



## Kathleen Griffin

February 22, 1920 - March 31, 2019

Kathleen Griffin, age 99, of Sterling Heights, Michigan, passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 31, 2019.

Kathleen was originally born in Ireland and relocated to England during WWII where she met her husband John. She came to the U.S. in 1952 and resided in Hazel Park for most of her life. Kathleen was an accomplished seamstress in England and also in the U.S., sewing team uniforms for members of the Detroit Red Wings in the 1950s that included Gordy Howe and Ted Lindsay.

Kathleen was a talented gardener, winning city beautification awards for her home gardens in Hazel Park. She was an avid knitter and was well known for her beautiful slippers, scarves and hats that she made for most everyone she had ever met. She was a devout Catholic and very proud of her Irish heritage, making several return trips to Ireland during her lifetime.

Kathleen was known for her faith, wit, charm, smile, positive attitude and unending strength. She was always the first to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. She loved spending time with her family and she was always busy with activities. Some of her favorites were playing cards, bingo, bunco, watching sports, listening to Irish music, knitting and enjoying entertainment.

Kathleen was a beloved Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother, Aunt and a caring friend to all.

She is preceded in death by her husband John and her son Johnny, along with 6 brothers and sisters (Mary, Tess, Annie, Cora, Alfie and Kevin.) She is survived by her daughter Maureen (Marion) Melton, her grandchildren Michael (Laura) Melton, Michelle (David) Atkinson, great grandchildren Caitlyn, Preston, Ireland, Shea and DJ, nieces, nephews and numerous friends including her American House Sterling Heights family. Donations can be made to: Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mount Elliott St., Detroit, MI

Visitation will be held on Thursday, April 4th from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm with a Rosary at 7:00 pm at Hopcroft Funeral Home, 31145 John R. Road, Madison Heights, Michigan. The funeral will be held on Friday, April 5th beginning at 10:30 am Instate followed by the 11:00 am Funeral Mass at St. Mary Magdalen Church, Hazel Park, Michigan. Burial will be at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield, Michigan.

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# Events

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**APR 4 Visitation 03:00PM - 09:00PM**  
Hopcroft Funeral Home-Madison Heights  
31145 John R. Road, Madison Heights, MI, US, 48071

**APR 4 Rosary 07:00PM**  
Hopcroft Funeral Home-Madison Heights  
31145 John R. Road, Madison Heights, MI, US, 48071

**APR 5 Instate 10:30AM**  
St. Mary Magdalen Church  
50 E. Annabelle, Hazel Park, MI, US

**APR 5 Funeral Mass 11:00AM**  
St. Mary Magdalen Church  
50 E. Annabelle, Hazel Park, MI, US

# Comments

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“ My family were close friends with the Griffins when I was growing up in Detroit. I remember Mrs Griffin as a kind and gentle soul. Thinking of all of you at this difficult time.

Hugs and prayers,  
Jimmy Carroll

**Jim Carroll** - April 06 at 09:33 AM

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“ Dear Maureen,

I was very sorry to hear about your Moms passing. As a child I spent many weekends with my grandparents Martin and Bridgie Brosnan and have many fond memories of all their Irish friends. I remember spending time with your Mom and Dad and brother. There was always lots of happy talk and laughter. I hope you can take comfort knowing they are all together again.

Mary Brosnan-Peters

**Mary Peters** - April 05 at 08:16 AM

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“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Kathleen Griffin.



April 04 at 01:39 PM

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“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Kathleen Griffin.



April 04 at 08:56 AM

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“ i can hear Kathleen's voice clear as a bell in my head, "Hello, Dear". Kathleen always had a greeting and kind word for everyone. ( and don't forget the butterscotch candy!) She was always willing to chat with anyone and partake in any activity. we were so lucky to have known this kind, gentle lady and she will be deeply missed. Thank You for Sharing Her with Us.

Elizabeth Modlinski  
Office Manager - American House Sterling Heights ,

Elizabeth - April 04 at 07:39 AM

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“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Kathleen Griffin.



April 03 at 08:15 AM

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“ Dear Maureen and Family,

It is with heartfelt sympathy that we offer our condolences for the loss of your Dear Mother. She was a wonderful Irish lady who was friendly and kind to everyone. I will always treasure the times that the Griffin and Cavanaugh families spent together while we were growing up. She always made us feel at home and an important part of your family. I remember all the card games at the Cavanaugh kitchen table, and how she was so much a part of the laughter and good times that took place there with her many Irish friends. She was a genuine and warmhearted lady. It was an honor to know her, and I will always fondly remember her.

May you and your family find comfort in all the memories that she shared with you, and in all the lives she touched during her lifetime.

Love,  
Cathy & Jim Budzyn





“ My long deceased mother, Bridget Brosnan, in Heaven, just said to John, "Another chair is needed at the card table. Kathleen is here." Martin Brosnan and family

**Martin Brosnan** - April 01 at 05:44 PM

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“ Our prayers and thoughts are with the family. Kathleen was a very good friend of my mother Joan Sheehan.  
Jerry and Anne Sheehan

**Jerry Sheehan** - April 01 at 02:23 PM

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“ Kathleen was part of everyone's day here at American house. Whether you worked in the dining room, housekeeping, office, maintenance, and activities, she greeted everyone she passed by. I have so many Kathleen stories that I will cherish forever. She never missed an activity, "what are we doing next May" she'd ask me. And I'll admit, there were times, I'd have to ask HER "what are we doing next Kathleen". She never left her apartment without the activity calendar in her walker. With a heavy heart, I know I speak for staff and residents, we're sure going to miss her. -Paula  
"May"

**Paula Thomas** - April 01 at 11:59 AM