



Don Hayward Griffin

February 22, 1950 - January 20, 2022

Don Hayward Griffin, age 71, met his Jesus face-to-face on January 20, 2022, in Magnolia, Texas, surrounded by his son John and daughter Ruth. Don was born on February 22, 1950 in Marshall, Texas, to Frank and Helen Griffin. At the age of 21, Don accepted Jesus as his personal Savior and had a radical transformation. Don went on to study at Tennessee Temple University where he obtained a Bachelor's degree. In his early years, he pastored at Bell Street Baptist Church in Marshall, Texas. Shortly after, Don and his family moved to Houston where he started the church, Bible Way Baptist. During this time Don enrolled in school at Luther Rice Seminary where he obtained a Masters of Divinity degree. As Don continued to Pastor, his deep desire for learning led him to enroll at Trinity University where he obtained his PhD. Around this time, the church changed its' name to Fellowship Bible Church which was located in Katy, Texas. Don remained the head Pastor at Fellowship Bible Church for the duration of his vocation. In all, Don spent from the ages of 21-66 as a Pastor. Up until his last days on earth, Don had people still bringing their Bibles to him at the assisted living home in order to teach them God's Word. Don's number one heart's desire was to disciple anyone who came across his path in the ways of Jesus Christ. Don was considered a shepherd Pastor as he deeply loved each and every member of his church. Don's love and impact went beyond the church walls to anyone whose path he crossed. As a life-long servant-leader, he loved his Lord, his family, his church, and his friends unconditionally. He was happiest

when he was preaching God's Word.

Don is survived by his wife Beth of 49 years who was his loyal helpmate and served alongside him in ministry; two children: Ruth Adams (Matt) and John Griffin (Cassie); eleven grandchildren: Lauren Adams, Gabriel Adams, Annagrace Adams, Abbie Joy Adams, Lilly Faith Adams, Nathaniel Adams, Ella Ruth Adams, Emma Griffin, Molly Griffin, Kinley Griffin, and Blakely Griffin; his loyal and caring brother Gerald Griffin (Tammy); nieces: Ashley Warmuth and Brittany Short.

Don was preceded in death by his parents Frank and Helen Griffin

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial donation to: Westland Baptist Church, 1407 West Grand Parkway South, Katy, Texas 77494.

A memorial service celebrating the life of Don Griffin will be held at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 26, 2022, at Westland Baptist Church, 1407 West Grand Parkway South, Katy, Texas 77494.

Tribute Wall

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“ My name is Steve, I met Don and Beth and Ruth (Ruth was very young girl at that time) back in the lat 70's . They were in Phoenix AZ. Done witnessed to me in my driveway. I went with them to Garland Texas to Miller Road Baptist Church. I needed a positive direction in my life and found it. I've never met more loving and devoted people in my life. I am forever grateful for the direction they showed me. My best wishes for the family.

Steve Holdren - April 24, 2024 at 12:19 AM

DA

“ Dear family of Don Griffin; for a few short years of my life I had a few friends that I considered very close buddies and best friends, however Don was my very best friend ever.

During our weightlifting and body building days in Longview; one day in 1970, Don and I get it in our heads to travel to California to train with the big guys, and we did.

We were there for a short time going from Vince Gironda's gym in Tarzana to Gold's gym in Venice, to Pearl's gym in Pasadena, but due to a lack of funds and a barely running '61 VW van we decided to leave.

We made the long trip from LA to Longview in about 36 hours without turning off the engine.

We sort of parted ways after that, only seeing each other occasionally.

I believe Don went to New York or New Jersey with his Dad, and I went to a photography school in Dallas. I was there from about Feb.-Aug. 1971.

One day in June of '71 I get a call from Don and he wants to visit with me.

He comes over to my apartment and we hop on bicycles, and ride to a Tom Thumb super market. Under its parking lot lights Don witnessed to me. He was concerned about my eternal salvation. He wanted to share with me how to go to heaven, and not end up in hell.

