



## Daniel Lee Griffith

July 8, 1957 - September 14, 2017

Daniel "Dan" Griffith, 60, a 24 year East Wenatchee resident, passed away at his home on September 14, 2017.

He was born on July 8, 1957 at Fort Bragg, California to Kenneth "Ken" and Colleen Griffith. As a young child, their family made a number of moves with his father's jobs before they settled in Winlock, Washington. He attended Winlock Junior High and High School. He grew up working on vehicles with his brothers, became a self taught mechanic and fabricator. He graduated high school and got a job washing semi trucks and heavy equipment at City Transfer. This turned into a full time Mechanic job from 1976 to 1988. He also attended technical schools for welding and his mechanics certification. In 1988, he transitioned to Smith's Tractor Company, in Fife. Later, he transferred to Seco Machinery in Yakima, where he became the Shop Foreman. He worked through the transition to Smith Tractors and Pape Tractors. In 1992, he transferred to the Wenatchee Pape facility. He worked as Foreman and Heavy Equipment Mechanic for 22 years until ill health forced him to retire early.

Dan continued to work independently as a Mechanic, Welder and Fabricator. He worked on virtually anything mechanical. He was a Master Fabricator and really enjoyed building things in his shop. He loved riding his motorcycles and was particularly fond of his numerous long trips on his Harleys to either Sturgis or California. An avid fisherman, he was content to spend entire weekends fishing.

He is survived by two children, Daniel K. "Danny" Griffith, Rock Island and Sara Griffith, Spokane; his father, Kenneth "Ken" Griffith, Tri Cities, WA; the mother of his children, Lana Monesmith, Rock Island; four brothers and two sisters, Mike Griffith, Jack Griffith, George Griffith, Norma Griffith, Charlie Griffith and Kathy Oberere, and his grandson, Damon "Chico" Griffith. He was preceded in death by his mother, Colleen Griffith.

A Family Gathering will be held at a later date. You are invited to visit his tribute online at [www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com](http://www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com) and share your memories with the family. Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee.

# Tribute Wall

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“ My Dearest Dad, You left this world way too soon Dad,your great grand daughter was just born,she'll never get a chance to ride on your motorcycle like I did when I was little. Dad, I'm sorry,for not being there all these years, I really regret it now, and I'll never get over it. I hope you found Gramma G.,I hope you both are looking down and watching over me and Danny always,along with your grandson and great grand daughter send angels down to protect them always please,I miss you so much dad,i really wish you wouldn't of left so soon. I just got you back, not 3 days, I was so happy to be back and now it's too late. I believe we will be reunited one day, when it's my time, I'll be expecting you and gramma to pick me up on a Harley when God let's me through the gates to heaven, how do i know you'll have a harley? Cuz it wouldn't be heaven if you didnt, till then dad, ride in peace. ♡always, your daughter, Sara Lena G.

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**Sara Griffith** - June 24, 2018 at 08:40 AM

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“ Dad i love you & miss you so much it was too soon for you. i Know your riding to the fishing spot to relax with your friends. we will ride when i get there love pops

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**Danny Griffith jr** - September 20, 2017 at 06:27 PM