



Walter R. Giffin

August 10, 1918 - August 28, 2018

INDIANAPOLIS - Walter R. Giffin, born in Knox County, Ohio on August 10, 1918, to John W. and Clara E. Giffin, died peacefully on August 28, 2018 at his residence in Indianapolis, IN. Having lived a rich, full life, he enjoyed celebrating his 100th birthday surrounded, as he often was, by friends and family.

Walter married Grace Robertson February 15, 1941, in Mount Vernon, OH and, later that year entered military service, graduating from Officer Candidate School at Camp Lee, Virginia in 1942 as a Second Lieutenant in the Army Quartermaster Corps. As a Company Commanding Officer, he served in the United States and Europe during WWII. Released from active duty as a Captain in 1945, he was discharged from the Officer Reserves as a Major.

Beginning in 1946, he served two terms in the elected office of Knox County Recorder. He was Vice President and Loan Officer at First Federal Savings and Loan in Mount Vernon for 5 years, then formed the Real Estate and Insurance firm of Giffin and Biggs.

In 1961, he and Grace, with their three daughters, moved to Phoenix, AZ, where he was Vice President and Manager of a Savings and Loan and Servicing supervisor for a mortgage investment firm.

In 1966 he began work as Assistant Treasurer for the United Christian Missionary Society, a unit of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), headquartered in Indianapolis, IN. After 5+ years, he then transferred to the General Office of the Church as Executive Director of Research and Administrative Secretary for the Commission on Finance. He was a member of the National Association of Business Administrators, Vice President of the Association of Statisticians of American Religious Bodies, and listed in "Who's Who in Religion in America". Retiring in 1983, he and his wife moved to Sun City, Arizona, then returned to Indianapolis in 2003.

Walter was active in leadership positions for Disciples of Christ churches in Mount Vernon,

Phoenix and Sun City. He is survived by daughters Gloria Ott, Janice Diane (Lee Busby) and Marcia Moore (Doug) and granddaughters Debra Ott and Katherine Moore.

Visitation will be September 8, 2018 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., with a Memorial service following at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Ryan Hazen officiating. Both will be held at Erlewein Mortuary, 1484 West U.S. 40, Greenfield, IN. Internment at Union Grove Cemetery in Ohio.

Memorial gifts may be made to Christian Church Foundation:

christianchurchfoundation.org (800) 668-8016; Honor Flight Network: honorflight.org (937)521-2400; Habitat for Humanity: habitat.org. Friends may share a memory or a condolence at www.erleweinmortuary.com.

Events

SEP **Visitation** 12:00PM - 02:00PM
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Erlewein Mortuary & Crematory - Greenfield
1484 West US Highway 40, Greenfield, IN, US, 46140

SEP **Memorial Service** 02:00PM
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Comments



“ I worked with Walter in the Office of Research at the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in 1980-81 before we relocated back to NW Indiana. He was one of the nicest, kindest men I have ever known. We formed a friendship that would last for the next 37 years, always keeping in touch at Christmas with cards, notes and family photos. My husband and I visited he and Grace when we were in Arizona many years ago, and in his later years, we visited him at his assisted living apartment. Walter had so much wisdom and so many interesting stories from his life experiences to share. My condolences to his daughters, son-in-laws, and granddaughters (who he was so proud of!!). I will be there in spirit with you on Saturday...I feel so blessed to have known him!! Dawn Heckard

Dawn Heckard - September 07, 2018 at 12:20 AM



“ One of our favorite patients that will be missed! Always a true pleasure to see him walk through our door. Our sympathies to the family...Walter was a great man! Dr. Wayne Kinney

Wayne Kinney - September 05, 2018 at 10:59 AM



“ This memory, from four years ago today, popped up on my Facebook feed today. It was posted by the Christian Church Foundation, and is a picture of a wall in our (then new) offices on N Meridian. From the time I knew we were moving there, I wanted to create this wall to honor those who served the church in administrative roles that are so very important, and so rarely acclaimed. The genesis of that idea getting to know Walter at Geist Christian Church, and then seeing his name time and time again in the files of UCMS. As one serving in administration, I stand on his shoulders in the work that I do. Every day that I sit in my office, his picture looks down on me. I remember the day I took it. I knew that getting to church at his age wasn't a simple matter, but I told him it always made my day to see him and have the opportunity for a quick chat. He brightened my life and I give thanks for Walter! My prayers will be with his daughters and all those who will gather Saturday to honor a life so very well lived. He will forever be in my grateful memories.



Ruth Weaver - September 02, 2018 at 10:59 AM