



Mr. Maurice E. Griggs

December 24, 1922 - January 29, 2021

Maurice E. Griggs, 98, passed away on Friday, January 29, 2021. He was born on December 24, 1922 in Nashville, TN the son of Maurice Griggs Sr. and Margaret (Fields) Griggs both of whom preceded him in death.

Maurice married his high school sweetheart Sue (Smith) Griggs on August 28, 1944. Some of his greatest enjoyments in life were sitting in his recliner relaxing with the love of his life by his side next to a roaring fire. Maurice served very proudly in the United States Navy during WWII. He was a very patriotic man and loved flying the flag as it symbolized his love for this country. He was born and raised in Nashville and spent most of his time here. Maurice was the Director of Sales and Promotions at Taylor Impressions for 30 years. He also owned F & N Promotions from 1983 until 1999 which was later named Griggs Awards and Signs. Maurice loved his heavenly father, he was an active member of the First Church of the Nazarene since 1934 where his parents were charter members. He served for over 60 years in various roles of leadership specifically a Church Board Trustee, Steward, Sunday School Teacher, Youth Leader and a guest speaker to many church organizations.

Maurice is survived by his wife Martha Sue (Smith) Griggs; children Rebecca Inman, William "Bill" Griggs (Beverly); grandchildren Carter Griggs (Jenny), Suzanne Johnson (Anthony); great grandchildren Nolan Griggs, Ada Griggs; step great grandchildren AJ Johnson. He is also survived by his sister Carolyn Piro.

He was preceded in death by his sisters Mae Elizabeth Gamble and Frances Elizer. He was also preceded in death by his granddaughter Julie Inman Cox.

In Lieu of flowers any donations may be made to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation at parkinsons.org or The Wounded Warriors Project at support.woundedwarriorsproject.org.

Events

FEB **Graveside Service** 11:00AM - 11:45AM

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Historic Spring Hill Cemetery

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FEB **Burial** 11:45AM - 12:15PM

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Comments



“ It was such a privilege to attend Maurice's graveside service today. Several years ago I had the privilege of overseeing an honor given Maurice here at Nashville First Church of the Nazarene on a Sunday morning, for his decades of teaching and service to the church. The stories told were precious of so many lives he and Sue influenced. In the years just past, every visit I had with Maurice he'd ask "so what's going on at First Church" - and I would fill him in - to which he replied every time: "Oh, I so wish I could be there to be a part of it." He encouraged me every time we talked, and I left with a new nugget of truth he shared with me that day. What a life. What a legacy. God bless the memory of Maurice Griggs. A pillar of our church has entered the Heavenly Kingdom! Pastor Kevin M. Ulmet, Nashville First Church of the Nazarene

Kevin M. Ulmet - February 04 at 02:55 PM



“ Maurice hired me February 5th 1985 to work with him at F & N Promotions. He asked me if I could work a couple of hours that day, then he asked me to work the rest of the day and I worked with Maurice until he retired. Maurice hired me in the part of the year that was the absolute worst time for making trophies. He was a very wise individual who easily gave of his knowledge and love, and for that I am eternally grateful.

Through Maurice I was Blessed to meet Sue and witness the love they shared with each other and with others. Maurice and Sue treated me like a part of the family. My life has been greatly enriched by the love and friendship of Maurice.

I am so sorry I can not be with the family today, I have had a family emergency in Georgia.

Sue, Bill, Becky I am so sorry for your loss.

Love you all, Diane Duke

Diane Duke - February 04 at 11:29 AM



“ Starting in 1979 I worked with Maurice & his son Bill at Taylor Impression., Inc. for three years. Maurice taught me a lot about business, how to treat other people with respect, and to make friends with everyone from the loading dock to the corner office.

My condolences to the family for the loss of a very unique individual.

Mark Cummings - February 02 at 07:48 PM



“ When I was a young man, still in my 20's I attended a church where a couple had started a singles ministry led by Maurice E. Griggs and his wife Sue. For some reason Maurice befriended me and treated me like a son. I will forever remember him and the wise counsel and guidance he provided this young man. May God bless his memory and my condolences to the family.

Darryl Nelson

Darryl Nelson - February 02 at 10:05 AM



“ When we were transferred to Nashville in 1981 from Baltimore, we visited First Church our first Sunday in town. We were taken to Maurice and Sue's SS class and enjoyed every Sunday with them. We loved them and knew they prayed often for our family. We have missed seeing their beautiful smiles. The world is a better place because of him!

Chuck and Peggi Seaman

Chuck and Peggi Seaman - February 01 at 06:09 PM