

Eldon Eugene "Gene" Griffith passed away peacefully at his home on September 28, 2020. Gene was born December 4, 1948 to Ike and Lola May Griffith at their home west of Loveland, CO. He was married for several years and adopted his son, Chris Griffith.

Gene graduated from Loveland High School and joined the United States Airforce, where he served in Thailand for the majority of his four years of service as Sergeant in charge of the supply warehouse. Upon discharge, he went to work at Colorado State University, almost immediately, as their Facilities Warehouse Manager. He retired from there in 2000.

Gene loved to travel, was a talented photographer, and enjoyed woodworking. His travels took him all over the United States and on multiple cruises. In more recent years, Gene enjoyed his time with the numerous nieces and nephews in the Griffith family and their kids.

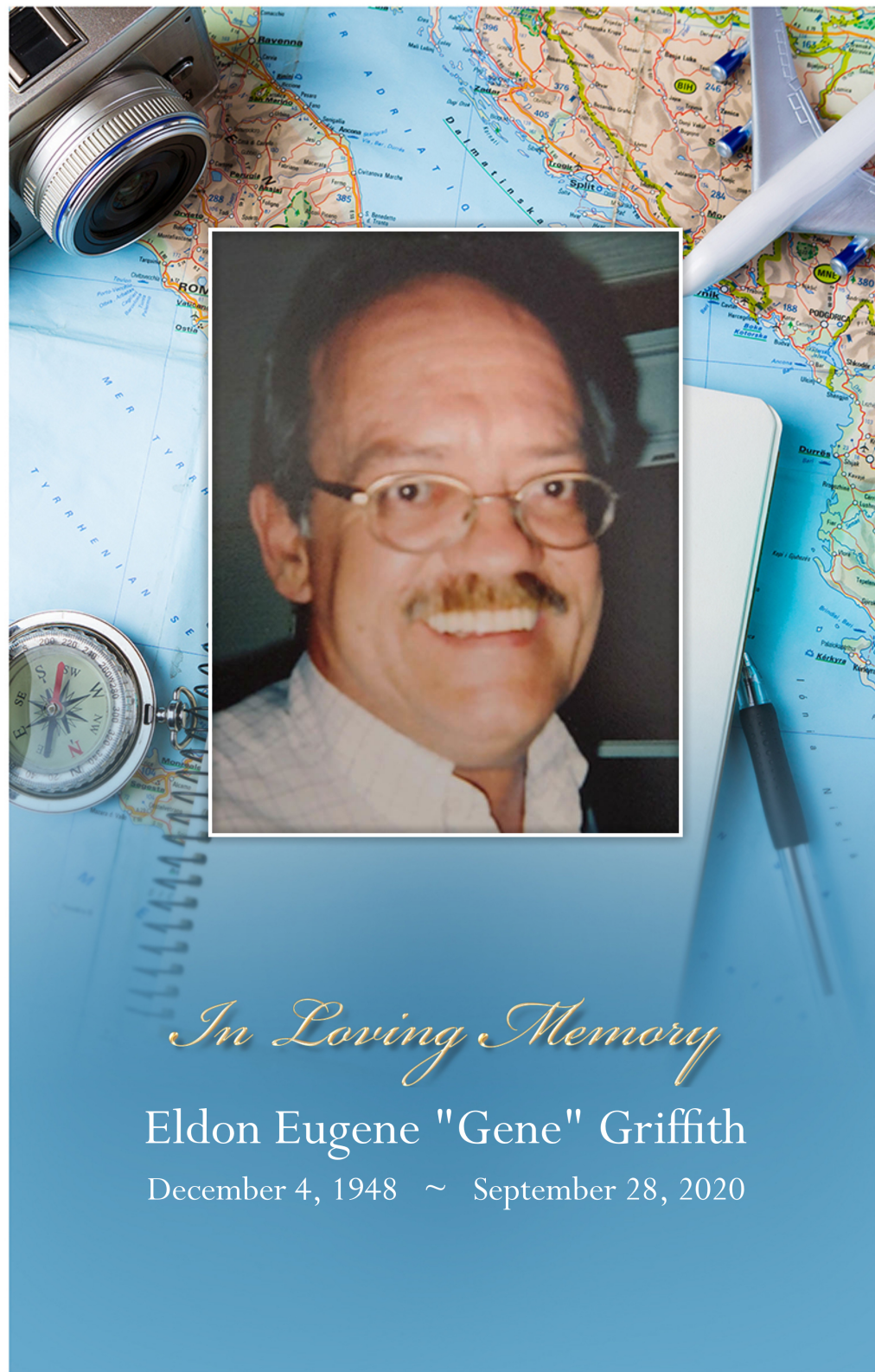
Preceding Gene in death are his parents, Ike and Lola May Griffith; sister, Susan Taylor; brother-in-law, Neil Taylor; and nephew, Jon Johnson.

He is survived by his sister, Judith Griffith; brother, Steven (Patti) Griffith; uncle, Hunter Griffith; and son, Chris Griffith. He was affectionately known as "Uncle Gene" to these nieces and nephews: Amy (Steve) Jungwirth, Heidi (Tracy) Collins, Todd (Lynnette) Taylor, Russell (Krissy) Johnson, Chris Johnson, Kelli (Zach) Griffith, and Dani (Nick) Traweck, as well as numerous great-nieces and nephews.

Flowers, or donations in lieu of flowers to the VFW, may be sent in care of Kinkade Funeral Chapel.



The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch at the Loud American Roadhouse in Sturgis following the memorial service. We thank you for your presence and condolences.



In Memory Of
Eldon Eugene "Gene" Griffith

Date of Birth

December 4, 1948

Loveland, Colorado

Date of Death

September 28, 2020

Belle Fourche, South Dakota

Memorial Service

Tuesday, October 6, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.

Kinkade Funeral Chapel

Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiating

Pastor Harold Delbridge

Songs

"Amazing Grace"

"I'll Fly Away"

"Hallelujah, Amen"

Honorary Pallbearers

Dean Johnson Jess Johnson Jeff Johnson

Hunter Johnson Chizum Johnson Ross Collins

Shane Collins Jerika Johnson Elizabeth Johnson Ellen Johnson

Military Honors

Sturgis Veterans Honor Guard

Ellsworth Air Force Honor Guard

Final Resting Place

Black Hills National Cemetery

Sturgis, South Dakota

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day
to laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks undone must stay that way.
I found that peace at close of day.

If my parting has left a void
then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
ah, yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I've savoured much,
good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts and share with me
God wanted me now:
He set me free.