

Obituary

Born: Sunday, November 23, 1919

Died: Saturday, March 3, 2012

Justin Griffin, a 92 year old Trenton, MO resident, passed away at 11:45 p.m., Saturday, March 3, 2012 at Liberty Hospital in Liberty, MO.

Funeral services are scheduled for 11:00 a.m., Thursday, March 8, 2012 at Wesley United Methodist Church. Burial will follow in the Martin Cemetery North of Trenton. A visitation is scheduled from 7 until 8 Wednesday evening with Masonic Rites to follow at Whitaker Eads Funeral Home in Trenton. Memorial donations are suggested in lieu of flowers to either the Major Dale Stepp post 31 American Legion Building Fund or the Grundy County Senior Center and may be left or mailed to the funeral home.

Justin Earl Griffin was born near Spickard in Grundy County, MO on November 23, 1919 to Clarence E. and Alma (Miller) Griffin. Justin was the second of 8 children. He attended school in Grundy and Mercer Counties. In the early 1930's Justin joined the 3Cs (Civilian Construction Corp.) The Corp built roads and structures throughout the United States. He worked at locations in Missouri and Utah. After leaving the 3Cs he spent time working as a farm hand in central Illinois, before joining the armed forces on October 18, 1944. In the army, Justin served in Manilla Luzon region of the Philippines, in Japan and Korea. He received his discharge at Camp Beale, CA on July 28, 1948. Justin married Doris Evelyn Proctor of Spickard, MO on Dec. 31, 1942. Not long after his discharge from the army Justin and Doris moved to IL where he was engaged in farming and they raised their family of 5 from 1943 -1964. In 1964 the family returned to Missouri living on a farm in the Galt area, until moving to Trenton in 1970 where they made their home until the time of his death.

Justin was a member of the Wesley United Methodist Church, the American Legion, VFW, Masonic Lodge and Eastern Star. He loved spending time with family and his many friends.

Justin is survived by Doris, his wife of 69 years; one son, Jack Griffin of Trenton; three daughters Judy and Phil Borders of Trenton; Dee and Bob Harr of Clanton, AL; and Janet and Roland Higdon of Springfield, MO, two sisters Doris Roussell and Delores and Dewayne Nigh both of Kansas City, KS; one brother Buel Griffin of Bella Vista, AR; 15 grandchildren, 37 great grandchildren, 3 great-great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Those preceding him in death include his parents, 2 brothers Wayne E and Charles Griffin Jr., 2 sisters Ardith Hartman and Averil Reddington, and a son Duane Griffin.

Service Summary

Visitation

7:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Wed Mar 07, 2012

Whitaker-Eads Funeral Homes Inc.

813 Custer Street
Trenton, MO 64683

Funeral Service

11:00 AM Thu Mar 08, 2012

Wesley United Methodist Church

113 East 9th
Trenton, MO 64683