



David O. Griggs

January 1, 1954 - July 11, 2013

BLOOMFIELD, VT — Mr. David O. Griggs, 59, of Bloomfield, Vt., died late Thursday evening, July 11, 2013, at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, NH, with his family by his side.

He was born in Brookline, Mass., on January 1, 1954, a son to the late Harold and Stella (Twofoot) Griggs. When David was a young boy, the family relocated to Newport, Vt. David was a graduate of Newport High School.

David's life was spent as a jack-of-all-trades, specializing in general maintenance. He worked for many years for Hayes Ford in Newport, doing everything from operating the dealership's flatbed truck, plowing snow, and helping to work on cars. After moving his family to Bloomfield, David worked in the maintenance department at The Balsams for 12 years, and he made many friends there.

David loved to play golf and tennis, and he was an accomplished bowler, at one time belonging to the bowling league in Newport from which he was proud to display his trophies. He also loved to go boating and fishing, and was always looking for a place to put his boat in the water. He enjoyed trips to Hampton Beach, and he loved any gathering of his family. David will always be remembered as a kind, gentle man, with a wonderful sense of humor.

David leaves behind his wife of more than 20 years, Erbena (Estes) Griggs of Bloomfield; a son, David J. Griggs of Bloomfield; his daughter, Tracy Kane of North Stratford, NH; two step-sons, Clifton Estes of Columbia, NH, and Steven Austin and wife Tonya of Canaan, Vt.; four brothers, Larry Griggs of Chelsea, Vt., and Steve Griggs of Bradford, Vt., Doug Sherlaw and wife Brenda of Newport, Vt., and Russell Nicoles of St. Johnsbury, Vt.; two sisters, Tracy Paul and husband Claude, and Bonnie Little, all of Newport; and four grandchildren, Vladimir Austin, Conner Austin, Saber Austin, and Leotie Kane.

He is preceded in death by a sister, Joyce McCoy.

There will be no public calling hours. A graveside service will take place on Tuesday, July 23, 2013, at 1 p.m. at the Bloomfield Cemetery on Rt. 102 in Bloomfield, Vt.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of David may be made to a charity of one's choice.

Condolences may be offered to the family on-line by going to www.jenkinsnewman.com.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home, Colebrook, NH.

Tribute Wall



“ David you were such a hard worker and a good friend to me thank you. My heart goes out to your family.##imported-begin##Louisa Kenney##imported-end##

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“ Our sincere sympathy goes out to Cliff, Tracy, and the rest of David's family. We are so sorry for your loss. He was well liked at the Balsams. His smile brightened everyone's day.

Bob and Lisa##imported-begin##Bob and Lisa Vashaw##imported-end##

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“ Linda and I extend our thoughts and prayers to David and his family. Always have the thought of David's smile in everything he did.##imported-begin##John Kennedy##imported-end##

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“ I very much enjoyed working with Dave at The Balsams. He always had a smile on his face. Whenever we worked together the day always seem to go by effortlessly. All wonderful memories. My family extends our deepest sympathies to his loved ones.##imported-begin##Robert E. Mills##imported-end##

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“ Our sympathy with the family. I enjoyed working with Dave at the hotel: Keep all the great memories close to the heart.##imported-begin##Normand Boivin##imported-end##

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“ Deepest sympathy to your family. David was a wonderful man. I enjoyed working with him at the hotel. He was always smiling and pleasant and kind. And what a hard worker. All who worked with him liked him and appreciated him. May you find comfort in your cherished memories of David.##imported-begin##Lisa Whitaker##imported-end##

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