



## Joseph E. Grissom

March 11, 1939 - September 18, 2014

Joseph E. Grissom, 75, of Murphysboro, passed away at 1:15 p.m. Thursday, September 18, 2014, at his residence.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, September 21, 2014, at Pettett Funeral Home in Murphysboro with Rev. Kenneth Staib officiating and burial at Pleasant Grove Memorial Park. Friends may call from 12 noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Murphysboro.

Joseph was born on March 11, 1939, in Oraville, Illinois, to Vern Grissom and Violet Peggy (Jones) Grissom.

He had retired from GTE/Verizon as a technician, where he worked for many years.

Mr. Grissom was a member of the First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Murphysboro.

He was a member of the I.B.E.W. and had been a past union steward.

Joe was an avid bass fisherman and was a member of the Murphysboro Bass Association.

His children, grandchildren and great grandchildren were the joy of his life and his home was open to everyone.

The landscaping around his home with his flowers and gardening drew many comments and pictures. Joe had been an antique dealer for many years and he and his wife enjoyed collecting those precious items together.

Joe married Judith Malone on March 12, 1960, at the First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Murphysboro, and she preceded him in death on October 4, 2013.

He is survived by three children Chris Grissom and his fiancée Emily Burke and Gay Bachmann and her husband Allen Bachmann, all of Murphysboro; and Kirk Grissom of Hollywood, CA;

one son in law Grant Uitti of Hales Corners, Wis.

nine grandchildren Kelli Bachmann, Kristin LaBotte and her husband Joe LaBotte, Kendra Bachmann and her fiancée A. J. Bower, Samantha Smith and her husband Michael Smith, Karlee Bachmann, Liv Grissom, Ben Uitti, Jude Grissom, and Ella Uitti;

and five great grandchildren Mady LaBotte, Rylee LaBotte, Parker Smith, Rhyan Smith, and Kamdyn LaBotte.

He was preceded in death by one daughter Cheryl Uitti, one daughter in law Alisha Grissom, one brother Lowell Grissom, and his parents.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph E. Grissom*

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October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Extending sympathy to Joe's family -- may God provide you strength during these coming days.*

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**Pat Stearns** - September 20, 2014 at 01:43 PM



“ *My former husband, Fred Wehmeyer, worked many years with Joe at the phone company & considered him a great person & friend. They had many conversations regarding the antiques Joe collected.*

*I know there is a wonderful "Welcome" party going on in heaven with all the former GTE/Verizon/Frontier buddies.*

*My sincere sympathy to all the family.*  
*Carol Wehmeyer*

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**Carol Wehmeyer** - September 19, 2014 at 07:19 PM