



Truman Curtis Griggs, Jr.

May 27, 1945 - November 8, 2023

Truman Curtis Griggs, Jr., passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, November 8, 2023, in his home in Henderson, Kentucky. He was 78 years old.

Truman had a giant personality. Indeed, he never met a stranger. He was always comfortable being the center of attention, and seemingly always added joy and laughter to any crowd. You could more than often find him at the Holiday House with a cast of characters of equal personalities having coffee and telling stories. Most of them are likely true. I, for one, was at the brunt of many of his stories and jokes! But, true to his character, it was all in fun. He treated people the right way, like they were important individuals to him, no matter the background.

Truman enjoyed restoring old cars, dabbling in antiques, and occasionally going back to his roots in farming. He knew a lot. I remember he once told me that "his wealth of knowledge is an inch deep and a mile wide." Few would argue that, and I couldn't agree more. Nevertheless, just like his father (my grandfather), if he said, I believed it.

I called him Rope. I truly don't know why. And, interestingly enough, he called me by the same. I liked it. It was one of his ways to make me feel special. He had that gift with people and adored his family.

There are so many fun memories of being around Uncle Truman... swimming pool, volleyball, breakfasts, riding around in old cars, stories of his childhood, working in the oil field, or playing at Memaw's with my cousins, Kelly and Shelly. And, yes, they have some stories and jokes with which I am at the brunt, as well. Truman loved it all. He led an adventurous life; he embraced life; he laughed a lot. That's how I will remember Rope. He will be sorely missed by many.

Truman was preceded in death by his parents Curtis and Juanita (Tapp) Griggs, wife Arleen Griggs, and his sisters Jean McClure and Helen Hillyard.

Truman is survived by his daughters Kelly Walters and husband Cleatus of Corydon, KY and Shelly Saacke and husband Travis of Katy, TX; sister Peggy Berry of Henderson, KY; grandchildren Jessica Walters and Caroline Saacke; and great-grandson Sebastian Baird.

Relatives and friends are invited to Truman's Life Celebration from 11:00 a.m. until the service time on Saturday, November 11, 2023, at Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home. The funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday at the funeral home with Ernie Margalot officiating. Burial will follow at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Henderson, KY.

Arrangements entrusted to Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home, "A Life Celebration® Home". Visit www.bentongluntandtappfuneralhome.com to make online condolences.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Memorial Gardens

8136 Highway 2084 S
Henderson, KY 42420
(270) 826-9623
roselawn@ccol.net
<http://www.bentonglunt.com/>

Previous Events

Life Celebration

NOV 11. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

GE

“ My name is Gerald Eaton. Truman and I shared a 55 year relationship as friends and confidants. I originally met Truman when he was part of Ken’s pump and supply in Henderson Kentucky as described by several others in their testimony he was a really easy fellow to embrace and come to know. When I moved from Henderson Kentucky to California in 1975 we agreed to keep in touch every year on our birthdays. We never missed a discussion on our birthdays from 1975 until the latest conversation I had with him a few weeks ago. We followed each others lives and progress throughout these years. Always looking forward to talking on our birthdays. We we shared our private and professional relationships and experiences throughout this time. Our discussions were always always wonderful and fun. She had a marvelous sense of humor and great insight. I never question his words one time in my life as I knew they were golden. I will miss these conversations and I will miss Truman for the rest of my days. I know all of you share his passing. I hope mini stories I can recite that relates to our conversations and experiences. All of them contain a great degree of humor. I’m thinking about which one I’d like like to, to recite, I think the one most appropriate and revealing would be a common. He made it a breakfast table and Henderson. This restaurant was the stopping place for all of the oil industry people every morning of the world it seems. This said he made a statement that I shall never forget and always laugh about. He looked down at his biscuits and gravy and said to me do you know what these biscuits taste like little puppy smell I have laughed at that comment 1000 times and I’ve told that story the countless people I’ve met around the world. Truman, I will miss you my friend.

