

## Obituary

**Born:** Monday, December 1, 1924

**Died:** Friday, November 9, 2012

Buel Clarence Griffin, better known as "Griff," 87 years of age and Bella Vista, AR resident, passed away peacefully on November 9, 2012 in his home he shared with his loving friends and caretakers, Danny and Janet Strong.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 13, 2012 at Resthaven Mortuary of Trenton. Rev. Ron Ratliff will officiate. Burial will be in the Martin Cemetery north of Trenton. Open visitation will begin after 2:00 p.m. on Monday.

Buel was born in Spickard, MO on December 1, 1924 to Clarence and Alma (Miller) Griffin. He was one of eight children. He attended school then joined the United States Navy.

During his 28 years in the Navy, Buel served on submarines and replenishment vessels. While on the U.S.S. Sea Poacher, his ship was involved in the Cuban Missile Crisis blockade in October of 1962. A plaque honoring Buel's service in the Armed Forces was placed in the Veterans Wall of Honor in Bella Vista in 2005.

While serving in the Navy, Buel met his wife, Sheila Elizabeth McKeown. They married on August 4, 1956 in Northern Ireland. They had three children before Buel retired on September 30, 1971, and returned home to Trenton, MO to be with family and friends.

Buel and Sheila then moved to Bella Vista, AR in 1990. Buel cherished spending time with family and friends, where he was always ready for a game of horseshoes, badminton or cards. He also found great pleasure in planning for his Super Bowl parties.

Buel is survived by one son, Gregory Griffin of Bella Vista, AR, two daughters, Louise Kolle and spouse Greg Kolle of Citrus Heights, CA, Sheila Robinson and spouse William Robinson of Bella Vista, AR, one sister, Delores Nigh of Kansas City, KS, eight grandchildren and many great grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

Buel is preceded in passing by his loving wife, Sheila Elizabeth Griffin, three brothers, Wayne (Ben), Charles (Junior), and Justin, three sisters, Ardith Hartman, Averil Reddington, and Doris Ruossell and one great granddaughter Georgia Marie Farrer.

With his personal acceptance of Christ as his savior, his family is confident and looks forward to the day that they will be joined with him again in Heaven.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the American Legion Post #31.

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## Service Summary

### Funeral Service

11:00 AM Tue Nov 13, 2012

### Resthaven Mortuary

310 North Hwy 65  
Trenton, MO 64683