



## Howard Todd Griffith

October 12, 1977 - September 19, 2016

Howard Todd Griffith Known professionally known as “Scooter the Clown”, 38, of Fraziers Bottom, passed away on September 19, 2016.

For six years Todd fought brain cancer and continued his profession as a clown.

Todd was preceded in death by his father Harry R. Griffith and is survived by his mother Mary, brothers Sam Griffith, Greg Griffith (Courtney); sisters, Tammy Bright (David), Pam Dalton (Reece); several nephews, Brandon Bright (Ashley), Dillon Griffith, Derrick Akers, Austin Akers, Riley Griffith; and one niece Marissa Williams (Greg); great nephews Holton and Bo; great niece Lilah; special nephews Wessy, Dawson, Seth and Sawyer, and many, many special friends from all over the world.

Todd had many accomplishments such as winning first place in White Face Competition, COAI, in Puerto Rico, six years with Ringling Brothers, Disney on Ice, owning his own entertainment company and many more. He will be missed by family and multitudes of friends.

Service will be held at 2:00pm Thursday September 22, 2016 at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane. Burial will follow in the Fraziers Bottom United Methodist Church Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family from 1:00pm to 2:00pm before the service. Visit Todd's tribute page at [ChapmanFuneralHomes.com](http://ChapmanFuneralHomes.com) to share memories with the family.

Chapman Funeral Home, family-owned and located at 3941 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane is honored to serve the Griffith family.

# Cemetery Details

## Fraziers Bottom United Methodist Church Cemetery

1 Church Lane  
Fraziers Bottom, WV 25082

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

SEP **22**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Howard Todd Griffith

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ Todd was such a special person to our family, since the first time we met him at Bob Evans. Our daughter absolutely loved him, she asked to see him every week..."is it Thursday? I need to see Scooter!" He was such a kind, genuine person, who touched countless lives. Every time I spoke to him, I left feeling happier and lighter....he had that effect on kids and adults alike. He will be greatly missed by many.



Courtney Estes - September 27, 2016 at 08:32 PM



“ Todd Scooter Griffith I know today is hard for your mom Sammy Tammy Greg Pam we love you cousin Tenn Vickie



Vickie Brown - September 22, 2016 at 06:49 PM



“ Todd Scooter Griffith I know today is hard for your mom Sammy Tammy Greg Pam Billy Michelle Tommy Lisa Teresa don't forget cousin Tenn



Vickie Brown - September 22, 2016 at 06:48 PM

VB

*I miss you 🥺 Todd my Cousin*

**Vickie Brown** - June 02, 2017 at 05:14 PM

KH

“ Todd,  
*I will never forget the day I met you , and the last day we talked just days before your surgery. Never was there a conversation that you didn't have me crying from laughing so hard. I have so many wonderful memories of you and not one single bad one at that. To say I will miss you dearly is a true understatement this post office will never be the same with out you. You were my customer, my friend . You will forever be in my heart . Im gonna miss that face of yours. Prayers for peace for your family*



*Until we meet again  
Kelli Hooker*

**Kelli Hooker** - September 22, 2016 at 11:45 AM



“ We only meet Todd once as Scooter but he made such a memory for our family. He was such a sweet person. He was a wonderful, wonderful clown. He took his time with the children and never left any out especially the shy ones. I am truly sorry for your loss. He touch everyone one he came in contact. I pray that Jesus will wrap you in his comfort and carry you through the future. Peggy Lyons

**Peggy Lyons** - September 22, 2016 at 09:51 AM

DG

“ Dana Gillispie-Plants lit a candle in memory of Howard Todd Griffith



Dana Gillispie-Plants - September 22, 2016 at 05:41 AM

DG

We grew up on the same creek, rode the same school bus. He was always smiling, laughing, and joking around..I remember him doing magic tricks on the bus..lol!! When I heard that he had become a clown, I thought how suitable!! He was different in a time when different wasn't cool, but it didn't matter to him. He followed his heart and his dreams..not many ppl can say that! He was always himself. My deepest condolences go to his mom, Mary, who was always his biggest fan, and to the rest of his dear family as they mourn the loss of such a special person. (( Hugs))

Dana Gillispie-Plants - September 22, 2016 at 05:51 AM

KC

“ Karen Casto lit a candle in memory of Howard Todd Griffith



Karen Casto - September 22, 2016 at 03:24 AM

Kim Adkins

“ I am so sorry for your loss. It was a pleasure to meet him. May peace be with you and yours.



