



Mr. Benjamin Franklin Griffith Jr.

November 4, 1937 - January 14, 2025

Benjamin Franklin Griffith Jr., 87, of Canton, passed away peacefully on January 14, 2025 in Tyler, TX. He was born on November 4th, 1937 in Henderson, TX to Jimmie Ethel Coleman and Benjamin Franklin Griffith Sr. and then baptized into the Methodist Church. Beginning in 1957, Ben honorably served his country in the Navy, before being medically discharged in 1959. He was a faithful employee during 32 exciting years at Texas Instruments. He married Jean Pipsaire Henderson on September 12th, 1992, and in 1998, after his retirement from TI, they moved from Richardson, TX to Canton, TX to enjoy living in the country. They spent over 20 years traveling across America and Canada in their RV. They managed to visit almost every state, meet new friends, and make many special memories. Ben enjoyed playing golf, fishing, and sitting on the back porch, watching the sunset, soaking in the peace, quiet, and beauty. Ben always had a knack for seeing a problem as a challenge and cleverly engineering an unexpected solution. He was an expert canner of delicious salsas and jalapeños, and he was always proud of his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. He loved hearing about their adventures in the world.

He is survived by his wife Jean Pipsaire Griffith, his son Benjamin Franklin Griffith III and his wife Karla and his daughter, Amelia Kathleen Parker and her husband Jon, as well as Jean's children, Scott Cullum Henderson and his wife Kelley, Jennifer Pipsaire Dudek and her husband John. He is also survived by

nine grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

There will be a service to honor Mr. Griffith's life on January 20, 2025 at 11:00 A.M. in the chapel at Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home in Henderson, TX with the Rev. Dr. Jon Parker officiating, under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home. May he rest in peace.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the charity of your choice.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.crawfordacrim.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 20. 11:00 AM (CT)

Crawford A. Crim Funeral Home
1414 South Main Street
Henderson, TX 75654

Tribute Wall

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“ I am heartbroken to just find this out! Ben worked with my dad many, many years ago and has always stayed in touch - more so in the last few years. He was one of just a few links left to my dad. Ben had a big heart, loved his family, and was always so encouraging and entertaining. God Bless!

Cara Hill - April 03, 2025 at 05:34 PM



“ I'm so sorry to hear about Ben. I was so thrilled to have met him and Jean in Canton. It's always neat to run into people from our Rusk County "hometown". I will keep the family in my prayers.

Paige Sanders - January 23, 2025 at 07:55 PM

CW

“ So sorry for your loss of Ben, Jean. Thinking of you during this sad time.

cyndy willard - January 16, 2025 at 09:39 AM

DR

“ We were so blessed to know Ben in Canton, meeting he and Jean soon after they moved to the “country”. Looking for connection with the community they volunteered to help with the Main Street Autumn Stroll and made and served popcorn to visitors coming to that festival.



I always looked forward to Ben’s letters to the editor in the local newspaper as well as his thoughtful and often hilarious posts on the internet.

My very favorite memory of Ben happened when he came out to our little country place to see the new John Deere hay baler and how it operated. Bill was baling hay and Ben was fascinated with the machine and how it worked. Bill let Ben run the tractor and he baled a couple of rows of hay. He was like a kid with a new toy! What a joy to see the sparkle in his eyes and that infectious smile.

Rest well, dear friend.

Donna and Bill Rakestraw

Donna Rakestraw - January 15, 2025 at 10:00 AM

MM

First of all the first time I met Ben I won't forget that smile & jolly face. He would always meet u with that smile. Ben & jean were the best friends & neighbors anyone would love. I will truly miss him. One story I shall tell is the time he rescued me from a copperhead it's funny now but oh so serious that day I will see u one day Ben I will do my best to see jean & help her in any way I can 💕🌹 till we meet again. Ur neighbors across the lake marilyn & butch marlow

marilyn marlow - January 19, 2025 at 10:29 PM