



Coach Calvin Otis Griffin Sr.

July 27, 1952 - December 1, 2015

Coach Calvin Otis Griffin, Sr. was born July 27, 1952 in Mobile, Alabama to John and Mildred Griffin. He departed this

life to be with Christ on Tuesday, December 1, 2015.

Calvin confessed Christ at an early age and joined Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, Mobile, Alabama. He later united with Goshen First Baptist Church, Goshen, Alabama, and Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church in the Orion Community where he remained active until his death.

Calvin attended Hillsdale High School and graduated in 1970 from John S. Shaw High School, Mobile, Alabama. He furthered his education by attending S. D Bishop State Junior College, Mobile, Alabama, and Alabama State University, Montgomery, Alabama. In 1975 at Alabama State he earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology/Physical Education and in 1988 he received his Master's Degree in Physical Education.

Calvin positively impacted the lives of numerous individuals as a teacher and coach. From 1975 to 1988 he served as both teacher and coach at Goshen High School. In 1988 he transitioned to Charles Henderson High School (CHHS) in Troy, Alabama and remained there until 2002 when he retired. While at CHHS he taught science and physical education. Calvin was the Head Varsity Basketball Coach and he was named Coach of the Year several times. He also served as Assistant Varsity Football Coach.

Calvin retired from the Troy City School System in 2002, but continued to touch and influence the lives of individuals through his spiritual testimonies

regarding physical challenges he had overcome with the help of God. He was a member of Beta Upsilon Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and Co-Founder of the Xi Beta Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. at Troy University. He was also an avid hunter and fisherman, known to share his various and colorful stories with others.

Calvin was joined in holy matrimony to Mary J. Griffin on December 27, 1980, and to this union, Jenifer Nicole and Calvin Otis Griffin II was born.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his brother, Jeffery Bernard Griffin.

Calvin leaves to cherish his memories, a loving and devoted wife, Mary J. Griffin; five children, Jenifer Griffin and Calvin Otis Griffin II, Pensacola, FL; Terrance (Tasha) Wingfield, Chapin, SC; Adrienne Gibby, Lake Spivey, GA; and Corey (Kamelia) Green, Jackson, MS; grandchildren, Terrance Jr., Kaleigh, and Kelvin Wingfield, Chania Green, and Noah Dewayne Griffin, four Godchildren, Sheonte Barginere, McKinzie White, Jonathan Deveridge, and Jenean Deveridge (A. J.) Spencer; two brothers, Jon (Genise) Griffin and Brent (Natalie) Griffin, Mobile, AL; three sisters, Gail (Michael) Sims, Tuskegee, AL; Cynthia (Millard) Mitchell, Atlanta GA; and Jacqueline Porter, Mobile, AL; two aunts, Shirley West and Linda Hill, Mobile, AL; sisters-in-law, Seretha (Willie) Manuel, Midway, AL; and Katherine McClendon, Clio, AL; brothers-in law, J. D. (Mamie) Johnson, Montgomery, AL; Rev. Henry R. Johnson, Frederick (Mary Ann) Johnson, and Darrell Johnson, all of Louisville, AL; devoted friends, Lavon Baker, Ronnie Franklin, Ray Charles Simmons, Joey (Tina) Richards, all of Troy, AL; and Calvin Broadnex, Mobile, AL; and a host of other nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends that are too numerous to name.

Cemetery Details

St. Louis Church Cemetery

Elamville Community
Elamville, AL 36017

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 5. 11:00 AM - 3:30 PM (CT)

George F. Grubbs Funeral Home
208
Madison St.
Troy, AL 36081
grubbsfuneralhome@verizon.net

Service

DEC 6. 1:30 PM (CT)

Sartain Hall - Troy University Campus
600 University Ave.
Troy, AL 36081

Tribute Wall

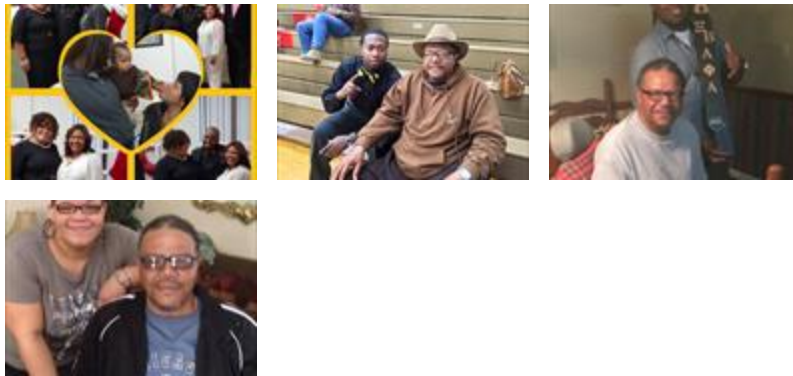


“ Calvin and I were classmates at Hillsdale High and John Shaw High Schools in Mobile, AL. I was so saddened to hear of his passing. I remember that Calvin was always such a joy to be around with his funny jokes and stories. Rest in peace my old friend. My condolences to the Griffin family. Elaine Catlin Martin, Class of 1970.

