

*A precious one from us is gone,  
A voice we loved is still.  
A place is vacant in our hearts,  
That can never be filled.  
He is gone but not forgotten,  
And never shall he be.  
For as long as life and memory last,  
We will remember thee.*

*In Loving Memory  
The Family*

## *In Appreciation*

The family of the late Ellis Melvin Griffis will always remember with sincere gratitude the thoughtfulness expressed in your prayers and many acts of kindness extended during this time of bereavement. May God richly bless each of you.

### **The Griffis Family**



## **Interment**

Thatch-Mann Cemetery  
Athens, Alabama



Final Arrangements Entrusted to:  
**The Peoples Funeral Home**  
12060 Highway 31 South  
Tanner, AL 35671

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## *Celebrating the Life of Mr. Ellis Melvin Griffis*

October 14, 1921 - June 15, 2006

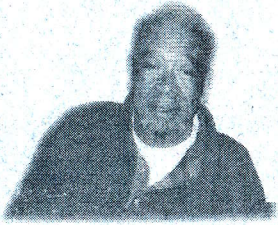


*Gravesite Service  
Friday, June 23, 2006  
11:00 am  
Thatch-Mann Cemetery  
Hobbs Street  
Athens, Alabama*

*Rev. William Robinson  
Pastor of St. James C.P.E. Church  
Toney, Alabama  
Officiating*



## Obituary



**Mr. Ellis Melvin Griffis**, son of the late Earl and Memory Griffis, was born in Athens, Alabama on October 14, 1921. He graduated from Trinity High School (Athens) in May 1941. He attended LeMoyne College in Memphis, Tennessee and Alabama A&M University in Normal, Alabama.

He earned three medals while serving four years in World II.

He retired from Gunitite Foundries in Rockford, Illinois after being employed from 30 years. He was a longtime member of the National American Legion Local Chapter in Rockford, Illinois. During his youth, he joined with Village View United Methodist Church under the Pastorage of the Rev. L. G. Fields. He always spoke fondly of Village View as his home church and found his way back to visit whenever he came home. Three years ago he returned to Athens but he was unable to attend as he desired due to health problems.

**Mr. Griffis** was preceded in death by his wife Catherine; sister, Thelma Sisson and grandson, Tyrone Dowthard Griffis.

Memories will be cherished by his loving family: two sons, Charles (Ruby) Griffis of Rockford, Illinois and Paul Griffis of Los Angeles, California; three daughters, Winnie (William) Robinson of Athens, Alabama, Susan Nichols of Chicago, Illinois and Alecia Griffis-Vawters of Athens, Alabama; one brother, Earl (Christine) Griffis of Madison, Alabama and a sister, Earline G. Hobbs of Athens, Alabama; and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nephews, nieces, cousins, other relatives and friends.



## Order of Service

### Gathering Song

Mrs. Nettie Pryor, Leader  
Village View U.M. Church Athens, AL

### Scripture & Prayer

Rev. James R. Johnson  
St. John A.M.E. Church Huntsville, AL

### Instrumental Solo

Mr. Kendall Shoulders (Grandson)  
Antioch CPCA Church in America Athens, AL

### Words of Comfort

Rev. William Robinson (Son-in-Law)  
St. James CPCA Church Harvest, AL

### Vocal Solo

Mrs. Barnell Fletcher  
Antioch CPCA Church in America Athens, AL

### Flag Presentation

### Closing Prayer

Rev. Thomas Sanderfer Jr.  
First Baptist Church Elkmont, AL

### Military Salute