



John P. "Skip" Griffin

February 2, 1941 - October 7, 2014

Seabrook Beach, NH – John P. “Skip” Griffin, a loving and dearly loved husband, father, son, brother in law and friend, died at home on Tuesday, October 7, 2014. Formerly of South Glastonbury, Connecticut, he lived in Seabrook Beach, New Hampshire.

He was born in Springfield, MA, February 2, 1941, the son of the late John P. and Mary Jane (Murty) Griffin. He leaves with cherished memories and enduring love, his wife of 51 years, Pauline (Delisle) Griffin; his sons, Keith Griffin and his wife Amy of Shoreline, WA, Kevin Griffin and his fiancée Valerie Ortiz of Shoreham, VT; daughters, Lynne Wainman and her husband Brad of Glastonbury, CT, Kim Whitehouse and her husband Jim of Hampstead, NH; grandchildren, Lauren and Eric Wainman; Ethan and Collin Kepler; and Danica, Shane and Kali Whitehouse. In addition, he leaves his family, his wife’s family, including several sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, and his many friends.

Raised in the Greater Springfield area, he graduated from Cathedral High School with the Class of 1958. Following graduation, Skip attended and graduated from Saint Anselm’s College in 1962 where he met Pauline at a dance. He later received his Masters from the University of Connecticut.

Skip took pride and enjoyed working with youth during their formative years as

a teacher for 40 years at Glastonbury High School. During this time, he also coached GHS girls and boys swimming and boys baseball. For a number of years he was a high school basketball official in the Greater Hartford area. His summers were spent as the Club Director and Swim Coach at Orchard Hill Club in Glastonbury, CT where he made many friends and spent time with his family.

Skip will be remembered for many things – his ability to motivate others to grow personally, inspire others to be their best, his strength in character, his love of nature, his enjoyment of fitness, gardening, golfing, and long walks on the beach – and most of all, for his loyalty and commitment to his family and friends. In addition, he loved sports and was an avid Boston Red Sox and UConn Huskies fan.

Visiting hours will be from 2-5 P.M. Sunday, October 12, 2014 at the Remick & Gendron Funeral home-Crematory, 811 Lafayette Road, Hampton, NH. A celebration mass will be held at 10:30 A.M. Monday, October 13, 2014 in St. Elizabeth Church, 1 Lowell Street, Seabrook Beach, NH. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to David's House, PO Box 660, Lebanon, NH 03766.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **12.** 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory
811 Lafayette Road ·
Hampton, NH 03842
(603) 926-6500
info@remickgendron.com
<https://www.RemickGendron.com/>

Funeral Mass

OCT **13.** 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Elizabeth Church
1 Lowell Street
Seabrook Beach, NH 03874

Tribute Wall

AL

“ Even though I never knew Skip personally, I did hear about him in through head coach Peter Casares of Bates College in Lewiston, ME. Sorry for the loss and may his spirit live on. RIP



Andrew Lardieri - September 16, 2025 at 09:06 AM



“ John P. "Skip" Griffin

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM

MH

“ Every morning when I put in my contact lenses, I think of Mr. Griffin and his lesson on the principles of adhesion and cohesion. I'm now 65, so you can see he made a lasting impression on me!

Mary Henry - July 17, 2018 at 03:20 PM

JB

“ Dear Griffin Family,
I am deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Skip Griffin. My deepest condolences. I never had him as a teacher or coach but he was still coaching the girls team when I was at GHS. I enjoy talking to him about swimming. Seeing how he ran practices while waiting to go into the pool for my practice.
John Bonneville

John Bonneville - October 20, 2014 at 07:38 PM

SN

“ My deepest condolences. Skip was one of my favorite teachers because he challenged me to not take the easy route and to live up to my potential. He was a wonderful man and he always spoke of his wife Pauline in our classes with such loving affection. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Sharon Everard Nichols

Sharon Nichols - October 17, 2014 at 01:31 PM

DA

“ I am deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Skip Griffin. I was fortunate to have Skip as a teacher and a coach. He made a big difference in my life with his genuine concern, kindness and thoughtful advice.
My sincere condolences to his family and loved ones.

