



Mr. Wilbur Eugene "Gene" Griffin

June 1, 1939 - August 24, 2016

Wilbur Eugene "Gene" Griffin, 77, died at Phoebe Putney Hospital on August 24, 2016.

A memorial service will be held 4 PM Saturday, August 27, 2016 at First Baptist Church of Albany on Oakland Parkway. Family will receive friends 6-8 PM Friday, August 26, 2016 at Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Home.

Born June 1, 1939, Mr. Griffin was the son of the late W.B. Griffin and Mary Sizemore Griffin. He is a graduate of Albany High School and the University of Georgia. Mr. Griffin has been a member of First Baptist Church of Albany for many years. Mr. Griffin is the owner of two business here in Albany, Griffin Construction Co. and Albany Millwork and Supply and has spent a total of 55 years in the construction industry. Gene is a past president of the Albany Sertoma Club and spent some time as Chairman of the Board for The Lord's Pantry. Mr. Griffin was responsible for the rebuilding and restoration of Radium Springs Casino. Gene's favorite hobbies were to play golf, to sing in the church choir and singing group Covenant, and to spend time with his family who he loved most of all.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Mary Kay of Albany; his son, Stephen Griffin (Terri) of Albany; his daughters, Jeannie Carter (Reeves) of Athens, GA, Jenna Leach (Bucky) of Albany; his grandchildren, Elizabeth Griffin, Drew Griffin, Rob Leach, Laney Leach, Griffin Carter, Byrd Carter; his sister, Mary Lou Hite (Bob); his sister-in-law, Kathryn Griffin; and many nieces and nephews that he loved.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Jack Griffin.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to The First Baptist Church of Albany Building Fund, 145 Oakland Pkwy, Leesburg, GA 31763, or The Lord's Pantry, 219 W Society Ave, Albany, Georgia 31701.

To sign our online guestbook or to share a memory with The Griffin Family please visit www.kimbrellstern.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **26**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Kimbrell-Stern
1503 Dawson Road
Albany, GA 31707
(229) 883-4152
<https://www.kimbrellstern.com?>

Memorial Service

AUG **27**. 4:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church Of Albany
145 Oakland Parkway
Leesburg, GA 31763

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Wilbur Eugene "Gene" Griffin*

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



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“ *Mr. Wilbur Eugene "Gene" Griffin*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *Dear Mary Kay:*

I am so very sorry, but I just heard about Gene's passing. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. You were both so special to my parents and so kind when we lost them. Please let me know if there is anything I can do. Meanwhile, my heart-felt condolences are with you all.

*Sincerely,
Lynne Garrison Johnson*

Lynne Johnson - October 03, 2016 at 08:43 PM

CB

“ Gene was one of the first to welcome me into the Sanctuary Choir at First Baptist Church Albany. In fact I sang in the choir for at least 2 years before ever becoming a member of FBCA. At that time, there was a plethora of men singing bass and I could sing most of the tenor part, so I became a part of the tenor section to help out the 3 or 4 consistent attenders. Many years later, at age 50 or so, my voice finally changed and I had to return to the bass section. However, Mr. Gene was the leader of the bass section and he put me on probation. I sat pretty close to him in rehearsals I guess so that he could make sure I wasn't back slidin' and slipping back to singing tenor. Every time I asked Mr. Gene if I was a full fledged bass, he would tell me, "We're still thinking about it" Finally, after a year, he presented me with a certificate of admission to the bass section in the First Baptist Choir. I still have the certificate and will always remember Gene's understated humor. - Chris Butts

Chris Butts - August 29, 2016 at 08:04 AM

CI

“ Dear MaryKay & family,
We are praying the Lord comforts your heart today and the days ahead. May you feel at ease in knowing that your lives have been blessed with treasured memories of Gene. Remember God is with you always.
With Deepest Sympathy for your loss,
Bubba, Cathy, Gaughf, Chapman and Anna Catherine Ivey

cathy ivey - August 27, 2016 at 07:19 PM

DD

“ I remember Eugene well from high school. He was always well thought of and respected. I talked with him some at our last class reunion and was pleased to see what a happy marriage he had. God be with all of his family and may you be comforted by the memories of a fine man.



Dale Briggs Deckert - August 27, 2016 at 10:46 AM

SF

“ Mary Kay and Family, Our Thoughts and Prayers go out to your Family. Gene was such a special person, he treated our Mother, Hazel Swain with such care and love. I will always remember him coming up to me at her Visitation and telling me How and Why he hired here. It meant alot of us. Thanks
Sherry Flournoy and Kris Paul

Sherry Flournoy - August 26, 2016 at 09:13 PM

PM

“ Mary Kay, Stephen and family:
Such sad news that Gene has died. He was a good man and I enjoyed working with him when Stephen was building my home, which I love so very much.
I have touches of Gene throughout.....the beautiful columns he designed, and beautiful moldings that he inspired. He was a great talent and Albany will miss him. Love and prayers to you all.

Patsy Martin - August 26, 2016 at 03:28 PM

AG

“ I am sorry to hear of the passing of Gene, my father worked for him for most my life! He was a very kind and thoughtful person who meant a lot to our whole family. Please know we are all praying for comfort during this time.

-Ashlie (Bennett) Gantt

Ashlie Gantt - August 26, 2016 at 03:26 PM

FL

“ Gene contributed so much to this community and his good deeds will be greatly missed.

He was a true "gentle man" with a good family. I pray God's blessings for all of them.

Sincere sympathy.

Frances Lancaster - August 26, 2016 at 12:09 PM



“ Heavenly and Harmony was purchased for the family of Mr. Wilbur Eugene "Gene" Griffin.



August 26, 2016 at 11:38 AM

SS

“ It was with great sadness that I learned of Gene's passing. For many years, Griffin Construction Company shared an office with me, Bill Burgess and others. We had many great memories at that Pine Street location. It got a little crowded on rainy days when Gene couldn't put his crew on the job.

Gene was always a delight to be around and a true gentleman. The Griffin family will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Skip Spooner

Skip Spooner - August 26, 2016 at 08:27 AM

CM

“ Thoughts and prayers with all of you! Mr. Gene is singing with Jesus!

Cathy Morey - August 25, 2016 at 07:04 PM

CA

“ I never had the opportunity to meet Gene but feel like I know him because of the wonderful conversations about him that I shared with MaryKay. Please know that you, MaryKay, are in my thoughts and prayers. Condolences to you and your family.

Carole - August 25, 2016 at 02:14 PM

BC

Mary Kay and family, my thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this time. Always cherish your memories!!

Betty W. Chandler - August 27, 2016 at 10:08 AM

JH

Mary Kay and Family, I lived close to Gene when we were in grade school and then Jr. and Albany High and graduated in 57 together.

I'm really saddened to here about Gene and sorry I never made it back to have seen him again!

My prayers go out to you!

Joe Henderson

Joe Henderson - August 27, 2016 at 10:38 AM



I was so sorry to read of Gene's passing. He was extremely nice to know. My late husband enjoyed meeting him and seeing him at our class reunions. We were so impressed with the job he did in restoring Radium casino. Harold loved Radium, as we all did. Such a fine man will leave a huge hole in the lives of all he touched. Peace be with you.
Carolyn Vaughan Holiman

Eva C Holiman - August 27, 2016 at 06:26 PM