



## Thomas Patrick Griffin

March 17, 1943 - December 21, 2017

Thomas Patrick Griffin, 74 of Gainesville, Texas, passed away Thursday evening, December 21, 2017 in Gainesville. He was born March 17, 1943 to Timothy Charles Griffin and Marian Margret Manion in Parkersburg, WV. At an early age his family moved to the Muskogee area where he grew up and attended Sacred Heart Catholic School, later transferring to Muskogee Public Schools. He graduated from Muskogee's Central High School with the Class of 1961. He furthered his education by attending and graduating from Central State University at Edmond.

Tom enlisted with the United States Marine Corps and proudly served his country during the Vietnam War. After returning home from Vietnam, he was stationed at Camp Pendleton where he served with the Military Police. He later received an Honorable Discharge.

After returning home from the Marine Corps, Tom began a long career in business. He worked in the steel industry for many years. He was a Foundry Consultant for the Oklahoma and Tri-State Area up until his last illness.

On October 14, 1983, Tom married his best friend, Phyllis Anne Stratton by Judge Bill Bliss, in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Together they have shared over 34 years of happy life and marriage together. Tom was of the Catholic faith.

Tom's hobbies included watching old western movies, especially starring John Wayne and was a sports enthusiast. He will be remembered for his loyalty, unique humor and love for family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Dr. Scott Thomas Griffin; sister,

Sharon Griffin-Bolton; and brother, Tim Griffin.

Tom is survived by his wife, Phyllis of the home; his son, Will Griffin and wife Kim of Edmond; brother, Dan Griffin and wife Cliva of Ft. Worth, TX; grandchildren, Jeff Gragg and Josh Griffin; brother-in-law, David Stratton and Kristy Kerley; sister-in-law, Sarah Barton and husband Junior; nephews and nieces, Monty Griffin, Joseph Griffin and wife Lisa, Greg Griffin, William Bolton, Brandon Stratton and wife Christy, Cortney Hunt and husband Robert, Whitney Malott and husband Kyle, Beau, Carlee and Jaxon Barton; other family members and friends.

A celebration of Tom's life will be 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 27, 2017, at Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel. Honorary pallbearers will be Mike Norman, Dr. Mike Sheets, Ed Gage, B.P. Sudberry, and Sam Bradley. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 1-800-805-5856 or to your favorite charity in Tom's honor.

Funeral services are under the direction of Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory, 1830 N. York Street, Muskogee, OK. Condolences may be made to the family online at [www.cornerstoneofmuskogee.com](http://www.cornerstoneofmuskogee.com)

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# Cemetery Details

## Greenhill Cemetery

1500 N. York Street  
Muskogee, OK 74403

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **26**. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel  
1830 N. York St.  
Muskogee, OK 74403

# Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas Patrick Griffin*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM

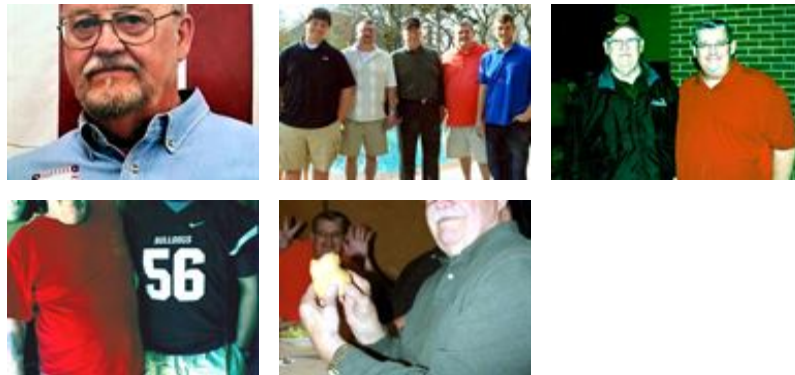


“ *Tom and I met many years ago when we worked at Mallons Grocery where Arline and Junction met in Muskogee. I was only 12 and I guess Tom was about 17. He was like an older brother to me. I met and enjoyed his whole family later. As we grew older are paths crossed once in a while and we renewed our friendship. I sold cars for 38 years and Tom would buy one from me ever so often even after he moved to Texas! I am so sorry that I didn't even know he was sick! Wish I could have made the funeral! 😞 Hello to Phyllis and Danny Griffin!*

**Bill Mocha** - December 27, 2017 at 06:47 PM



“ *72 files added to the album LifeTributes*



**Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory** - December 26, 2017 at 01:07 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Thomas Patrick Griffin*.



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December 26, 2017 at 11:33 AM



“ *Stately Croton* was purchased for the family of *Thomas Patrick Griffin*.



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December 26, 2017 at 11:07 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *Thomas Patrick Griffin*.



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December 26, 2017 at 10:39 AM

DH

“ I remember Tom (as we called him) when he came to our town of El Paso. He was so nice to my brother and me. He worked with his brother (Dan) and my father (Don) in a quite successful business. His humorous and easygoing style made him a pleasure to be around. Tom's ability to communicate, especially with us kids, was akin to getting an education. I was still in high school and I found him easier to talk to than my parents in several situations.

*He will surely be missed. He held a special memory in my heart. Please rest now Tom Griffin. I love you.*

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**David Hossley** - December 25, 2017 at 02:39 PM

JH

“ I still remember taking a Mayatex sales trip with Tom back in 1977. It was a fun adventure. I enjoyed Tom's humor. He was always so kind and generous to my family and me.

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**Jim Hossley** - December 25, 2017 at 01:02 PM

CG

“ Christmas of 1986 or 1987, can't remember we spent a very awesome Merry Christmas in Muskogee because of Tom. We lived in El Paso and could not afford to go to Muskogee for a family Christmas. Tom bought plane tickets for Dan, Monty, Joseph and me to fly there for a family get together. He also bought tickets for Sharon and Billy. We had a very pleasant and fun Merry Christmas!!! Love you Tom and will miss you! Cliva and Dan Griffin

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**Cliva Griffin** - December 24, 2017 at 12:39 PM