



Gary Lester Griffith

August 17, 2018

Gary Lester Griffith, 82, died peacefully Friday, August 17, 2018.

He is survived by his loving wife of 58 years Lois Hoffower Griffith, his brother Jerry (Sandra) Griffith - College Station, three children - Leslie (Don) Pemelton- McAllen, Kenneth (Jennifer) Griffith- McAllen, Rebecca (Bubba) Angel - McAllen, eight grandchildren -Sarah Pemelton-McAllen, Ryan (Alexis) Pemelton - McAllen, Matthew (Haley) Pemelton - Midland, Baylee Hopper - San Antonio, Austin Griffith - San Antonio, Ben Griffith- San Marcos, Brehannah Hopper - San Antonio and Sydney Pemelton - College Station, great granddaughter - Lily Kowalski- McAllen, brothers-in-law Raymond (Bonnie) Hoffower - Gresham, OR and Melvin (Rosemary) Hoffower - Harper, and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents - Kenneth and Lida Griffith and his in-laws Robert and Sarah Hoffower.

Gary was born in Louisiana and moved to Brownsville in 1950. He attended Brownsville High School where he lettered in football, baseball and basketball and was voted Outstanding Athlete both his Junior and Senior year. He was also selected as Most Handsome of his Senior class. Gary received a scholarship to play basketball at Texas A&M and later transferred to Texas A & I in Kingsville. He also played semi-professional baseball and was inducted into the Leo Najo Baseball Hall of Fame.

Gary was a faithful follower of Jesus Christ and was a member of Calvary Baptist Church since 1959, where he served as a Deacon and Sunday School teacher for many years. When not serving others, he loved to spend time

riding horses at the Lida Bell Ranch, designing handmade knives and hunting in Utah with his good friends Bobby Bell, Ken Stewart and John Larson.

Gary had an entrepreneurial spirit beginning with opening a Humble/Enco gas station on Harvey and 10th in McAllen in the 1960's. His reputation of being an honest and generous business man continued throughout his life up until the time of his recent retirement, where he owned and operated, along with his son Ken and son-in-law Don, Griffith Transportation in Edinburg.

He was a quiet, gentle, generous, loving man. OUR COWBOY will be deeply missed by his family and friends.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, August 22, 2018 from 6-8 pm at Kreidler Funeral Home in McAllen with funeral services scheduled for Thursday August 23, 2018 at Calvary Baptist Church, 1600 Harvey Drive, McAllen at 1 pm. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Laurie P Andrews PAWS Center or Calvary Baptist Church. Gary's four grandsons will serve as pall bearers.

Previous Events

Family Visitation

AUG **22**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Kreidler Funeral Home, Inc.
314 N 10th St.
McAllen, TX 78501
(956) 686-0234
kreidler@sbcglobal.net
<http://www.kreidlerfuneralhome.com/index.html>

Funeral Service

AUG **23**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Calvary Baptist Church
1600 Harvey Dr
McAllen, TX 78501

Tribute Wall



“ Gary Lester Griffith

October 08, 2023 at 09:43 PM



“ Gary Lester Griffith

November 29, 2022 at 06:40 AM



“ Gerald Taylor lit a candle in memory of Gary Lester Griffith



Gerald Taylor - August 23, 2018 at 08:17 AM



“ Mr GLG You will always Have A Place in my Heart The things that I learned from you that helped me become a better man I allways enjoyed Going To the Ranch you and I the long talks The things you shared with me Oh I Could go on and on Thank you sir For Being A employer and Friend I truly wish you and my Dad had a chance to have met Thanks

Gerald Taylor - August 23, 2018 at 08:15 AM

ML

“ Hi Lois and Family,

We are so sorry for your loss of husband, father and grandfather. Rob and I pray for God to give you the strength and courage you need to get through this tough time in your lives. We have good memories of all of you. Our love, Robert and Margaret Linton

Margaret Linton - August 21, 2018 at 06:24 PM

CA

“ *Just wanted to send thoughts and prayers to the Griffith family. I have been gone from the valley for over 30 years but one thing I do know is Mr. Griffith was one of the sweetest souls I ever had the pleasure of knowing. I know God has one of His Angels home and we will all be together one day.. God Bless all of you.*

Chantel Morneau Allison

Chantel Allison - August 21, 2018 at 01:57 PM

BG

“ *Such a good guy....sending love and prayers for comfort to all of you. Wish we could be there to give hugs to all and especially Lois. Mike and Barbara Gower*

Barbara Gower - August 21, 2018 at 10:43 AM

SS

“ *My condolences to Gary's entire family. He was a friend for probably 65 years as my Sister (Betty Hardee) and Husband (Bill Smith) were in the BHS -1954 with him and it was a close knit group. He has always had a special place in my heart.*

Suzanne Hardee Smith-Trice - August 21, 2018 at 07:29 AM

CS

“ I knew Gary for over 50 years. He was always an honest man and loved the Lord. One of his greatest traits was his love of his family. I pray for his family at this time of sorrow. I feel sure the Lord has arranged for his horses and dogs to be with him.

Carl Scott

Carl Scott - August 20, 2018 at 11:34 AM

RW

“ Kenny, we are saddened to hear the loss of your father, please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at these difficult times.

Roy and Shirley Wiatrek

Roy Wiatrek - August 20, 2018 at 09:22 AM

JB

“ I am truly sorry for the loss of your beloved Gary. He was a kind man to all he knew. Also I didn't realize you had just lost your mother. May God give you peace and confidence that you will see them again. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Joyce Bost

Joyce Bost - August 19, 2018 at 01:03 PM

TW

“ Many prayers for this wonderful family who I'm proud to work for. Sending many hugs and prayers to you all. May God wrap his arms around all of you.

Tammy Wilcox - August 18, 2018 at 11:09 PM