

## GRUFFUDD, IFAN or IEUAN (c. 1655 - c. 1734), poet

**Name:** Ifan Gruffudd  
**Date of birth:** c. 1655  
**Date of death:** c. 1734  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** poet  
**Area of activity:** Poetry  
**Author:** Geraint Bowen

Born at Tŷr-gwyn, Tredraur ('Troed-yr-aur'), Cardiganshire, where he died, 'being nearly 80 years of age.' Between 1672 and 1722 he wrote a considerable number of carols of the type known as *halsingod* and in 1718 published, jointly with [Samuel Williams](#) of Llandyfriog, a selection of them, bearing the title *Pedwar o Ganuau*. Only one of his *cywyddau* survives - the 'Cywydd i'r Iesu o gynnildeb wyneb yngwrthwyneb' printed in *Meddylieu Neillduol ar Grefydd* (1717). He produced a number of *englynion* and at least one 'summer carol.' We hear of him being present at the Machynlleth eisteddfod, 1702, where he was lampooned by [Siôn Rhydderch](#). [Iaco ab Dewi](#) wrote a poem in his honour, while [Siencyn Thomas](#) of Cwm-du and [Alban Thomas](#) of Blaen-porth wrote elegies upon him.

### Author

Dr Geraint Bowen

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