



## Wendell L. Griffin Obituary

May 6, 1937 - October 8, 2010

A native of Irwin County, Butch had lived in Albany for 47 years. He graduated from Irwin County High School in the Class of 1955 and then he attended ABAC. He retired as a sales representative with Triangle Chemical Company. He was an active member of Porterfield Memorial United Methodist Church, serving as past president of the Key Sunday School Class, past president of United Methodist Men, past delegate to the South Georgia United Methodist Conference, member of the Activities Planning Committee, and served as an usher for the 8:30 service. Butch was a member of the Exchange Club of Albany, serving as an officer at the local, state, and national level. He won the Exchange Club's Exchange of the Year Award, the Book of Golden Deeds Award, and the National Exchange Court of Honor. He served as Livestock Chairman for the Exchange Club Fair for over 30 years. He received both Georgia and International "Fair Man of the Year" awards. Butch volunteered his time in cooking for many organizations throughout the state. He was active in Vashti, a center for troubled youth and their families in Thomasville, GA. He had served as a past president and chairman of the board. He received the first "Butch Griffin Humanitarian Award from Vashti. Butch had received the Service to Mankind Award from the Albany Sertoma Club. He received the Georgia Crop Production Alliance Lifetime Achievement Hall of Fame Award. Butch was preceded in death by his parents: Arthur and Sophronie Paulk Griffin, his siblings: Clarence Griffin, Waldo Griffin, Raymond Griffin, Dorothy G. Mizelle, Mildred G. Davis, Helen G. Cumbaa, and Arthur Griffin, Jr. He is

survived by his wife: Kathryn "Kay" Griffin, Albany; 3 children: Wesley Griffin and his wife Laura, Albany, Loy Griffin Addison and her husband Billy, Albany, Paul Griffin and his wife Janie, Fitzgerald; 5 grandchildren: Lyla Griffin, Harper Addison, Baylee Addison, all of Albany, Duston Griffin and his wife Lane, St. Marys, GA, Garrett Griffin and his wife Abby, Ocilla, GA; 3 great grandchildren: Brody Griffin, Katie Griffin, St. Marys, GA, Rhett Griffin, Ocilla, GA; a brother: Wycliffe Griffin and his wife Ann, Ocilla, GA, a sister: Wydene G. Tomberlin, Ocilla, GA; a sister-in-law: Myra S. Griffin, Ocilla, GA; father and mother-in-law: Ira and Maxie Harper, Douglas, GA.

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“ *Children lost a devoted and dedicated advocate when Mr. Griffin died. It was my pleasure to know him and fight for abused children's rights with him. He was a true Prince.*

**Day McGee** - November 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Kay, Our deepest sympathy on your loss. Butch was a friend to many and will be greatly missed. He always had a smile. Our prayers are with you.*

**Debbie & Grady Chambless** - October 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Both Kathy and I were just really in unbelief that Gus had left to be with the Lord. We will indeed miss his laughter, humor and most of all his friendship. God bless you and we will indeed keep you in our prayers.*

**Franz & Kathy Bruckmair** - October 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GV

“ Kay, we were so sorry to hear of your loss. Butch was such a good man - always managed to bring a smile to your face no matter what! He will live in our memories as a wonderful neighbor and friend. We offer our heartfelt condolences to you and your family. God Bless!

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**Gloria and John Verenakis** - October 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

FH

“ Butch was in my "class" of District Presidents (I'm from Rocky Mountain District) for Exchange back in 1994-95. He expressed then the fulfillment he had in life from being of service through Exchange and I know he performed many acts of service for which he will be blessed in the hereafter. It was a great pleasure to be associated with Butch through that great organization of Exchange. He will be greatly missed. May God's blessings of comfort be poured out upon you in this time of sorrow.

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**Floyd Holm** - October 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ Our prayers are with you.

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**Bob and Sara Arnold** - October 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ Loy, I was so sorry to hear of your father's passing. I can only imagine the sorrow you and your family feel right now. A father is such a precious gift. I hope that your fond memories and love for him will comfort you during this time. He was such a kind and loving man. I remember seeing him while we waited for the school bus so many years ago! It seems like just yesterday. I wish you and your family much love and peace as you grieve your loss. But know he is smiling upon you-today and everyday. Please remember that this separation is only temporary as you will see him again someday.

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**Chandra Edwards** - October 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ *Loy and family: my heartfelt sympathy to you all. He was such a good, sweet man. Will be keeping you in my prayers.*

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**Patty Gerst** - October 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AV

“ *Thank You for being a part of the "Exchange Club Family". You will always be remembered for the great things you have done, and the people you have touched. Aisha Vadell, Minot Exchange Club, Minot North Dakota*

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**Aisha Vadell** - October 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *Mr. Butch was always so nice to us and our girls. He was the embodiment of our christian faith. God bless his family.*

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**Brad and Tina Folsom** - October 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *Wesley, Loy and "Miss" Gay, You and the rest of your family are in my thoughts and prayers in the hours and days to come. I will never forget his good humor and kinds words to me when I worked at Triangle. He may be gone from this earth but he will never be gone from your hearts. Cherish the memories.*

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**Sue Sangster** - October 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ *Mrs Kay & Family, So sorry for your lost - I pray for God's loving arms to comfort you during this time - Your family has always been special to me.*

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**Alison McCorkle** - October 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ Our deepest sympathies to the entire family. May God grant you peace and comfort at this time and in the days ahead. Linda and Robert Wells

Robert and Linda Wells - October 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ Cindy and I send out deepest sympathy to Kay and all of Butch's Family. Butch was a great friend of ours and of Exchange. I missed him when he no longer served on the National Board of Directors. Butch was an inspiration to us all. He will be truly missed but never forgotten. Buffalo Bob and Cindy "the Sea Horse" Harb

Robert "Buffalo Bob" Harb, Exchange Club Past Nati - October 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ I got to know Butch when he was on The National Exchange Club Board. Butch was always willing to tell you how he felt even if it wasn't the way the majority of the members thought. Exchange was fortunate to have Butch. May you be comforted by knowing he was well loved.