Long story short.

While I did not believe on Jesus for everlasting life that night; Don's love and desire for me was that I get saved.

Don was instrumental in my faith in Jesus for everlasting life.

My 40 year journey from 21 years old to about 62 was that of not having assurance that I was truly saved.

Having memorized quite a few verses of Scripture such as John 3:16 and John 6:47; one morning Jesus spoke to me.

He didn't speak audibly, but in His WORD, Jesus spoke clearly. He said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life." Half way through His promise of life; I, in a split second, believed in Him. and immediately knew that I had been

*given God's free gift of everlasting life. I was eternally secure and I knew it. I had assurance of salvation.
Thank you Don for loving me. I love you my friend!*

david - January 26, 2023 at 08:27 PM



“ *Don Hayward Griffin*

July 20, 2022 at 05:14 PM



“ *I met Don at the Assisting Living.A special man..he called me his second mother.
We miss you and we are talking about you !
Condoleances to the family and the church.*

Lidia Ion - January 26, 2022 at 11:54 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Don Hayward Griffin.*



January 26, 2022 at 09:16 AM

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“ I met Don about 5 months ago at the Assisting living. In the short time since we met, we have developed a friendship that I will miss for the rest of my life. Despite His poor health, Don praised God every day.

Don not only spoke of his faith in God but lived as a believer.

Don not only spoke of hope in God but lived it to the fullest.

Don not only talked about love, he loved his fellow man.

Don not only talked about light, but it shone everywhere.

I am at peace thinking that Don is with the God he served and with whom he longed So much to meet.

Oana Ciocan - January 25, 2022 at 08:34 PM

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“ Don, was one of my dearest friends, I was his Youth Pastor at Brook Hollow Baptist for about 3 years, he had been a body builder and so had I, so we had a connection. As we became friends our interest became God's Word and we have been very close friends to this day. I moved to Oregon to plant a church and Don ended up in Houston and was a good and godly pastor for many, many years and was loved by his congregation, and of course by his dear family and His sweet wife, Ora Beth. Don was a very smart student of the Bible and deeply loved his people and his family. His health failed him and the Lord took him home to be with Christ "which is far better!" I will miss him. I wish we had not been so far apart but, that was God's will! Ora Beth, Kathy and I love you and will be praying for you and your family, for the loss of a husband, a father and grand father and a good and godly man! Heaven is a better place! I long for the coming of the Lord!

Mel and Kathy Tittle

Mel Tittle - January 25, 2022 at 02:01 PM

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“ Don was the most compassionate pastor I ever met. He taught how to love unconditionally and set the example especially by loving his Lord. He was faithful to the end. Loved him! Our prayers are with Beth & family.
Love, Terry & "C"

Cecilia Lundberg - January 25, 2022 at 01:18 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Don Hayward Griffin.



January 25, 2022 at 01:06 PM

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“ Love Natt,Ruth, and Grandchildren purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Don Hayward Griffin.



Love Natt,Ruth, and Grandchildren - January 25, 2022 at 11:50 AM



“ Great write up on Don's life. He was a wonderful teaching pastor and disciplined me and my family. It was an honor to serve the Lord with this man and we have no doubt we will see him again in perfection. Love Don and our prayers go to remember his teachings and the love of Christ which will carry on in all those he taught... In His work.. Dan and Alicia LaCount

Daniel LaCount - January 25, 2022 at 10:28 AM



“ Chris and Diane "Machen" purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Don Hayward Griffin.



Chris and Diane "Machen" - January 24, 2022 at 06:42 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Don Hayward Griffin.



January 24, 2022 at 05:22 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Don Hayward Griffin.



January 23, 2022 at 02:57 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Don Hayward Griffin.



January 22, 2022 at 10:55 PM



“ [Memorial Trees](https://www.addisonfuneralhomes.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Don Hayward Griffin.

January 22, 2022 at 07:59 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Don Hayward Griffin.



January 22, 2022 at 05:33 PM