Dave Arnett - GHS 1969

Dave Arnett - October 17, 2014 at 09:35 AM

MB

“ To all the Griffin's:

Just wanted to extend my condolences on the passing on Skip. In all the family get together's we had in Manchester, he was one of the coolest Dads there, and I would instantly gravitate towards spending time with him.

I always understood why my dad, Bob Bourgault would always be laughing and hanging out with him all the time. He was always in a good mood, joking and in addition would always be interested in what I had to say, which as a kid at the time, meant a lot. It's rare to ever think of having another Dad then your own, but I always felt that if Skip had been my father, he would of been amazing as well!!

Lots of love from Montreal, any/all of you are welcome to visit at any time!!!

Michel Bourgault

Michel Bourgault - October 14, 2014 at 12:14 AM



“ To the Griffin Family - I am so sorry to hear about the loss of Skip. He was my swim coach at Orchard Hill Swim Club for about ten years and I really enjoyed being a part of his team and Orchard Hill. Although I was not a natural athlete, Skip treated me with great respect and I always felt like a member of the team and that meant a lot. My summers at Orchard Hill were some of the best memories of my childhood. He ran a great swim club and it was a place where we all wanted to (and did) spend the whole day enjoying the summer. One funny memory is that when Skip was teaching swim lessons, he would occasionally do a cannon ball into the water and show us how he always sank to the bottom and couldn't float - not sure if that is a correct memory but we always thought that was funny and had a laugh watching Skip sink to the bottom :) Your family is in my thoughts today during this difficult time. Sincerely,
Jennifer Trocciola Saragosa

Jennifer Saragosa - October 13, 2014 at 10:27 PM

DM

“ Dear Pauline,
I always knew Skip was a lot more than my walking buddy, great listener and wonderful role model for having a positive attitude about everything! All of these tributes tell the whole story of a man who touched so many people in every walk of life. I feel truly blessed to have known Skip. I am going to miss him a lot! Sandy and I have all of the Griffin family in our thoughts and prayers. We are here for you....
Sincerely,
Dave & Sandy Mickee

Dave Mickee - October 13, 2014 at 03:44 PM

DC

“ Dear Pauline,
I'm so sorry

Sincerely, Dottiann

Dottiann Chevalier - October 13, 2014 at 01:35 PM

CE

“ To the Griffin Family, My deepest condolences. Skip was a wonderful man that saw the good in all of us. I am sorry that I could not be there today. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Chris Evans

chris evans - October 13, 2014 at 10:18 AM

EM

“ Pauline, we are so sorry. My memories of Skip are so intertwined with my father that they are often indistinguishable. Your husband was a phenomenal human being and will be missed by all that knew him.

Ed & Monica Maher

Ed Maher - October 12, 2014 at 07:01 PM

RM

“ My sincerest condolences to the Griffin family. Skip was one of my favorite science teachers and baseball coaches I ever had. Richard Miller GHS '69

Richard Miller - October 12, 2014 at 02:22 PM

MA

“ Skip was a great coach, a great teacher. He was also a great role model, for so many G-Bury kids over the years. RIP Skip, my thoughts and prayers are with your family. Marti Cole Austin, GHS '75

marti austin - October 11, 2014 at 07:04 PM

JN

“ To Skip's family and friends, I'm so sorry for your loss of this amazing man in your lives. I hope that reading our words of how much impact he had on so many of us through the years of his teaching and coaching will bring you some comfort and smiles. He was something special, and as a coach, really make me want to be the best I could be. I have never forgotten his putting me in a race I'd never done before in a big meet with Newtown High in 1973, and me thinking he was crazy, thinking I could never do it, but he just simply smiled at me and said, "I know you can do it or I wouldn't be putting you in!" I was shocked when I won. He wasn't. I've never forgotten his belief in me that day, nor his smile and pride. He is one of a few teachers that truly made a difference in my life that resonates still today. We all miss him. He was a special man. Julie Nicolay, GHS Class of '75.