Robert H. Ogilvie - October 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Kay: You and Butch have meant so much to us through the years. You have been a blessing to our lives and we always looked forward to seeing you. We have some great memories. We will miss him. May the Lord grant you peace and the extra strength you will need during the coming days. Our love to you and the family. Ken & Linda

Ken & Linda Franklin - October 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EV

“ Exchange has lost one of its best. Kay and family, thank you for sharing him with us for so many years. Paul and I will continue to keep you and your family in our prayers. I am so honored to have known him.

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**Elizabeth Grantham, Region 10 VP** - October 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ Butch was one of the finest Exchangites I have ever known. He will be missed.

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**Greg Harrant** - October 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ Kay and family - Steve and I are so sorry for your loss. Butch was a good friend and we were blessed to call him a friend. Our lives were truly enriched by knowing him. Carolyn & Steve Geisert

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**Carolyn Geisert** - October 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ All of the members of the Tifton Exchange Club are saddened to hear of Butch's death. He was a friend to many of us, and his service to the Exchange Club was an inspiration to all members.

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**The Exchange Club of Tifton** - October 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ Please accept our deepest sympathy for your loss. We fondly remember Butch from the days that Brian and Wesley played baseball together in Dixie League. You and the family are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Tommy and Helen Kinney** - October 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ Mrs. Kaye my heart is so heavy for your lost, we have all lost a very dear friend. Mr. Butch was the true meaning of "Exchange" He was so loved and will truly be missed. Our prayers are with you and the family. God Bless.

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**Shirley Aldridge** - October 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ We loved Butch and will miss him dearly.

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**Jim and Bonnie Hall** - October 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ Kay & Family, Thank you for sharing Butch with Exchange Club. I am so honored to have been his friend. With a twinkle in his eye he was ever ready to serve. We will miss him - rest in peace my dear friend. May your memories carry you through - remember your friends are here for you. With heartfelt sympathy & love - Sally Akers, Toledo OH (aka "Young 'n")

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**Sally Akers** - October 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ The embodiment of an honorable man. Prayers to the Griffin's, and joy in a life well lived. Mike, Shelley, Jordie and Tyler Keeley.

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**Mike and Shelley Keeley** - October 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Griffin family. Butch was such a blessing to his community, his church, his friends and his family.

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**Bill and Dawn Cannon** - October 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Kay, Loy and family Ron and I are so sad to get the news of Butch's death. You know our friendship goes back a longway and we really will miss Butch even thou we live away from Albany. We will see you soon. Love Ron and Lucy

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**Ron and Lucy W. Collins** - October 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Kathryn, Thinking of you at this time. I will keep you and the family in my prayers. Cecile

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**Cecile Paulk Sumner** - October 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ My deepest sympathy goes to the family.

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**Karen Wynegar** - October 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

WM

“ Butch was my friend and I am glad he is now free. With loving wishes to Kay and all the family. Bill

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**William T. (Bill) Mills** - October 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Sending our condolences to The Griffin Family, so very sad to hear Mr. Griffin had passed. He will forever remain in our families lives as he had a very warm and calming spirit. My daughter, Chekesha Thornton, would always talk of Mr. Griffin because he cared about the kids when she was in the band with his son Wesley. I met Mr. Griffin and he cared for all people. He will truly be missed by our family and thank you Mr. Griffin for always making us proud to have known such a person. The Thornton Family

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**BuLinda Campbell-Moore** - October 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Butch was a joy to be with and We know you will miss him dearly as we all will. Prayers and our very sincere sympathy to you all. Love and blessings, Saundra Cobb Kerri and Bobby Bennett

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**Saundra (Bennett) Cobb** - October 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Granddaddy Butch we are all going to miss your sweet smiles, funny stories and all of the many dinners we got to share with you especially your shish kabobs. Thank you for showing through your giving spirit how each of us should live our lives and what a joy we get to share with our children the lessons you have taught us. God is smiling at you now saying Well done my Good and Faithful Servant. We love you so much.

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**Duston and Lane Griffin** - October 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Thinking of you all and remembering sweet Mr. Butch....so many good memories! Remembering when he auctioned items for UMW, cooking hamburgers and hotdogs for Rockfest, ushering, working at the fair....the Smallwoods will miss Mr. Butch so much. Prayers going up for all of you....

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**Allyson Carter Smallwood** - October 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ I was so very fortunate and blessed to have been called a friend of Butch as well as his family. My family's prayers are with you all. With much love, prayers, and many warm funny memories..God Bless you all Pat Bradley, Betty Key, and Laci Bynum families

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**Pat Bradley** - October 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ *Many thoughts and prayers are being sent your way! Much love to you all. Wydene and the girls*

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**Diana T, Garvey** - October 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM