



Howard Edward "Reds" Griffith

July 14, 1942 - July 17, 2025

Howard Edward "Reds" Griffith, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and brother, passed away on Thursday, July 17, 2025, at the age of 83. Born on July 14, 1942, in Camden, New Jersey, Howard grew up to be a man of many talents and passions. He graduated from Mardela High School in 1960, where he proudly earned the Athlete of the Year award in his senior year, showcasing his competitive spirit early on.

Howard served his country with honor in the U.S. Army. After returning home, he dedicated 38 years of his professional life to the Dupont Company in Seaford, where he retired after holding multiple management positions. His work ethic and commitment made him a respected figure in his field. Outside of his professional life, Howard was actively involved in his community. He served on the Laurel School District School Board, was a member of the Lions Club, and contributed to the Sons of the American Legion. Known for his deep love of family, Howard spent many joyful hours coaching his daughters in little league softball when they were young, nurturing their skills and passion for sports, just as he had. Howard was a member of Crossroad Community Church in Georgetown, and touched many lives over the years. An avid golfer, Howard found joy and camaraderie on the course, cherishing the time spent with friends and family.

More than anything, Howard was a family man at heart. Above all, he will be remembered as a wonderful husband to his beloved wife of 59 years Judy A. Griffith, and a dedicated father to Wendy Thornton (Frank), Kimberly Grimes

(Lee), and Shari Schoeneberger (Jason). He was also a proud grandfather to Jacob Grimes (Jeslyn), Nicholas Grimes, Tilman Schoeneberger, and Hudson Schoeneberger, and a great-grandfather to Gwendolyn Rose Grimes. Howard is survived by his brothers Robert Griffith (Ruth) and Ricky Robinson (Faith), and sister-in-law Edna Griffith, as well as a many nieces and nephews who will miss him dearly.

He was preceded in death by his father, Howard Thomas "Buck" Griffith, mother, Bertha "Bert" Meyers Griffith, and a brother, Richard Howard "Reds" Griffith.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, July 25, 2025, at 11am at Short Funeral Home in Delmar. A visitation for family and friends will be held one hour prior to the service.

Arrangements are in the care of Short Funeral Home in Delmar. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.shortfh.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 25. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Short Funeral Home
13 East Grove St.
Delmar, DE 19940

Service

JUL 25. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Short Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Howard Edward "Reds" Griffith



Short Funeral Home - July 25, 2025 at 02:23 PM

DM

Revisiting. A life well lived, surrounded by family and friends. I was blessed to know him. Rest in Peace my beloved neighbor.

Diane Murgia - October 27, 2025 at 05:13 PM

EL

“ Sorry to hear about Reds passing, I was working with Reds when he retired. He always treated me fair and with respect.

Ed Lavelle - July 31, 2025 at 09:32 AM

BM

“ I was saddened to read Reds obituary in the morning Star today! I extend my sincere condolences to Reds and Judy’s family. I spent a large part of my Dupont career working along side Reds! He was truly a supportive person and will be missed by all. One great memory I will always cherish is his decision to stop smoking when smoking was a popular pastime! He stopped and never looked back! I always enjoyed our sports discussions and if I remember correctly Reds was a diehard Orioles and Colts fan and I was a Yankee and Redskins fan! Reds may have been the first left-handed golfer that I ever played with! Rest in peace Big Guy! You’ve earned your place on God’s team!

Bill Mitchell, Richmond, Virginia

Bill Mitchell - July 29, 2025 at 10:04 PM

CJ

“ I was deeply saddened to read of Reds' passing. When I was assigned to the DuPont Safety, Health & Environmental Affairs Team (SHEA), Reds welcomed me with interest and enthusiasm. Always fair, supportive and encouraging, Reds' high standards and commitment to SHEA excellence were rewarded with plant-wide respect. I will truly miss him for he was an effective leader and personal mentor. Carlton L. Banks Jr.

Carlton L. Banks Jr. - July 26, 2025 at 12:16 PM

AH

“ Very special man



Alan and Petie Holloway - July 25, 2025 at 02:20 PM

GL

“ Sincere condolences to the Griffiths family. Reds will be missed by many.

Guy and Dee Longo

Guy Longo - July 25, 2025 at 01:02 PM

JS

“ I had the pleasure of knowing "Reds" as a co-worker and friend. We worked together at the Seaford Nylon Plant. We served together on the Laurel Board of Education and as fellow members of the Laurel Lions Club. "Reds" was always dedicated to the task whatever it was. He was a great source of fun and fellowship. May God grant Him and his family members His Peace, the Peace that passes all understanding.

Respectfully and sincerely.

John J. Shwed

John J. Shwed - July 25, 2025 at 08:11 AM

KM

“ Sending condolences and prayers to the Griffith family at this most difficult time.

Kathy Ahlbrandt (Lee) from Hebron, MD - July 24, 2025 at 05:31 PM

DA

“ *The breakfast club has been going for somewhere around 20 years and for several years Reds always sat on my right side. He always kept the talk going. He had a knack to know how much his share of the bill would be and would have the exact amount including tip in his pocket. Several thought this was pretty neat especially since the costs changed almost every month, but others thought that was the amount that he was given to spend. Reds you have been missed for the past few months and will continue to be in our thoughts. Thoughts and prayers to the family.*

Dale - July 24, 2025 at 05:00 PM

PO

“ *Pam & Jim Orosky lit a candle in memory of Howard Griffith*



Pam,& Jim Orosky - July 24, 2025 at 12:31 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Howard Edward "Reds" Griffith.*



July 24, 2025 at 09:35 AM

MW

“Reds and I have been friends for over 50 years, and we enjoyed catching up on the phone the day before he passed. Our birthdays were only 2 days apart which made him older but not necessarily smarter. We had fun over the years supporting our local high school teams with my Seaford Blue Jays and his Laurel Bulldogs competing in the fall. It was hilarious at times but always in good spirits. I will miss him for sure at our once-a-month breakfast meetings at PK where all the OLD DuPont guys enjoy some special times and laughter. A piece of that is now gone and it will be missed. RIP old friend. To Judy and the girls, we send our love, best wishes, and condolences.
Mike and Bev Wright

Mike wright - July 23, 2025 at 02:36 PM

KW

“Kevin and Denise Wheatley lit a candle in memory of Howard Griffith



Kevin and Denise Wheatley - July 23, 2025 at 11:57 AM

AS

“Allen S. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Howard Edward "Reds" Griffith.

Allen S. - July 22, 2025 at 09:45 AM



“A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Howard Edward "Reds" Griffith.

July 21, 2025 at 09:34 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Howard Edward "Reds" Griffith.*



July 21, 2025 at 09:34 PM



“ *Good neighbor and friend.*



Linda Smullen - July 21, 2025 at 06:59 PM



“ *Rick and Jo Ann Ober purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Howard Edward "Reds" Griffith.*



Rick and Jo Ann Ober - July 21, 2025 at 02:04 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Howard Edward "Reds" Griffith.*



July 21, 2025 at 01:55 PM