Julie Nicolay - October 11, 2014 at 02:43 PM

TL

“ I was so sad to learn of Skip's passing. He was a wonderful coach and teacher and I was lucky to have had him as both. He was passionate about teaching and demanded a lot of his students, but was always there if you needed extra help and guidance. He was one of those teachers you remembered. And I can recall many a cold summer morning at Orchard Hill with Skip at the helm, running swim team practice. Whether it was cold or rainy, we were expected to be there, ready to swim! But he was always your biggest advocate, scheduling extra practices for you to hone your strokes or cut a few seconds off your time, and cheering you on from the sidelines during meets. My heartfelt condolences go out to Skip's family during this difficult time. Hold the wonderful memories close to your hearts.

Tiffany Leitner - October 11, 2014 at 10:04 AM

CD

“ Dear Pauline and family, I offer you my sincere condolences at this sorrowful time. May God be with you and give you strength, Pauline. Frank spoke highly of your husband, and I know you are a special person. Do you still eat yogurt at lunch time? Memories from working at town hall.



Warm regards,

Connie DeLoreto

Constance Deloreto - October 11, 2014 at 06:46 AM

PH

“ *May God Bless Mr. Griffin's Family, As everyone whom ever met "Skip" I will never forget this wonderful man I must say the best teacher I ever had at GHS. Funny, gentle, kind. Thank You for believing in each & everyone of us. Much Love Peggy Cooper Hobson or as you would say "Bill" Class 1973*



Peggy Hobson - October 10, 2014 at 09:10 PM

JE

“ *I'm very sad to hear of Skip's passing. He was such a positive force in our school. He always had a few minutes to stop and chat, and he always had a smile. Many of my students had Skip for chemistry. They spoke of his toughness, kindness, sense of humor and his ability to make everyone feel like they could do it. A wonderful educator and a wonderful person--we miss Skip very much. My sympathy to Skip's family. Jan Eklund, Glastonbury High School*

Jan Eklund - October 10, 2014 at 08:44 PM



“ *With Sympathy Organic Fruit and Cheese Tower was purchased for the family of John P. "Skip" Griffin.*



October 10, 2014 at 08:23 PM

DK

“ We are so sad to learn of Skip's death today. And send our deepest sympathy to Pauline and all his family. Skip was a master at teaching young people, whether in the classroom or in the pool. He gave each one a life long gift of confidence in their talents, courage to work to be their best, and a rich enjoyment of the wholesomeness of a competitive world. Our lives and the lives of our children were greatly enriched by having Ship share his knowledge and goodness with our kids during their high school years. Mike and Dotty Kycia

Dotty Kycia - October 10, 2014 at 04:32 PM

CP

“ Mr. Griffin...Skip, teacher, coach. He made me believe in myself. I am so very sorry that his family will no longer have him in their earthly lives but hope that the uncountable happy memories help them through this sad time. He was in the truest sense, one in a million. Cathy O'Meara Parshley

catherine parshley - October 10, 2014 at 04:12 PM

LR

“ Skip was a person and teacher who impacted many students at Glastonbury High School. Mr. Griffin once asked me why I thought I deserved a final grade of an "A" when I had received three 'B' grades. "Effort and thoughtful questions. I really liked Chemistry and tests should not be the only indication of that, but classroom participation and attendance," was my answer. (Some of us may have skipped a few other classes) Mr. Griffin replied he would take that into consideration. Skip always had time for 'one more question'. His teaching style molded my management style in future years. I took his encouragement, toughness and 'expectation of greatness' into the workplace where I found most people rose to your view of them. As did Skip's students. He was a great encourager, educator and friend. Our sincere condolences to his family and many, many friends. Linda (Shaughnessy) Roman (Glastonbury class of '71)



Linda Roman - October 10, 2014 at 02:58 PM

NM

“ Dear Pauline,
It was with great shock and deep sadness that Tom and I learned of Skip's passing. Although we knew him only outside of the classroom setting, his love of teaching and his deep pride in his family were always very apparent. I will always cherish your stories and "Skip-isms" from the office. Our deepest condolences to you and all the family.
Nancy & Tom

Nancy McKee - October 10, 2014 at 02:30 PM

ES

“ I was deeply saddened to read of Skip's passing. He was a friend and a mentor. I will always be grateful to him for all the help he gave me when my teaching assignment was expanded to include chemistry as well as biology. He was knowledgeable, patient and always had time for one more question. He was a good man and he will be missed. RIP Skip.