Elaine Martin - January 23, 2016 at 05:50 PM



“ 4 files added to the album Coach and family



George F. Grubbs FH Family & Staff - December 07, 2015 at 08:10 PM



“ Gail Brown lit a candle in memory of Coach Calvin Otis Griffin Sr.



Gail Brown - December 06, 2015 at 10:50 AM

GB

I'm praying that God keeps you in his arms and gives the entire Griffin Family the strength needed during this time and always!

Gail Brown - December 06, 2015 at 10:55 AM

BT

“ *Brigitte Tracy lit a candle in memory of Coach Calvin Otis Griffin Sr.*



Brigitte Tracy - December 05, 2015 at 11:16 AM

RW

My prayers go out to the Griffen family

Rosa Byrd wheeler - December 05, 2015 at 07:26 PM

GJ

“ *George S Johnson lit a candle in memory of Coach Calvin Otis Griffin Sr.*



George S Johnson - December 05, 2015 at 06:11 AM

SW

“ *Sharon Wingfield-Crowel lit a candle in memory of Coach Calvin Otis Griffin Sr.*



Sharon Wingfield-Crowel - December 05, 2015 at 12:23 AM

MA

“ *Michael & Debra Adams lit a candle in memory of Coach Calvin Otis Griffin Sr.*



Michael & Debra Adams - December 04, 2015 at 10:41 PM

KT

“ *Many wonderful school memories at GHS with Coach Griffin! He was an inspiration and will be missed. Thoughts and prayers to the family. Karen Thomas, class of 1984*

Karen Thomas - December 04, 2015 at 09:19 PM

CS

“ *Charlie & Doristine Sankey lit a candle in memory of Coach Calvin Otis Griffin Sr.*



charlie & Doristine Sankey - December 04, 2015 at 07:57 PM

NS

“ 38 files added to the album Coach Griffin January 2015 at Goshen High School



Nicole Adair Stewart - December 04, 2015 at 09:07 AM

NS

It was an honor and privilege to be asked by Coach Lowery to take these. My prayers and thought are with Coach Griffin's family and friends at this time.

Nicole Adair Stewart - December 04, 2015 at 09:09 AM

LB

“ Lisa Barron lit a candle in memory of Coach Calvin Otis Griffin Sr.



Lisa Barron - December 03, 2015 at 11:12 PM

Grady
Messick

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Coach Calvin Otis Griffin Sr.



Grady Messick - December 03, 2015 at 11:11 PM

Tamara
Furlow

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Coach Calvin Otis Griffin Sr.



Tamara Furlow - December 03, 2015 at 11:07 PM

JH

“ Rest easy within those pearly gates Coach. You have seen the face
of Jesus... "Since you asked!"

Jennifer Hill - December 03, 2015 at 10:19 PM

SM

“ He was an awesome teacher. The class of 1980 will always
remember him. Because of him, I can tell you that the world rung
like a bell during the Chilean earthquake. Many times I was told to
turn around and face the blackboard. He made us like science.

Susan Hill Maddox - December 03, 2015 at 09:07 PM

KS

“ Coach was not only one of my favorite teachers but also a great neighbor and helped me through a lot! Will miss seeing his big smile and always making me smile when I needed it!



Kathy Simmons - December 03, 2015 at 08:49 PM

SM

“ Suzanne Marler lit a candle in memory of Coach Calvin Otis Griffin Sr.



Suzanne marler - December 03, 2015 at 06:55 PM

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“ I really sorry of list coach Griffin.

Suzanne marler - December 03, 2015 at 06:51 PM

SM

I am really sorry of lost Coach Griffin . I went Goshen

Suzanne marler - December 03, 2015 at 06:54 PM

 Trina Rodgers

“ One of the best teachers I had at Goshen

Trina Rodgers - December 03, 2015 at 05:50 PM

RB

Coach Calvin Griffin, was a man that wore many hats. Each hat would fix anyone that knew him...a teacher, a coach, an advisor, a friend, and a family man.

Rose Ann Bean - December 03, 2015 at 06:12 PM



“ Rest in peace, Coach Griffin. You touched so many lives in a positive way. Thank you for being a great teacher to me. Nobody can duplicate you. I pray your soul is resting and content at this time. Your loss is heart-breaking. You will truly be missed. ~ Sharon Delois Jackson (GHS Class Of 1989)



Sharon White - December 03, 2015 at 04:53 PM



“ U will truly b miss so glad that I was able to u on Tuesday I will always cherish Our conversation thanks to Mr.Baker

Sharon Maddox - December 03, 2015 at 04:36 PM



“ RIP coach you touch a lot of people's and helped changed a lot of lives you will never be forgotten.

Willodean Teague - December 03, 2015 at 03:50 PM



“ Rest in Peace coach! You were an awesome coach and teacher!
Gene Schrieber
GHS class of '86

gene schrieber - December 03, 2015 at 02:54 PM



“ He was truly my friend. I will miss you buddy. Love you

Ramona Maddox - December 03, 2015 at 01:12 PM



“ *You have our most heartfelt condolences and prayers. Thank you for entrusting us with the final care of your Loved One. We are always here for you. - George F. Grubbs Funeral Home Family and Staff*

George F. Grubbs FH Family & Staff - December 02, 2015 at 10:45 PM