



## George Cleo Griffin

October 7, 1920 - October 21, 2019

George Cleo Griffin died on October 21, 2019 just 2 weeks after his 99th birthday, and went to be with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He was a faithful servant and devoted Christian all his life and remembers when he was 14 he knew Jesus was his Savior. George was born in Pittsburg, Texas on October 7, 1920 at the family farm to Sidney and OmaLee Griffin. He lived and worked on the family farm until March 1941 when he joined the U.S. Navy to become a member of our greatest generation. He was assigned to the USS Curtis and stationed in Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. George was in the Navy for 6 years and transferred to the USS Hornet carrier in 1943. The horrors of war in Pearl Harbor, Guadalcanal, Iwo Jima, and Saipan were what stayed with a person. George said, "...You have to turn it over to the Lord. You don't get through it on your own, I'll tell you that for sure. You have to give it all up to Him. He's always gonna watch over this world..."

George retired from Central Freight and Allied Moving and Storage. His last job was as a Wal-Mart greeter retiring after 25 years at the age of 90. George said he went to work at Wal-Mart 3 days a week to get some rest because his wife, Evelyn, had too many projects for him back at home.

While such a long life allowed him to experience insurmountable joys, it also carried with it the painful reality that he outlived many of those he loved deeply.

He is preceded in death by his first wife, Lou Biggs Griffin after 29 years of marriage, stepson, Jerry Stetler who died in 1978, his brothers, William Raymond in 1984 and Odis Lacy in 2009. His second wife, Evelyn died in May 2017 after a fulfilling life together for 39 years. He felt privileged and blessed to have two wonderful and devoted wives in his lifetime.

George is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Brenda and Pat Bowker, his grandson and wife, Jeffrey and Crystal Pope, great grandsons, Brady and Cameron, many nieces and nephews and his Calvary Baptist Family and friends.

George enjoyed gardening and always had vegetables, flowers and fruit trees providing for family and friends. He learned carpentry from his uncle at an early age and continued to use this skill into his 80's making cabinets, beds and remodeling a home which included installing hardwood floors. He spent his life serving his family, friends and faith.

Visitation will be held from 12:30 p.m. until service time at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, October 26, 2019 in the Chapel of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home in Rosenberg. Burial to follow at Greenlawn Memorial Park in Rosenberg. Pastor Nate Sprinkle will officiate the services.

For those wishing, in lieu of flowers, the family asks that you donate to Calvary Baptist Church or the Church of your choice.

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

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home, 3900 B.F. Terry Blvd., Rosenberg, Texas 77471.



# Cemetery Details

## Greenlawn Memorial Park

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

# Previous Events

## Service

OCT **26**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Davis Greenlawn Funeral Chapels and Cemeteries  
3900 B.F. Terry Blvd.  
Rosenberg, TX 77471  
(281) 341-8800

# Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Greenlawn Funeral Chapel and Cemeteries created a Tribute Video in memory of George Cleo Griffin*



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**Davis Greenlawn Funeral Chapel and Cemeteries** - October 24, 2019 at 04:49 PM

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“ *First met George when he married Evelyn, he was always a kind, loving man, they had a good marriage. With his personality, he was a perfect Walmart greeter. I shall always fondly remember him. Prayers for the family.*



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**Gloria Hurta** - October 24, 2019 at 12:30 AM

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*Met him in Calvary Baptist...maybe 20 years ago...could not resist his strong handshake and broad smile. When I found out he was a Pearl Harbor defender, I had a stronger attraction to him. George was from the Greatest Generation. I could listen to his recollections for hours. I am certainly glad that God allowed our paths to cross. See ha' later, George.*

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**don carter** - October 24, 2019 at 09:45 PM