Elizabeth Shamroth

Elizabeth Shamroth - October 10, 2014 at 01:17 PM

SA

“ Skip was an inspiration to me while working at Glastonbury HS as a substitute in science and math. His teaching style stood out in my memory and had a lasting impact as I restarted my full time teaching career at 47. Skip was a precious gift to our family. My sincere condolences.

Smaranda Avram - October 10, 2014 at 10:20 AM

V9

“ Sincerest condolences to Skip's family. He taught with a genuine passion, sense of humor and razor sharp wit. It was amazing to me how he could relate to such a wide range of students and make Chemistry a favorite subject for so many. We all looked forward to getting into Skip's class during the day. Chemistry! What a superstar he was. I never told him so after I graduated, but I'm sure plenty others did - and he deserved every compliment he received. I'll never forget the "snappers," but will always picture Skip with that great smile and the joy he got from having us finally "get it"!

My thoughts and prayers are with the Griffin family.

Vic Avram - GHS Class of 90 - October 10, 2014 at 08:55 AM

R1

“ How fruitless it is to try and count the number of lives Skip touched in his 40 years at GHS. I knew Skip as my chemistry teacher, as team manager for the girls team, and as his maintenance assistant opening and closing Orchard Hill. He knew how to push people to their utmost and did so with a sense of humor, kindness, and grace. Anyone who sat in his class must certainly remember snappers, checking out a proton, and the noble gases being Irish monks. I saw him jogging in South Glastonbury a few years ago and beamed at the chance to catch up, hear about New Hampshire, and how he enjoyed retirement. He was one of the good ones; he'll certainly be missed.

Rick H - Class of 1998 - October 09, 2014 at 11:27 PM

KL

“ So very sad to hear this news. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. So many wonderful memories will keep Skip alive in our hearts, including his dedication to his students and his many funny/famous quotes. I never thought learning chemistry could be fun -- it was a hard class, but Skip knew exactly how to break through and make us understand. He taught us that we could achieve anything if we worked hard enough. He will be remembered always as a great mentor, teacher and friend.
- Karen Galinsky Lesh, GHS Class of 1993

Karen Lesh - October 09, 2014 at 10:03 PM

SR

“ So sad to hear the news. My condolences go out to the entire Griffin family. I will never take for granted the impact Skip had on me as my coach in the pool and as my teacher in the classroom. Always pushing all of us to be the best we can be. It served us well then but I truly appreciate his influence on shaping our characters now. I will always have you in my heart, Skip. Thank you for everything.
-- Stephanie Mulazzi Ruiz, GHS Class of 1993

Stephanie Mulazzi Ruiz - October 09, 2014 at 09:30 PM



Nicely said, Stephanie. I echo your sentiments, though I did not swim for him...

Jeff Snyder - October 09, 2014 at 11:05 PM

CJ

“ "Hey Skip, no Mickey Mousing around!" :) funny. . . caring. . . friendly. . . helpful. . . a true friend. . . great teacher. . . and so much more. . . but simply one of the good guys who we, the students, loved!

I have never forgotten Skip. Chuck Jefferis (GHS class 1970)



Chuck Jefferis - October 09, 2014 at 09:09 PM

SM

Well said, Chuck. I would see him around town over the years before they moved to NH and it always amazed me that he would remember my name. I was not a stand out science student by any stretch. It is a testament to what a great teacher he was. Each and every one of his students was important to him. A truly genuine nice man who touched so many lives.

*Our hearts and prayers are with Mr. Griffin's family.
Sharon Tomany Marone, GHS Class of 1970*

Sharon Tomany Marone - October 10, 2014 at 06:13 AM

JP

“ Pauline: Our hearts and prayers go out to you and your family at this difficult time. We are so very sorry for the loss of your beloved husband. God bless all of you.

Your Assessor friends, Joan Paskewich and Jim Ramos

Joan Paskewich - October 09, 2014 at 09:02 PM

GF

“ Thanks for taking the time to help me with my chemistry. You were a great teacher!