Gerald Eaton - November 11, 2023 at 02:43 PM

JP

“ Truman was one of the best people I have ever known. Anytime I went in to Kens to get something for work we always got to talking about something and before I know it I'd been there a half hour or more. Time well spent with a fine man. To Kelly and Shelly and all of Truman's family, may God give you comfort in this time of grief. And may the wonderful memories you have of him lift your hearts.

Jerry Powell - November 11, 2023 at 12:32 PM

BS

“ To Kelly and Shelly: Bruce, Carrie and I are so sorry we did not know your dad had passed away and are too late to see you at your dad's service. But, we want you to know that you and your mom and dad, are such a part of our memories living next to you. We tell our grandson stories of your dad, walnuts, trampolines, the Holiday House, and so many more times that make us smile. We live in Frankfort KY now but will never forget you and your parents. ❤️
Bruce & Janie Staples

Bruce and Janie Staples - November 11, 2023 at 09:47 AM

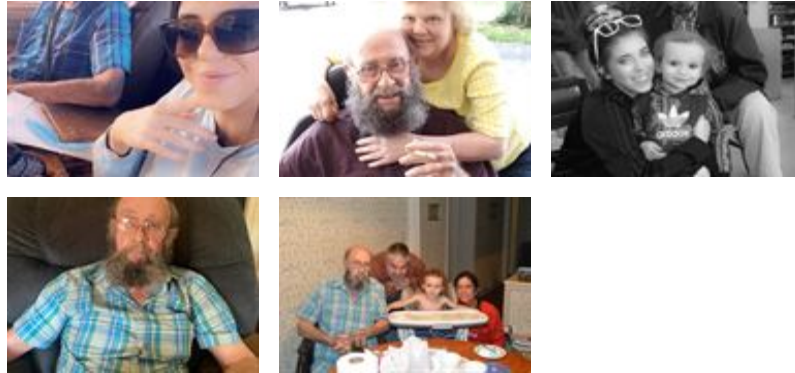
MA

“ Truman, Arleen and daughters became good friends of ours after Shelly and our daughter started school together and became good friends. We shared many New Years Eve's, vacations and our Anniversary's together. Truman did lots for others and had many friends he will be missed.

Martha Adler - November 10, 2023 at 06:09 PM



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Benton-Glunt Funeral Home - November 10, 2023 at 03:22 PM

TM

“ Debbie and I send our sincere condolences to Peg, Shelly, Kelly and the entire family. Cousin Truman was close in age to me, so we spent a lot of time together growing up. We were partners in crime throughout adolescence and teenage years. We would spend weeks at a time during the summers at each other's houses. In early adulthood, we remained close. Truman was actually our wedding planner and we continued to be close throughout our lives. If we didn't see each other in person for a while, we would communicate by phone. We were both Andy Griffith fans and when we called each other, he would call me Ernest T and I would call him Barney. Truman was a very successful businessman and was a voracious reader particularly pertaining to Kentucky history. He also loved his family history and took pride in knowing lineage and ancestral facts. He was a close lifelong cousin and friend. He will be dearly missed by family, friends and me. RIP Truman!!

Thomas Morgan - November 10, 2023 at 03:04 PM

JE

Truman was a classmate from 1st grade through high school. We spent a lot of hours sitting on our front porch on Main Street during our school days. He was a joy to be around....a kind soul. So blessed he was able to attend our 60th high school reunion last month. My condolences to his family💕💕. RIP Truman

Jean O'Nan Barnes

Jean - November 11, 2023 at 10:39 AM

JM

Kelly, Shelly and family, Truman was one of a kind cousin and we have great memories growing up with him. Gayle and I will keep all of you in our prayers in the days ahead.

James Murray Morgan - November 11, 2023 at 11:04 PM

DM

My wife and I have recently bought His Home and I've heard nothing but Great things about this man and his family I hope to make him proud of the house house after it's done I will make sure to keep it's originality, without the wallpaper... Sounds like I have some huge shoes to feel and I'm sure I never will but I hope he looks down from heaven and love what we've done...

Daniel Maldonado - July 17, 2024 at 07:49 PM