



## Howard Griffie

April 30, 1949 - May 15, 2026

Howard L. Griffie, 77, Topeka, Kansas, passed away Friday, May 15, 2026.

Howard was born on April 30, 1949, in WaKeeney, Kansas, the son of Alvester and Laverne Buckner Griffie. He attended schools in Hill City and earned a bachelor's degree from Emporia State University. Howard married Atterol "Terry" Peppers with whom he shared love and his life.

Howard worked at Goodyear, taught in the Auburn-Washburn School District, and retired from Shawnee County as an appraiser. In retirement he was a well-loved bus driver for Community Action and then a caregiver for Loving Hearts where Ricky was his favorite client. Howard was an Elder and assisted with the food pantry at Highland Crest Community SDA Church.

Tinkering around outside and being with his horses were some of his favorite things. He loved his horses, Solomon, Tabitha, Dorcas, Peter, Esther and Jubilee; he loved watching Gunsmoke, Rio and Finding Nemo; and he loved cars and working on them. Howard was the definition of "the strong silent type." Papa Bear, we love you.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Terry Peppers-Griffie; children, Armand T. Peppers (Susie), Antwan T. Peppers, Stacey Laverne Edwards, Christine Marie Griffie, Avery D. Peppers, Lerin J. Peppers and Avante R.

Peppers; grandchildren Howard helped raise, Armontre, Tyler, TaNysha (Lionel), Savien and TreaAnna; many great-grandchildren; brothers, Lyle (Faye) and Charles; and his sister, Connie Woods.

Lyle Griffie says, "I was Howard's big little brother. I will miss him and I will love him for eternity."

Connie Woods says, "Howard was my baby brother. I will miss him and love him for eternity."

Charles Griffie says, "My little brother, I loved him so much and I will miss him dearly."

Funeral service for Howard will be 2 p.m. Friday, May 22, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. Cremation will follow.

Howard's Funeral Mass will be live-streamed on the funeral home's Facebook page, you can follow this link. <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063672125244>

Memorial contributions may be made to the funeral home to help with costs. Condolences may be sent online to [www.kevinbrennanfamily.com](http://www.kevinbrennanfamily.com).

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

MAY **22**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home  
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Topeka, KS 66614  
(785) 272-7888  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Howard Griffie



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**Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home** - May 22 at 12:18 PM

CS

“ Condolences to the family. As it has been some time since we talked, memories are like yesterday. Howard and I were roommates in Jr College and lived down the hall from each other while attending Emporia State University. May the Lord give comfort to the family. Love you cuz. Cecil Scroggins

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**Cecil Scroggins** - May 22 at 04:16 PM

MS

“ Rest in peace uncle Howard 🙏

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**Mark Sango** - May 22 at 01:05 PM

SM

“ My uncle Howard didn't get to see him much but I will always remember him for his horses I am Alpha jeans daughter family I am so sorry for your loss love to u all Sharon

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**Sharon Mcconnell** - May 22 at 12:05 PM

DG

*Uncle Howard whenever I saw you I always felt loved, I will miss you dearly. All my love ❤️ Dana & family*

**Dana Griffie** - May 22 at 01:53 PM

JS

*“Christine, may God bless you and your family as your loved one has gone on his final journey home. Prayers during this time of loss.*

**Joanne Smelser** - May 21 at 09:38 PM

KT

*“Prayers and condolences to all the Griffie cousin's on the loss of Howard. He will never be forgotten. As we were called twins when we were young. Hugs and prayers 🙏❤️🙏*

**Kim Thomas** - May 21 at 06:54 PM

AT

*“I had the pleasure of serving Howard or how I called him "Mr Griffie" every week if not sometimes multiple times a week at Tarwater Farm and Home for many years. He was not only one of the sweetest customers, but someone that I always looked forward to seeing. He always had a smile on his face and left you with a smile too. I'm so sad to hear of his passing.*

**Ashton Tarwater** - May 19 at 10:34 PM

CG

“ 16 files added to the tribute wall



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**Christine Griffie** - May 19 at 08:07 PM