Garrett Fink - October 09, 2014 at 08:58 PM

WU

“ Coach was young, but I was younger when our lives crossed. But he treated me with respect, kindness and encouragement. It was a pleasure to start each day in his Home Room (especially when taking all those stressful standardized tests) and even better to be recognized by my name long after we had shared a classroom - or swim club together. He was a class act, a gentleman and a guidance counselor without ever preaching. I am grateful he was in my life at such an impressionable age

Wendy Upton - October 09, 2014 at 08:48 PM

JP

“ *What an amazing coach, leader, and all around good person. I remember many endless days in the GHS pool which taught me a lot about hard work and dedication. Thanks for being a great coach!*

jeanne panuczak - October 09, 2014 at 08:40 PM

SH

“ *Skip was the best. I have so many fond memories from the GHS pool! He was a great coach, always worked us hard, but always was laughing along the way! He built our team into a family and I will always be grateful for that time together. I feel lucky to have known him, my thoughts and prayers to his family at this time.*

Sharon Rowley Gomes - Class of '81

Sharon - October 09, 2014 at 08:12 PM

PH

“ *I remember Mr. Griffin very fondly; had him in 7th grade at Academy, in 1965. My dad was principal of the school, and hired him as a teacher; a couple of Irishmen, they got on very well together. Thank you, Mr. Griffin, for being a very human, down-to-earth teacher. Nearly 50 years later I don't remember many of my teachers, but you stand out in my mind.*

P.J. Hamel

PJ Hamel - October 09, 2014 at 07:59 PM

JB

“ I was very sad to learn about Skip's passing. He was a great teacher! My favorite. A real decent guy who didn't play favorites. He believed in me more than I believed in myself during high school and he was a great inspiration. He will be missed but I will always remember Skip.

John Borden - Class of 1986

John Borden - October 09, 2014 at 07:27 PM

MI

“ Skip was an amazing teacher and role model. There are few teachers I remember from GHS but he always stood out. May he rest in peace and I hope you all find peace in the fact that he was respected and loved by many.

Michelle (DeVore) Schweitzer - GHS 1988

michelle - October 09, 2014 at 07:08 PM

FS

“ Skip was the ultimate roll model and mentor to Glastonbury teens. As a chemistry teacher and swim coach he not only fostered ability and character but modeled acceptability and kindness. Everyone was capable and everyone could succeed. This carried over outside the classroom and to whomever he came in contact with in any setting--from pool, to field, to summer club. He encouraged, he fostered, he provided. His elfin smile and demeanor drew everyone in. His impact is carried by all those who met him, worked with him or were coached by him. Skip made a difference that is carried and transmitted into the future and to so many more people by all those who met and knew him. He knew what it was all about.

Thank you, Skip.

Fran & Peter Sterling

Fran & Peter Sterling - October 09, 2014 at 06:51 PM

RS

“ Condolences to the Griffin family. Skip always represented a high point in my day as a student at GHS. He was a great teacher and wonderful person. I was lucky to have had him as a teacher
R. Stockton Class of 71,

Richard Stockton - October 09, 2014 at 05:26 PM

EJ

“ My sincerest condolences to the Griffin family. It was an honor to have known Skip. As a teacher at GHS he was one of a kind. He taught me many life lessons. It was always my goal to eventually have Skip as my swim coach. That never ended up happening as he decided to coach the girls only once I got to high school. In any event, the times I spent with Skip in the classroom going over the periodic table and around the pool will never be forgotten! He was one of a kind! RIP SKIP!

Ed Jowdy. GHS- Class of 1984.

Ed Jowdy - October 09, 2014 at 04:58 PM

CP

“ One of the best teachers GHS ever had!! To the Griffin family, my heart & prayers go out to you all and know that now he is in the comfort of Gods loving arms. Spread your wings & fly Mr. Griffin


Cheryl (Pollard) Pobutkiewicz - October 09, 2014 at 04:18 PM

JT

“ Dearest Griffin family I am so sorry to hear of Skips passing. Skip was such an inspiration to me. I was not a swimmer played all those other sports as Skip would say. He was such a great mentor and good friend to me always there for me with great advice. Even though years have passed and I hadn't seen him when his name was mentioned a smile came to my face. Again I am truly sorry for your loss.

