



Joseph (Pastor Fred) Griffith

April 1, 1934 - December 5, 2023

Joseph was born on April 1, 1934 in St. George's Bermuda to Cyril Griffith and Elvina Harvey. He entered into eternal rest on December 5, 2023. As a young child in Bermuda he attended The Central School in Pembroke, Bermuda. His love of soccer began as a boy and continued as he progressed and even represented the country of Bermuda playing for the Pembroke Juniors soccer team. Besides his love of soccer, he also played cricket, and his next favorite sport was golf. You could always find him on the weekends watching golf tournaments and cheering his "honorary" son Tiger Woods on. He came to the United States in his early 20's where he resided with his Uncle Sam in the Bronx. He began his career in printing as an apprentice under Mr. Jackson. He worked at the Long Island Press as a typesetter for approximately 15 years until it closed in 1977. He then began working at the NYC Fire Department in the Reproduction Unit as a Compositor. He brought with him many years of printing experience, a knowledge of the new printing methods and supervisory skills which helped the department transition to a current, more

streamlined method of printing. He quickly moved through the ranks and was promoted to Assistant Head of the Reproduction Division in a matter of years. He retired with a New York City Employee of the Month award.

After his retirement, he entered full time into his new chapter in life as a Pastor. Although, he was always a man of God, he became further involved in the church and was ordained a Pastor, with Word of Life Ministries. He ministered to many in the church and community, as a Pastor, counselor, friend, and spiritual father figure to many.

He was married to the late Marian Howard for fourteen years, from this union 2 children were born, Michael (deceased), and Carolyn. Although they divorced, they remained lifelong friends.

He married Rosemary in 1977, and from this union he gained a blessed bonus daughter, Benita, and Kimberly was born. They raised their family here in Freeport and Pastor Fred and Rosemary were still active and cherished members of the Word of Life family until God called him home.

His life will be forever cherished in the lives of loved ones. He is survived by his wife Rosemary of 46 years. Daughters- Carolyn Wise (Ronald), Benita Griffith, Kimberly Piggee (Reggie), and Sharnae Moore.

His sister O'Rita Morris of Bermuda. Grandchildren- Michael Jr, Freddie, Cheyenne, Cameron, Cherelle, Dominic, and Donovan. Great-grandchildren- Layla, Harmony, and Nicholas. Nephews- Kevin Griffith and Andre Morris. Nieces- LaVerne Morris, Pamela Griffith and Diana Morris.

He also leaves to cherish his memories a host of many more nephews,
nieces, extended family, dear
friends, acquaintances and his dear, beloved Word of Life family.

Family Thank You

We would like to acknowledge the many kind acts of sympathy, and support
during our time of

bereavement. May Gods love be with you all always.

Shalom

Cemetery Details

Pinelawn Memorial Park

2030 Wellwood Avenue
Farmingdale, NY 11735

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 10. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Word Of Life Ministries
80 W. Merrick Road
Freeport , NY 11520

Church Service

DEC 10. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Burial

DEC 11. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph (Pastor Fred) Griffith.*



December 08, 2023 at 05:16 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph (Pastor Fred) Griffith.*



December 08, 2023 at 09:39 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joseph (Pastor Fred) Griffith.*

December 08, 2023 at 08:37 AM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Joseph (Pastor Fred) Griffith.*



December 08, 2023 at 01:47 AM



“ Kimberly Griffith Piggee lit a candle in memory of Joseph (Pastor Fred) Griffith



Kimberly Griffith Piggee - December 07, 2023 at 10:54 PM



“ 33 files added to the album Dad



Kimberly Griffith Piggee - December 07, 2023 at 10:52 PM



“ Your Queens DIIT Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph (Pastor Fred) Griffith.

Your Queens DIIT Family - December 07, 2023 at 09:32 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Joseph (Pastor Fred) Griffith.*



December 07, 2023 at 09:32 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph (Pastor Fred) Griffith.*



December 07, 2023 at 08:55 PM