



Mr. Sanford W.J. Griffith Jr.

August 5, 1966 - February 9, 2025

Mr. Sanford W.J. Griffith Jr., a.k.a JoJo, 58, of Peoria departed this life on Sunday, February 09, 2025, surrounded by his loving family, at Carle Health Methodist Medical Center. Sanford was born on August 5, 1966, in Peoria to Sanford and Mary Ann Griffith Sr. (Kennedy). Sanford attended Peoria Manual High School, but always proclaimed to have attended the school of the hard knock life. He was a big sports fan and was a very loyal fan to The Chicago Bears NFL team. He also enjoyed listening to Ol' school R&B and hip-hop music. He loved his family dearly and they will truly miss him.

Sanford leaves to cherish his precious memory: his loving wife of over 34 years together: Beverly (Collins) Griffith of Peoria; one son: Christopher (Kim) Collins of Peoria; three daughters: Jessica Collins, Jodeci Griffith, and Jollisa (Shari) Griffith all of Peoria; two brothers: Carhell Griffith and Henry Griffith both of Peoria; three sisters: Shirley Williams, Catrese Hobson, and Lisa Griffith of Peoria, IL; 10 grandchildren: Brandon Draine Jr, Yasmine Griffith, JoJo Griffith, Serenity Griffith, Justice Griffith, Jayceon Griffith, Ze'Aria Griffith, Z'Ariah Munoz, Yzzabella Collins, and Z'Air Munoz-Griffith; as host of nephews, nieces, cousins and friends who will miss him dearly.

Sanford, in addition to his parents, was preceded in death by paternal and maternal grandparents three sisters: Marcia Young, Mary Ann Crowder, and Linda Sue Crowder.

A Celebration of Life service will be held on Friday, February 21, 2025, at T.W. Parks Colonial Chapel (201 N. Mac Arthur Hwy Peoria, IL 61605) at 11:00 a.m. with visitation commencing one hour prior at 10:00 a.m. Pastor Dwayne Hopson will present the eulogy.

Sanford will be laid to rest at The Historic Springdale Cemetery.

Arrangements were made especially for the “Griffith” family and professionally directed by T.W. Parks Colonial Chapel. Live streaming can be viewed by clicking the link for TW Parks Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/tw-parkscolonialchapel>. To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of “Sanford Griffith Jr.,” please visit our Sympathy Store.

Cemetery Details

Springdale Cemetery

3014 N Prospect Rd
Peoria, IL 61603-2102
(309) 681-1400

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

T.W. Parks Colonial Chapel
201 N. Mac Arthur Hwy
Peoria, IL 61605
twparkscc@yahoo.com

Celebration of Life

FEB 21. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

KC

“ *Kathy Collins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sanford W.J. Griffith Jr.*



Kathy collins - March 13, 2025 at 02:15 AM

JG

“ *Daddy, you truly gave me the best childhood, you were the best FATHER a girl can ask for . You weren't just our father you were our kids father . You stepped up and helped us with our kids . Buying school clothes & shoes , random clothes throughout the years and the many advice you give. We miss you so much daddy life is so different without you . But God got you! And I hope you celebrating with your loved ones walking on those streets of golds daddy! I love you I appreciate you and I miss you!*

Jollisa Griffith - March 03, 2025 at 02:59 AM

DE

“ *This still don't seem real Uncle Joe. I wasn't ready for this definitely wasn't expecting it for decades to come. I have so many Good memories with you of you and I want to tell you Thank you for everything!! You was always there always coming around checking in on yo niece since I was a young girl definitely into my adult years your great nieces and nephews grew to love a cherish you!! We love you Uncle Joe until we meet again. Ill see you at the crossroads!*

Destiney - February 20, 2025 at 09:01 AM

SM

“ To my family I want each and every one of you to know that I love you unconditional I don't love one more than I do the other because we all are one this hit me like a ton of bricks and I know death is so untimely expected and none of us knows our time so we have to cherish every single moment we get with each other rather it's a phone call a hug a visit just cherish it our chain is broken until we link again get your rest my dear cousin you'll be greatly missed



please try to understand. That an angel came and called my name, and took me by the hand. The angel said my place was ready. In Heaven far above. And that I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love. But when I walked through Heaven's Gates, I felt so much at home, for God looked down, smiled at me, And told me "Welcome Home." So when tomorrow starts without me.

Sheri Morris - February 20, 2025 at 12:07 AM

KB

“ *Damn Uncle I'm keep playing that Lil Keke for you love*

Kev Burch - February 11, 2025 at 06:21 AM

KT

“ *You are certainly in my continued thoughts and prayers. Chaplain Pastor Keith Thomas*

Keith L Thomas - February 10, 2025 at 05:07 PM