RIP Skip always in my heart -jenny Jowdy tine

jen tine - October 09, 2014 at 03:49 PM

 Jeanne
Loftus
Tatoian

“ Skip touched many members of my family. My Dad and my brother were part of youth basketball with him, he was my favorite teacher at GHS and then later on in life our paths crossed again for a few years before he moved to New Hampshire. He always had a kind word, a sparkle in his eyes and a piece of encouragement. He was One of a Kind and a legend at GHS. Heaven gained a true angel.

Jeanne Loftus Tatoian - October 09, 2014 at 03:39 PM

LF

“ I am so sorry to hear of Skip's passing. He was my beloved swim coach and teacher but more importantly a mentor to me growing up. We all have a few people over the course of our lives who impact what type of people we become. Skip was one of those for me. He taught me many of life's lessons that I use to this day and I feel luck to have known him. I can still hear his voice and I fondly remember that twinkle in his eyes when he smiled. He was such a wonderful person and touched so many lives in a positive way. His memory will live on in all the people he coached and taught. He was such a remarkable person and a gift to all of us. My sincere condolences to the entire Griffin family.

Laura (Paternoster) Flavell
GHS Class of 1984

Laura Flavell - October 09, 2014 at 03:23 PM

JL

“ Pauline...please know that you and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Peace...John Leary

John J Leary - October 09, 2014 at 02:43 PM

AQ

“ Mr. Griffin was never my teacher, but he always stood out in my memory as a man who loved what he was doing~teaching. A smile was forever present on his face. We shall remember him Saturday night at our reunion.

May God bless his family

Audrey Yellen Quinlan-GHS 1969

Audrey Yellen Quinlan - October 09, 2014 at 02:38 PM

JT

“ My teaching career has overlapped Skip's. I want to say that I often heard good things about Skip from my students, and I never heard anything bad. He really was a respected and loved teacher and coach at Glastonbury High School. It has been a gift to work with teachers like Skip.

Jared Towler

Jared Towler - October 09, 2014 at 12:25 PM

RH

“ I was so saddened to read about Skip in the Hartford Courant. He was a beloved colleague at Glastonbury High School where we both taught for many years. He was so well liked by both staff and students, my two children among them. And he was probably the most successful swim coach in the school's history. He will always be remembered by so many with great esteem. Rosanne Hornyak

Rosanne Hornyak - October 09, 2014 at 11:23 AM

ND

“ *Pauline--My deepest sympathy on the loss of your beloved husband. You and your family are in my prayers.*

Nancy J. Dauphinais, Retired Asst. Assessor Rocky Hill, CT

Nancy J Dauphinais - October 09, 2014 at 10:38 AM

CB

“ *Oh, what can I say about Skip...he was my other "Papa". He had such an influence on me growing up and I feel so blessed to have had that time with him. He made me the best version of myself, always showing me I could be better than I ever thought. He was truly a wonderful, wonderful man. He has touched everyone that met him and I think we all will have some "Skip" in us to cherish and share with generations to come. He will be very truly missed. I can still hear him saying "Come on, Carebear!!" Much love to Pauline and family.*

Carrie Casares Balda - October 09, 2014 at 10:18 AM

KM

“ *Pauline and family - I am heartbroken at the loss of Skip. He was not only my teacher and swim coach but someone I considered a friend and mentor. He gave me confidence and helped me when I needed it the most. His stories and life lessons are things I will never forget and hope to pass on to others. Moving forward whenever I hear "To make a long story short" or the song "Build me up Buttercup" I will have to smile! He was one of a kind and I am so lucky to have had him in my life.*

*Katie (Paisker) McNamara
GHS Class of 2003*

Katie McNamara - October 09, 2014 at 09:50 AM

SG

“ Mr. Griffin was my favorite teacher at GHS. He made all his classes exciting and interesting -- his energy and enthusiasm for the subject matter and for teaching itself was palpable. But more importantly, he treated me, and every student, with compassion and respect. He had a way of making everyone feel that he truly cared about them. My sincere condolences go out to his family and all his friends, of which, I'm sure, are many. He truly was a remarkable person and he will be greatly missed.

