



## Charles Timothy Griffith

July 28, 1944 - December 9, 2022

Charles Timothy (Tim) Griffith, guitarist and founding member of Rosenberg's "Triumphs," died Friday, December 9, 2022. He was born in Bay City, Texas on July 28, 1944 to Sam Houston Griffith and Rosalie Gernand Griffith and spent his early years in Fort Worth before moving to Rosenberg in the mid-50s.

Tim attended Holy Rosary School and graduated from Lamar Consolidated High School, class of 1962.

In 1959, Tim's dad gave him a Les Paul electric guitar. He started jamming with pals Denver Zatyka and Teddy Mensik. They added Tom Griffith, Don Drachenberg, and B.J. Thomas to the group, giving birth to the first version of the legendary Triumphs. The joy of entertaining with his music continued throughout Tim's life.

Tim attended Wharton County Junior College and the University of Houston. He began his career as a surveyor with TxDOT. He became a Registered Professional Land Surveyor after joining Kelly R. Kaluza and Associates in 1981. Tim was the only "associate" for a while but when the firm began expanding, he became vice-president, a position he held until his death.

Besides making music with the Triumphs, Tim's other great love was travel,

especially long road trips. He and Linda managed to visit 49 of the states over the years. He was a NASCAR enthusiast and die-hard Astros fan. After moving to Fairchild in 1997, he enjoyed puttering around in his barn where he had a workshop.

Tim is preceded in death by his sons Grant Robert Houston Griffith and Charles Louis Griffith, his parents, Sam and Rosalie Griffith, and his father-in-law, Eldon R. Kaluza.

Tim is survived by his loving wife, Linda; sons Lane Griffith of Rosenberg and Byron Griffith of Farmersville; mother-in-law Carolyn Kaluza; sister-in-law Cindy Holder; brother Tom Griffith (Cheryl); sister Carolyn Connolly (John); sister Pam Marek (John); sister Debbie Hauger (Bill); brother Doug Griffith (Robin); numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Visitations will be Tuesday, December 13, 2022 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.  
Services will be Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel of Davis-Greenlawn, 3900 B.F. Terry Blvd., Rosenberg, TX 77471. 281-341-8800.

Memorial gifts may be made to the charity of your choice.

Tributes and words of condolence may be left for the family at [www.davisgreenlawnfh.com](http://www.davisgreenlawnfh.com).

Arrangements are under the direction of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home, 3900 B.F. Terry Blvd. (Hwy 59 South @ FM 2218), Rosenberg, Texas 77471, Phone: 281-341-8800.

# Cemetery Details

## **Greenlawn Memorial Park**

3900 B.F. Terry Blvd.  
Rosenberg, TX 77471

# Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Greenlawn Funeral Chapel and Cemeteries created a Tribute Video in memory of Charles Timothy Griffith*



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**Davis Greenlawn Funeral Chapel and Cemeteries** - December 12, 2022 at 02:44 PM



“ *Anita Flessner lit a candle in memory of Charles Timothy Griffith*



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**Anita Flessner** - December 13, 2022 at 10:11 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles Timothy Griffith.*



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December 13, 2022 at 10:40 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles Timothy Griffith.*



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December 13, 2022 at 09:02 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Bill Hauger** - December 13, 2022 at 12:59 AM



*Thank you Terri Drachenberg and Bill Hauger for a family photo with B.J. Thomas.*

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**Deborah Griffith Hauger** - December 13, 2022 at 01:26 AM



“ *3 files added to the album Memories of Tim*



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**Pamela GriffithMarek** - December 13, 2022 at 12:43 AM

EC

“ On behalf of my father, Edwin “Corner” Cernosek, cousin to Tim, he sends his condolences and wishes well to Tim’s family.

Edwin Cernosek, c/o Gary Cernosek - December 12, 2022 at 07:45 PM

JR

“ The Triumphs were a big part of my high school years in the mid-1960's and my buddies and I followed them around to Riverside Hall, Hillje, Taiton and a few other spots. I always remember how I marveled at Tim's guitar playing. He didn't make a big show on stage, but rather focused on making that guitar sing. At the first "Bright Minds" charity show in Wharton about 10 years ago BJ joined them and they lit the place up! BJ was telling some stories of his time in the music business and turned to Tim and said "Tim is the best guitar player I've ever worked with".



Jim Richardson - December 12, 2022 at 05:30 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Charles Timothy Griffith.



December 12, 2022 at 03:53 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Charles Timothy Griffith.



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December 12, 2022 at 03:51 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Charles Timothy Griffith.



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December 12, 2022 at 03:23 PM



“ *Solidwood Forest* purchased the *Love's Journey* for the family of Charles Timothy Griffith.



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**Solidwood Forest** - December 12, 2022 at 12:06 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Charles Timothy Griffith.



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December 12, 2022 at 11:27 AM

JS

“ *Jal Scarborough purchased the Peaceful White Lies Basket for the family of Charles Timothy Griffith.*



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**Jal Scarborough** - December 12, 2022 at 08:55 AM

DH

“ *Debbie Hauger lit a candle in memory of Charles Timothy Griffith*



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**Debbie Hauger** - December 11, 2022 at 10:45 PM

DH

*Bill and I are here for Linda.*

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**Debbie Hauger** - December 11, 2022 at 10:50 PM

GT

*My deepest sympathies to Tim's family. He brought YEARS of music happiness to countless people, and some of the best of those were where the Triumphs started, at Swiss Alp. The whole Tietjen family was saddened by his passing. Play that music in heaven Tim, and RIP after.*

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**Glynis Tietjen** - December 12, 2022 at 03:15 PM



“ *Alicia Vandegrift lit a candle in memory of Charles Timothy Griffith*



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**Alicia Vandegrift** - December 11, 2022 at 09:47 PM



*Sending my condolances to the family for their loss.*

**Alicia Vandegrift** - December 11, 2022 at 09:50 PM



“ 3 files added to the album *Memories of Tim*



**Pamela GriffithMarek** - December 11, 2022 at 07:59 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles Timothy Griffith.*



December 11, 2022 at 05:04 PM



“ *Stacey & Brad Schodek lit a candle in memory of Charles Timothy Griffith*



**Stacey & Brad Schodek** - December 11, 2022 at 03:24 PM