Kim Adkins - September 21, 2016 at 10:00 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Howard Todd Griffith.*



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September 21, 2016 at 09:06 PM



“ *I am so very sorry for your loss. i taught at Winfield High when Todd was a student. I remember how he wanted to go to the Ringling Bros. Clown College. Although I never saw his performance , I have heard many wonderful things. Bless him for the joy and laughter he brought to so many children.*

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**Harriet Cartmill** - September 21, 2016 at 08:58 PM



“ *Words cannot express how grateful I am that I got to meet Todd several times at Bob Evans and two of my daughter, Savannah's parties. He was a very special person to us and did a very good job at what he did. Savannah wants his family and friends to know she will miss Scooter very much and she love him! He will be greatly missed!*



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**Jill Dunlap** - September 21, 2016 at 07:29 PM

MS

“ Michelle Singleton sent a virtual gift in memory of Howard Todd Griffith



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**Michelle Singleton** - September 21, 2016 at 06:52 PM

BG

“ Todd all of your "Texas" family will miss you. We will never forget the Christmas you and Mary shared with us shortly after your surgery - you made everyone laugh and they fell in love with you, not just the kid, all of us. You are so special and I know you will make everyone in Heaven happy, especially your Dad. We will miss you Todd. LOL

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**Barbara Griffith** - September 21, 2016 at 05:09 PM

BG

“ Barbara Griffith lit a candle in memory of Howard Todd Griffith



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**Barbara Griffith** - September 21, 2016 at 05:03 PM

BG

“ Bill And Sharon Gillispie lit a candle in memory of Howard Todd Griffith



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**Bill and Sharon Gillispie** - September 21, 2016 at 03:59 PM

Ted Neuhaus

“ *Ted Neuhaus lit a candle in memory of Howard Todd Griffith*



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**Ted Neuhaus** - September 21, 2016 at 03:33 PM

KK

“ *KELLEY KENYON lit a candle in memory of Howard Todd Griffith*



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**KELLEY KENYON** - September 21, 2016 at 02:00 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Howard Todd Griffith.*



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September 21, 2016 at 12:44 PM

VA

“ Scooter and my daughter had a special relationship. When we had heard the news that he had passed, my daughter clasped her hands together and cried. She asked me if he went to heaven with his clown costume on because she knew he just had to because he had to make balloon animals for the kids and make them laugh. She said that Jesus needed him for the children! She is 5!  
We love you Scooter and will always remember you. God Bless you family thru this difficult time. Valerie Covert

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**Valerie** - September 21, 2016 at 11:49 AM

EL

“ Elizabeth lit a candle in memory of Howard Todd Griffith



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**Elizabeth** - September 21, 2016 at 11:12 AM

RD

“ I only met him a few times. But time spent in Clown Alley, is always quality time. I found HT to be warm, and smart, inquisitive about my life since leaving RBBB myself.  
The soul of a clown, is a different kind of light. And he had that light from within. There is a special love in clowns. Of people, of colors, of light and wonder...of children.  
It is deepest condolences I offer, for your loss. When a clown is gone, a dimness does descend. That is the power of clowns to light so many places, and HT was one of them.  
I wish peace and love to his family and friends.  
xo

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**Regan DuCasse** - September 21, 2016 at 11:06 AM

BR

“ He was such a sweet and loving person, my son carried his business card around for the longest time because scooter was his friend and I truly think scooter wanted to be everybody's friend. I know some of you may know him personally but he was scooter to me and my family. He turned my little boy into anything he wanted to be whether it was a lion with a sword or Spider-Man with a pirate hat but most importantly he encouraged fun and imagination. He will be missed by so many, such a wonderful person.

