but Jack had an important roll in shaping many generations of lives. He's my mentor, my teacher & my life buddy. This is a very tough year, I've lost almost everyone I love the most. God bless us all. Until we meet again & if I'm worthy to be in Jack's present again. Rest my friend & we know you're in God's loving arms. Because you were love so much on this earth. that love will carry further than we can ever imagine. Love is the only true gift God gave to us all. Rest my friend & enjoy your eternal life that God has layout for you. I love you very much,  
Ken



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Ken Walker - October 06, 2020 at 12:00 AM