Sue Gaines (GHS class of 1970)

Sue Gaines - October 09, 2014 at 09:03 AM

AS

“ To Skip's family with my condolences to all of you. I was a classmate of Skip's at CHS Class of 1958. I have fond memories of our four years at Cathedral. Skip was always upbeat and always had a great smile. It is apparent that the way he lived his life he had the same effect on all he met.

Abel Soares CHS 1958

Abel Soares - October 09, 2014 at 09:02 AM

LO

“ I will be forever grateful for the gifts that Skip gave to me as a teacher and coach. As an awkward teenager on the swim team, he let me know that he believed in me and helped build my confidence throughout high school. I learned so much from him about looking at each individual and the gifts they each have. He was a very special person, and I am lucky to have known him. My mentor and inspiration in so many ways. Thank you Pauline for sharing him with us! Love to all the family- Lisa (Kudlacik) O'Keefe

Lisa (Kudlacik) O'Keefe - October 09, 2014 at 07:59 AM

LO

“ 1 file added to the album Coach



Lisa (Kudlacik) O'Keefe - October 09, 2014 at 07:48 AM

JS

“ *The halls of GHS were a bit warmer due to Mr Griffen. I was lucky to have him as a teacher for Chemistry, and the school was so lucky to have his spirit, drive and compassion, which he spread throughout and touched so many of us.. motivating us to be our best. All with a smile and a twinkle or a shout to do better. May he rest in peace, and condolences to Skip's family..*

jennifer sanford - October 09, 2014 at 07:31 AM

RH

“ Skip is the teacher and coach I wish I had when I was in High School! I only knew Skip and Pauline for a relatively short time, serving as their hospice chaplain, however, they made me feel like a life-long friend. Skip & Pauline's abiding and deep love for each other is a blessing from God. Their courage, great sense of humor and their strong faith will always be an inspiration for all who know and love them! Skip helped shape the lives of all the students he taught and coached. This is evident in the number of them who sent cards, letters and phone calls over the past several months. I believe Skip is body surfing on the beautiful beaches in Heaven and tending the garden God has given him there. We all look forward to seeing him again, young, strong and full of mischief with a sparkle in his eyes, a wink and that wonderful smile! The entire Griffin family remain always always in my thoughts and prayers.
Peace & Much Love, Rev. Bob Hagopian

Rev. Bob Hagopian - October 09, 2014 at 07:12 AM

KM

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Katie McNamara - October 09, 2014 at 06:52 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Family



Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - October 08, 2014 at 04:58 PM

JH

Skip was such a positive person. I have great memories of him. He truly was a great influence for many kids.

Janet Hill Class of 70

janet hill - October 09, 2014 at 10:22 PM

DH

My condolences to the Griffin Family. He was a great teacher and a good man. He was my Biology teacher. His sense of humor made the subject interesting. He has left quit a legacy in the Glastonbury school System.

Diane Hebenstreit Class of '70

Diane Hebenstreit - October 10, 2014 at 07:35 AM

DA

Skip left his mark on a person, a mark seeded with so many of the values necessary to succeed in this challenging world. He was always there for me and countless others, he sincerely cared about everyone! I'm 53 years old and memories of Skip, his Skipisms and his classroom occupy the corridors in my mind to this day. Skip, you will forever be thought of as a great friend, a devoted teacher and role model. You taught us so much more than chemistry by interjecting the stuff that really matters in your lesson plans. Skip, please see if you can pull any strings for our beloved Red Sox next year!

Dave Alberghini - Class of 1979

Dave Alberghini - October 10, 2014 at 12:38 PM

BF

Skip stands out in my mind as a truly gifted educator. His contributions to the quality of education at GHS in and out of the classroom have always lived in my memory .Pauline, my thoughts and prayers to you and your family. Bob Ford

bob ford - October 10, 2014 at 09:03 PM

KM

My condolences to The Griffins. I just read the Citizen, I couldn't believe it. He was my favorite teacher, and he definitely instilled confidence and a lot more in my life.

Skip: Thanks, and I'm sorry for screwing up your Volvo...

Big Hug,

Kevin Maguder - Class of 84

Kevin Maguder - October 21, 2014 at 08:55 PM

MB

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