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**Brittany** - September 21, 2016 at 10:46 AM

BR

“ I just received the news from my dad, he said Scooter the clown passed away. That's who we knew him as "Scooter" and I know many others know him personally but to my family he was somebody who made a little boy turn into a Lion with a cool pirate hat or Spider-Man with a sword. There were no limits for him to see somebody smile. I have a funny story to share and how he would remember my son. One evening during family night at Bob Evans, Scooter was blowing up a balloon and it popped and scared my son and he accidentally peed on scooters shoe and he just laughed it off. But then that's how he always recalled my little boy "hey I remember you, you peed on my shoe" he made everyone feel so good about life and I'll never forget him sharing his story with me and how he was such a fighter. My prayers and thoughts go out to the family. He was a wonderful man and he truly did make the world a better place.

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**Brittany** - September 21, 2016 at 10:25 AM



“ Todd I'll love miss you love cousin Vickie Tennessee



Vickie Brown - September 21, 2016 at 09:52 AM

VB

“ Todd very special cousin keep you in my heart Vickie Tennessee



vickie Brown - September 21, 2016 at 09:15 AM

VB

“ Todd our family miss you special us God bless you



Vickie Bryant Burgess Brown - September 21, 2016 at 08:26 AM

VB

“ Todd I'll never forget our talks family reunion growing up your so special When you went Clown College so did daughter Melissa age 15 Both have done amazing jobs will be missed always hold you in my ❤️🌹❤️🌹🙏😊 Cousin Vickie Tennessee



Vickie Bryant Burgess Brown - September 21, 2016 at 08:21 AM



*Love you Todd Praying Mom Brothers Sisters Uncles Cousins wish Cousin Vickie Tennessee*

**Vickie Brown** - September 21, 2016 at 01:10 PM

EJ

“ *Elizabeth Nower James lit a candle in memory of Howard Todd Griffith*



**Elizabeth Nower James** - September 21, 2016 at 08:06 AM

TH

“ *Sending prayers for Todds family and friends.*  
*Terri Beth Hoylman*

**Terri Beth Hoylman** - September 21, 2016 at 07:08 AM

CT

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. prayers to his family. I didn't know him but he was a good friend of my daughter, Allison, in high school*

**carolyn tant** - September 21, 2016 at 06:39 AM



“ *Bobby Higginbotham lit a candle in memory of Howard Todd Griffith*



**Bobby Higginbotham** - September 21, 2016 at 05:47 AM

BH

“ Bobby Higginbotham lit a candle in memory of Howard Todd Griffith



Bobby Higginbotham - September 21, 2016 at 05:41 AM

VB

Lit Candle Todd  
Special cousin

vickie Brown - September 21, 2016 at 09:11 AM

LA

“ Heaven not only gained an Angel but a carefree fun loving amazing man who I'm sure is up there rite now putting on a heck of a show making everyone laugh and painting faces and making balloon animals for all the kids young and old!! 🤪🤪🎈



Lisa Akers - September 20, 2016 at 11:14 PM

LA

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Lisa Akers - September 20, 2016 at 11:13 PM

BF

“ *Some favorite Todd quotes --*

*"I get paid in smiles and my bank account is full." -- One of his favorite responses when any reporter asked him how much Ringling clowns got paid.*

*"Honey, this flower is wilted." -- One of his favorite responses if he was too tired to go grab a bite to eat or hang out after a show.*

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**Brandon Foster** - September 20, 2016 at 11:08 PM

BF

“ *3 files added to the album New Album Name*



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**Brandon Foster** - September 20, 2016 at 11:03 PM

CH

“ *Charlie lit a candle in memory of Howard Todd Griffith*



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**Charlie** - September 20, 2016 at 10:56 PM

MG

*To Todd's family,  
I met Todd on Ringling, I'm the mom of Alex Ramon who was the zing master on the red unit zing zang zoom. Todd made such a great clown, it was so wonderful to meet him, I actually got to be an honorary clown and he showed me the way! We went out to dinner with him and another clown, great memories for me! I was sadden when I first learned of his brain cancer but saw of his strength in his battle on fb. He brought a lot of laughter to many. If you can out a smile on someone's face that's what matters. Because not everyone can a special person and talent. He will be missed but I'm so glad I got to spend time visiting Ringling and seeing him! My love and prayers of comfort for you. Molly*

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**molly gonzalez** - September 20, 2016 at 11:55 PM

LD

“ *Lisa Call Dorsey sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Howard Todd Griffith*



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**Lisa Call Dorsey** - September 20, 2016 at 03:43 PM