



## Charles Griffith

December 30, 1937 - June 5, 2026

Charles E. Griffith, Jr., 88, of rural Napoleon, Ohio, passed away peacefully on Friday, June 5, 2026, at Fulton Manor, surrounded by his family. He was born on December 30, 1937, in Flint, Michigan, to the late Elizabeth (Jacobs) and Charles E. Griffith, Sr. He was welcomed into heaven by his beloved wife, Lois Ann (Weddelman). They were married at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Florida, Ohio on July 2, 1966. She preceded him in death on September 18, 1999. Charles was a 1957 graduate of Defiance High School and earned his bachelor's degree from Defiance College in 1961.

Mr. Griffith was an educator at heart, spending a majority of his career teaching science and math at Delta High School while teaching at Northwest State Community College in the evening. Throughout his career, he also developed and instructed training programs for numerous local industries. Early in his career, he spent summers working for DeKalb in Deshler, Ohio. A devoted community leader and volunteer, Charlie was a member of St. Luke Lutheran Church in Wauseon. He served as a 4-H advisor, mentoring countless young people, particularly in poultry projects. Charlie also served as Mayor of Liberty Center, Secretary of the Henry County Fair, a member of the Henry County Planning Commission, and a member of the Henry County Retired Teachers Association. He enjoyed growing and selling a variety of produce in the summers to sell at the roadside. He wrote several books for his grandkids about family history. His dedication to agriculture and youth development earned him induction into the Henry County Agriculture Hall of

Fame in 2021.

Charlie & Lois always wanted a dozen kids, but he had to wait until their six kids married to get them. He is survived by his children, Janet (Mark) Seedorf, Patricia (Jeff) Wiemken, Charles (Sunday) Griffith, Ken (Amanda) Griffith, Martha (David) Gebers, and Kimberly (Bob) Jones; grandchildren, Claire (Zach) Hale, Chloe (Alex) Van De Bussche, Callie Seedorf, Will Seedorf, Brett (Eadyn) Wiemken, Audrey (Andrew) Caster, Brock Wiemken, Ella Griffith, Ada Griffith, Mitchell Griffith, Ryan Griffith, Vivian Gebers, Owen Gebers, Lucy Jones, Eliza Jones, and Jack Jones; and great-grandson, George Caster. He was also preceded in death by his sister, Lynn Dailey.

Charlie loved to listen to Paul W. Smith on Detroit's WJR and reminded everyone that "each day is a gift, make each and every day count."

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, June 8, 2026, at St. Luke Lutheran Church in Wauseon. Interment will follow in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, June 7, 2026, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home in Napoleon, and on Monday from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the church.

In lieu of flowers and gifts, memorial contributions are suggested to St. Luke Lutheran Church or a charity of the donor's choice. Online condolences may be shared at [www.rodenbergergray.com](http://www.rodenbergergray.com).

# Cemetery Details

## St. Luke's Lutheran Cemetery

1588 State Route 108  
Wauseon, OH 43567

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 7. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Rodenberger Funeral Home - Napoleon  
1010 Westmoreland Avenue  
Napoleon, OH 43545

## Visitation

JUN 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Luke's Lutheran Church  
1588 State Route 108  
Wauseon, OH 43567

## Funeral Service

JUN 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

KM

“ I had Mr Griffith in high school as a teacher and he was always such a kind man with great humor :) I then had the great pleasure of working with him at Northwest State for a number of years before he retired. He would often stop in my office to chat and we would talk about many things. After he retired, I stopped at his home to visit a few times - I always enjoyed our talks and will always remember his kindness and words of wisdom. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

*Kelly Couture Mattin*

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**kelly mattin** - June 10 at 08:38 AM

LD

“ My husband and I are former students of Mr.Griffith while he taught chemistry at DHS. We remember him fondly and pray for his family during this time.

*Mr.and Mrs. Scott Demaline*

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**Lori Demaline** - June 07 at 01:52 PM

DB

“ My heart goes out to Charlie's family. I had Mr Griffith as a school teacher at Delta High School. Always liked him and had such a calm demeanor. I stopped in to see him several times over the years. Heck of a good man.

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**Don Benson** - June 06 at 11:22 PM

BW

“ I never had Mr. Griffith as a teacher, but his classroom was down the hall from my mom's and I passed it everyday to go to my home economics classes. He was always friendly to the students and everyone liked him. He will be missed. Rest peacefully, Mr. Griffith!

Becky (Welch) Wittenmyer - June 06 at 10:01 PM

LD

May Gods Blessings be upon you and your family, 🙏

Linda Degroff - June 08 at 10:16 PM

EN

“ I had met Charlie several years earlier, but only knew him slightly. Later on I got to know him better, while serving together on the Henry County Planning Commission. After a few years, Charlie "encouraged me" in his quiet manner, to take on the role as Chairman of the group, when he was ready to step down from that role. The motion on his part for my nomination during the organizational meeting surely swayed the rest of the board to secure my selection. My condolences to all of his family members on his passing.

Ed Nagel - June 06 at 02:06 PM



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Rodenberger Funeral Home - June 06 at 01:20 PM

RM

“ *Mr. Griffith would always tell us a joke during class. Many were groaners, but his humor was not unwanted. His calm demeanor in the classroom was, and always will be, appreciated.*  
*Rest well, Mr. Griffith! We will treasure the times we spent with you.*

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**Rick McKibben** - June 06 at 12:29 AM



“ *A Full Life was purchased for the family of Charles Griffith.*



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June 05 at 06:42 PM

BO

“ *I always enjoyed talking to Charles when I worked at the bank. He was so nice. Prayers to the family.*



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**Bonnie** - June 05 at 06:42 PM

JG

“ *I am so deeply sorry for your loss. Your Dad was a wonderful teacher who had my deepest respect. He truly touched my life in a special way. I pray you find comfort in your faith, family, and happy memories of your parents.* 🙏

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**Judi Yevtich Gerdes** - June 05 at 06:40 PM