



## Leland Gardner Griffin Jr.

June 22, 1938 - December 15, 2021

Leland Gardner Griffin, Jr passed away on December 15, 2021 in Muskogee, OK. He was born on June 22, 1938, to Leland Gardner Griffin, Sr. and Helen Estella (Chandler) Griffin in Harris, OK.

He graduated from Vian High School in 1956, then attended Oklahoma City University. He joined the United States Army where he served in Germany during the Cold War Era. He then went to Oklahoma State University where he finished his bachelor's degree in 1967. He attended St. Paul School of Theology in Leawood, KS, where he earned his MDiv in 1970.

He married Elizabeth Ann Harman on May 26, 2000 in Muskogee, OK. They shared 21 years of life, marriage and memories together.

Leland was a member of the Oklahoma Conference of the United Methodist Church, American Legion, Muskogee Art Guild and attended Trinity UMC. He was an artist, musician, minister, thespian, soldier, educator, and civil rights activist. He loved spending time with his wife and family.

He was preceded in death by his father, Leland Gardner Griffin, Sr., mother, Helen Estella (Chandler) Griffin and brother Gerald Maxwell Griffin.

Leland is survived by his wife Elizabeth Harman Griffin of Muskogee, OK; son, Jerry Griffin of Oklahoma City, OK; daughter, Kathy Thomson and husband Jerry of Oklahoma City, OK; brother, Raymond Eugene Griffin of Muskogee, OK; uncle, Sherman Lee Stroup and wife Mary of Warsaw, MO; granddaughters, Athina Kay Southerland and husband James of Edmond, OK, Madeleine McPherson and husband Trevor of Tulsa, OK and Teryn Martin

of Oklahoma City, OK; great-grandson, Griffin Southerland of Edmond, OK; four children and 7 grandchildren of his wife Elizabeth, who loved their Grandpa Lee.

A memorial service for Leland will be 11:30AM, Monday, January 10, 2022 @ St. Paul United Methodist Church in Muskogee. Interment will follow at 1:30PM at Ft Gibson National Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Fort Gibson National Cemetery

1423 National Cemetery Rd.  
Fort Gibson, OK

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN 10. 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Paul United Methodist Church  
2130 W Okmulgee  
Muskogee, OK 74401

# Tribute Wall



“ *Leland Gardner Griffin Jr.*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *Dana & Gail purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Leland Gardner Griffin Jr..*



**Dana & Gail** - January 07, 2022 at 03:44 PM



“ *Move across the street from Lee and Liz, was the first ones met, Jackie and Roger. I really appreciate Lee helping Roger drive to Tacoma Washington, where I living, in 2008. Missing You.*



**Jacqueline Brown and Roger Osborne** - January 06, 2022 at 05:49 PM

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“ We met Lee in Tulsa the 60’s when he went to work with my husband at Sears. He was just back from the service and was beginning his educational journey to serve The Lord. That friendship continued as we journeyed on to Stillwater so that they could attend OSU. Many fun times were shared with our two families and we went our separate ways following graduation, but we never completely lost contact. We proudly display four of his pieces of art in our home, one oil, two watercolors and one pencil portrait. His memory will remain in our hearts and lives. God speed old friend.  
Sue and Bill Pope

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**Bill & Sue Pope** - January 06, 2022 at 09:55 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Leland Gardner Griffin Jr..



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January 06, 2022 at 02:53 AM



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**Kathy Thompson** - January 05, 2022 at 10:29 PM



“ *Lee was the first person to greet my husband and myself when we attended Trinity church in 2019. He was so friendly and outgoing making us feel so welcome. He will be remembered for his kindness to us each Sunday at church.* ”

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**Linda Jones** - December 18, 2021 at 12:40 PM