



John E. Grimes

August 29, 2019

Dr. John E. Grimes, Jr., Ph.D., Clinical Psychologist, Charleston, IL, 86, died peacefully on August 29th, 2019.

He was born July 16, 1933 in Murphysboro, IL to Lorene Anna Vaughn Grimes and John Edward Grimes, Sr

He attended St. Andrew's Parochial School, Murphysboro High School and obtained BA and MA degrees from Southern Illinois University and his Ph.D. degree from University of Arizona. He was a Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Sea Scout, Eagle Scout and earned many top scouting awards. A three-year US Army veteran, he specialized in Military Counterintelligence, serving his country in Aschaffenburg, Germany, 1957-1958. He was a proud member of the Army Russian Choir's "Black Ravens". He was a dedicated member of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church and Choir, Knights of Columbus, Murphysboro Elks, Mattoon Eagles and many professional organizations.

He was a psychologist at Eastern Illinois University's Counseling Center for 12 years. He was a Licensed Clinical Psychologist, Certified Sex Therapist, Certified Rehabilitation Counselor and a Diplomat in Marital-Family Therapy in private practice for 24 years in Charleston, IL where he dedicated his life to helping others live more comfortably in their own lives. He will be fondly recalled as the chauffeur who voluntarily drove many others to appointments

and by thousands as the man who administered their GED exam.

He is survived by children, John Grimes, Kathy Grimes Sbarboro and Karen Grimes Swejkoski (husband Terry), grandchildren Jacquelyn Amanda Armstrong (fiancé Mellissa), Michael Sbarboro (fiancé Ilse), John Sbarboro, Sage Swejkoski, great-grandson Niko Sbarboro and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, his brother Patrick M. Grimes, sister-in-law Mary Kay Sharkey Grimes, niece Judith Grimes and son-in-law James Sbarboro.

Memorials may be made to SBL Peace Meal Program or Charleston Food Pantry.

Services honoring his life will be held Saturday, September 28th, 2019 with visitation at 10:00 a.m. and funeral liturgy at 11:00 a.m. at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church. Committal service will be held Monday, September 30th, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at St Andrews Cemetery, Murphysboro, IL. For more information please visit <https://www.pettettfuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *John E. Grimes*

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