



## Anthony "Tony" J. Gripka

September 17, 1931 - August 19, 2020

Anthony "Tony" J. Gripka, age 88, of Pierce City, MO passed away on Wednesday, August 19, 2020 at his son's home in Stark City, MO. He was born in Stotts City, MO on September 17, 1931 to the late Anthony Albert and Stella (Clapper) Gripka. Mr. Gripka graduated from Pierce City High School in 1951. He married Phyllis Harrell on December 15, 1951 in Pierce City and she preceded him in death on February 4, 2011. He enjoyed hunting deer and elk and loved to fish. He spent many hours gardening and tending to his roses. Mr. Gripka ran the time clock for Pierce City Eagles football games and watched the St. Louis Cardinals. He served his country through the Missouri National Guard and served the First Baptist Church in Pierce City as a deacon. He was an alderman for Pierce City, served as school board president, was a member on LACOBA's board and was a member of the Monett American Legion 91/Hobbs Anderson Post.

Surviving are the following: two sons, Doug (Tami) Gripka of Stark City, MO and Tom (Susan) Gripka of Dripping Springs, TX; two daughters, Donna (Mike) Knight of Monett, MO and Missi (Kevin) Miller of Monett, MO; one sister, Betty Terry of Purdy, MO; one brother, Charles Gripka of Fulton, MO; fourteen grandchildren; sixteen great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

The family will receive friends at First Baptist Church in Pierce City, MO on Sunday, August 23, 2020 from 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM. Funeral services will be at First Baptist Church in Pierce City, MO on Monday, August 24, 2020 beginning at 10:00 AM with Pastor Doug Gripka and Chaplain Tom Gripka officiating. Burial, with Military Honors, will follow at Pierce City Cemetery in Pierce City.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Pierce City Backpack Program in care of the funeral home. Arrangements are under the personal care and direction of Lakin Funeral Home in Pierce City, MO.

# Cemetery Details

## Pierce City Cemetery

Pierce City, MO 65723

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **23**. 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
21819 Hwy 97  
Pierce City, MO 65723

## Funeral Service

AUG **24**. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
21819 Hwy 97  
Pierce City, MO 65723

# Tribute Wall



“ Anthony "Tony" J. Gripka

October 09, 2023 at 08:34 AM



“ Sending thoughts and prayers to the family. --  
Michelle Clark



Michelle Clark - August 27, 2020 at 02:31 PM



“ Much sympathy to the Gripka family. Your Dad was a great influence in my life as a young girl at First Baptist Church in Pierce City. He lead our then class called, "Training Union" on Sunday evenings. Great memories! He was indeed a Saint!

Gloria Harvey Abramovitz

Gloria Harvey Abramovitz - August 24, 2020 at 02:53 PM



“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Tony was a wonderful man and will be missed . John Washburn and Lynda Lewis.



lynda lewis - August 23, 2020 at 10:21 PM

TK

“ I remember Tony's being on the Pierce City School Board, but did not know he was president of the Board nor did I know he had been an alderman in Pierce City. What a nice picture of Tony! May our Lord and memories comfort Tony's family during this time.



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**Tom and Yvonne Kerr** - August 23, 2020 at 04:15 PM

MG

“ So sorry to hear of Tony's passing He was a great guy

*Don and Margie Gripka*

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**Margie Gripka** - August 22, 2020 at 01:18 PM

LK

“ Losing Anthony is a great loss. He was the kindest, gentlest and such an honest man. He followed and spread God's teachings and love with everybody. His kindness caused respect and love from all. Larry and I are so sorry we missed fishing with him but we will take his invitation to heaven and fish for the big ones. We really love him.  
*Larry, Linda, Shawn, Mark & Malinda Kerr*

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**Larry & Linda Kerr** - August 21, 2020 at 07:04 PM

ST

“ Donna, Mike and Family, so sorry for your loss. Although i never had the pleasure of meeting Tony, i can tell he will be greatly missed by his community as well.  
- Steve & Shirley

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**STEVE TODD** - August 21, 2020 at 05:24 PM

SG

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



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**Susan Gripka** - August 21, 2020 at 09:19 AM

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**Susan Gripka** - August 21, 2020 at 09:16 AM

SM

“ We are so sorry for your loss. But with great assurance we know that he is rejoicing in heaven! Tony always had great words of encouragement for Angel and I. He was a great supporter of the Hispanic ministry. We will always be grateful for the love of Jesus that he shared with us and all who knew him.

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**Sandra Mancillas** - August 20, 2020 at 11:16 PM

CJ

“ Sorry for to all families for their loss. Thinking also of betty(now elizabeth).

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**Carroll and betty jarvis** - August 20, 2020 at 10:30 PM

DB

“ *Danny Lee Boman....."Tony and I went coonhunting many nights. Or he would let me take his dogs so they wouldn't have to stay in the pen. We had a lot of good times. Here was a really good plumber and electrician. Here was a great guy."*

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**Danny Boman** - August 20, 2020 at 08:19 PM

RC

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Tony was such a pleasure to visit with. He will be missed*

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**Ron and Debbie Creed** - August 20, 2020 at 05:26 PM