



## Elbert Garfield Griffith

October 30, 1937 - May 22, 2021

Elbert Garfield Griffith, of Siesta Key, Florida passed away peacefully at his home on May 22, 2021 at the age of 83. Elbert was born in Gallipolis, Ohio on October 30, 1937, to father Eugene Garfield Griffith and mother Opal Lucille Borrows. The oldest of two boys, El and his brother Donn loved boating, fishing, sports, euchre, The Ohio State Buckeyes, and traveling.

El graduated from The Ohio State University in 1961, where he earned The Ohio State University varsity "O" letter in both soccer and tennis. He was a member of the Phi Kappa Tau fraternity where he was nominated The King of Hearts.

Upon graduating El served in The United States Air Force and was stationed overseas in France and Germany where he continued his love of sports by acting as the "American Youth Activities Director" for the USAF base dependents. While in Europe, he met and married Miss Luxembourg 1961, Victorine Schoos.

Upon returning to the US, El and Vicky resided in El's hometown of Upper Arlington, where El helped to establish the Upper Arlington School's soccer program. He continued to play tennis as well and competed in tournaments until late in life. El also helped to bring the original pro Columbus Soccer team, the Columbus Magic to central Ohio.

After serving his country, El became an outstanding salesman, selling insurance for John Hancock and later computers and computer products for IBM where he won many top sales awards.

El tired of corporate America and switched gears to real estate investing and farming in the early 80's, where he, Vicky and the kids ran two large equestrian centers in Powell, Ohio for the next two decades.

El was preceded in death by his parents, brother Donn William Griffith and Ex-wife Victorine Shoos Griffith. He is survived by his children Diane Kimberly Griffith, Steven Andrew Griffith, Sandra Anne DeLong (Ben), Jeffrey Eugene Griffith (Kim), and Debra Marie Shafer (Garrett); Grandchildren Justin Allen Griffith, Morgan Marie Febus, Jeffrey Tyler Febus, Madison Faith Febus, Lauren Ashley DeLong, Eric William DeLong, Kelly Larkin Saari (Aaron), Ethan Tyler Shafer, and Ryan Ellis Shafer.

The family will attend a burial with military honors at Sarasota National Cemetery.

A celebration of El's life will be held later this summer in Columbus, Ohio. Details of this event will be announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that contributions are made to The Alzheimer's Association or Meals on Wheels of Sarasota (421 N. Lime Ave. Sarasota, FL 34237).

# Cemetery Details

## Sarasota National Cemetery

9810 State Rd 72  
Sarasota, FL 34241  
(941) 922-7200

# Events

**Details are pending.**

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Uncle Elbert will always be remembered fondly. I am grateful our family was close and we spent lots of time together. I will always remember that early morning drive through Yellowstone when he performed an incredibly accurate elk call amidst the rut. Love to you all!* ”

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**Bryan Griffith** - June 02, 2021 at 08:08 AM

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“ *Diane Griffith lit a candle in memory of Elbert Garfield Griffith* ”



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**Diane Griffith** - May 31, 2021 at 10:00 PM