



# Michael P. Griffith

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**F**LORIST NOTE: PLEASE DELIVER ALL ARRANGEMENTS BY 3PM THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2020 TO WATSON-YATES FUNERAL HOME.

Michael Philip Griffith, age 63, of Seaford, DE, passed away at his home on Thursday, January 9, 2020. He was born on May 29, 1956 in Seaford, the son of Tina and the late Rawlins Hearn Griffith.

Michael built his career in retail management, first working at the family owned Hearn and Rawlins Flour Mill when he was just a boy. He later partnered with his family in the auto parts business at M & R Auto Supply. Mike also had many successful years in grocery store management with the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company starting in his teen years and working through adulthood.

Mike worked hard and he played hard. In his early years he raced stock cars in Delmar and was a tried and true NASCAR fan, especially rooting for Dale Earnhardt Sr. and Jr. Mike enjoyed the outdoors, fishing and boating were particular passions of his. He also loved working on cars and hotrods. Mike always was a big jokester, when asked for his name in an exam room, you would hear the reply, "uh, Fred Flintstone". Mike maintained a positive attitude even through his illness and often kept his nurses laughing.

Above all, Mike cherished time spent with those he held most dear. He was a loving and devoted husband, father, son, grandfather, brother, and friend who will be deeply missed by all who know him.

Michael is survived by his wife, Deborah A. Griffith of Seaford, DE; his mother Tina Griffith (Emerson Stevens) of Seaford, DE; his daughter, Wendy Griffith Peterman (Barry) of Lincoln, DE; his step-daughter, Sara Batchelder of Seaford, DE; his grandchildren: Olivia Batchelder and Evan



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Batchelder of Seaford, DE; his sister Donna Vanderwende (Jimmie) of Bridgeville, DE; and his loyal furry friends Bentley and Jaxx.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 am on Friday, January 17, 2020 at Watson-Yates Funeral Home, 609 East King Street, Seaford, DE where friends may visit beginning at 10:00 am. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions in Michael's memory to the Parkinson's Foundation, 200 SE Street, #800, Miami, FL 33131.

Please sign the online guestbook located on the tribute page.

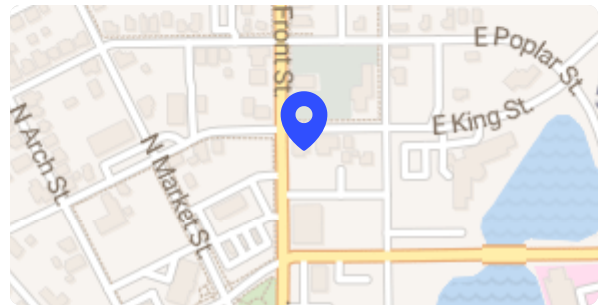


# Events

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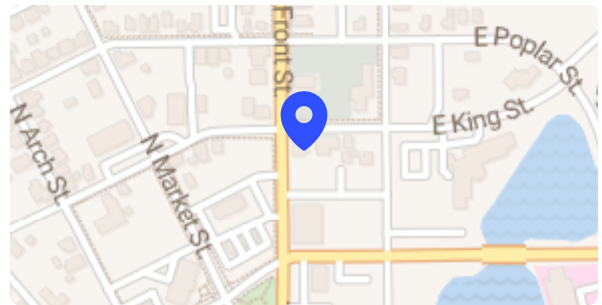
## Visitation

- 📅 **Friday, January 17, 2020**
- 🕒 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET
- 📍 **Watson-Yates Funeral Home & Crematorium**  
609 E King St, Seaford DE 19973



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**Anonymous** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Griffith family.



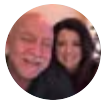
January 16 at 3:50 AM



**Bill Mears** posted:

May YOU be at Peace now Mike - No more pain !! I'm sure Your Dad Ronnie was right there in Heaven waiting with open arms . You and Ronnie are probably on Dale Earnhardt's Pit Crew - Love and Peace to You and Your Entire Family - Bill Mears

January 12 at 7:49 AM



**Wendy Peterman** sent an Ocean Breeze Spray to the Griffith family.



January 12 at 5:58 AM



**Margie Willey** lit a candle in honor of Michael.

Born and raised at Hearn's pond, I was 5 years younger than Mike but I was friends with Donna and spent a lot of time at the Griffith home. I remember how much of a car enthusiast Mike was, and boating around the pond. We all also spent a lot of winters ice skating and summers were spent swimming. A lot of memories at Hearn's pond that I would bet he and my sister Kathy are laughing about now. It's those of us who are left here that bear the pain of the loss; those that cross over are now joined by those that crossed over before them, free of pain and worry, now just happiness and peace. My heartfelt condolences to Mrs. Griffith, Wendy, Debbie, Donna, and family.



January 11 at 6:39 AM



**Fred A Abbott** January 11 at 4:51 PM

Very nice post Margie. As part of the "Hearns Pond" family, much enjoyment was had by all who had the pleasure of growing up in such a special place. Mike was always a kind person and I am saddened to read that he has passed away. A lot of bike miles were recorded by many of us crossing over the dam to experience adventures on both sides of the pond. Such great memories and Mike and Donna Griffith were a big part of those. Prayers for the family and may the love and peace of Jesus Christ comfort them. Fred A Abbott



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BB

**Bruce Baker** lit a candle in honor of Michael.

January 11 at 6:18 AM



SW

**Shelly Booth Wolfe** lit a candle in honor of Michael.

January 10 at 4:01 PM



JS

**Jennie Mccabe-Severs** lit a candle in honor of Michael.

January 10 at 3:54 PM



PK

**Patti Key** lit a candle in honor of Michael.

January 10 at 3:42 PM



SB

**Sara Batchelder** lit a candle in honor of Michael.

January 10 at 2:59 PM



LL

**Laurie Lucas** lit a candle in honor of Michael.

January 10 at 2:03 PM





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**Wendy Peterman** lit a candle in honor of Michael.

Missing You Dad with all my hear. ❤️

January 10 at 10:44 AM



**Lisa Stoeckel** January 18 at 12:35 PM

So sorry for your loss my Husband and I have good memories of Mike



**Debbie Ashley Dunlap** January 10 at 3:36 PM

Wendy so sorry. Praying for you and your family.



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Michael by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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