



Ginger Griffin

September 13, 1933 - April 29, 2023

Ginger Griffin of Bartlesville passed away April 29. He died peacefully under hospice care with his wife and two children at his side.

Ginger lived 89 years and had a big impact on those around him — whether that was his family, his community or his colleagues.

He was a banking sales manager specializing in foreign exchange and financial markets whose career included posts in Oklahoma, Texas, Ohio, New York City, Mexico City, Chicago and Geneva, and after retiring, a community leader in Bartlesville.

Ginger Griffin was born Sept. 13, 1933, in Seminole to Roy and Otelia Griffin. He had three siblings: James, Frances and Gene. He grew up primarily in Tulsa, Claremore and Pawhuska, graduating from Pawhuska High School in 1951.

He earned a bachelor's degree in 1956 from Oklahoma State University, where he served as president of the Sigma Chi fraternity and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

In 1956, Ginger joined the U.S. Army as a reserve officer and in 1957 completed basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Ga. He eventually earned

the rank of captain. He met Bartlesville native Barbara Anne Terrell and they married in 1959.

Ginger worked as a manager for Southwestern Bell in Bartlesville in the late 1950s before taking a job with Sid Richardson Carbon Co. in Fort Worth. The company moved him to Akron, Ohio, in 1962. The couple had their first child, Truly, that year, and their second, Greg, four years later. Ginger earned an MBA from Kent State University.

In 1966, he took a finance job with Phillips Petroleum in Bartlesville. In 1972, Citibank hired him to help manage its foreign exchange operations, and the family moved to the New York area. From 1978 to 1980, he was stationed in Mexico City, and then returned to New York.

Ginger joined First National Bank of Chicago in 1984 as foreign exchange and capital markets marketing manager. During 1990-92 he was stationed in Geneva, Switzerland. After returning to Chicago, he served various roles until retiring in 2001.

Ginger threw himself into community service. He co-founded Bartlesville Education Promise in 2013. The nonprofit is focused on improving student outcomes, particularly graduation rates.

He also served as interim executive director and vice chairman of the OK Mozart music festival; board member of Great Expectations educational foundation; board president of Green Country Retirement Village; and trustee of the Bartlesville Community Center.

Ginger was a gentle, caring and devoted husband, father, grandfather, uncle and friend — a fine example to those who looked up to him. In the end, he succumbed to severe dementia.

He is survived by his wife Anne Terrell Griffin, daughter Truly Griffin, son Greg Griffin and his wife Marta Alejandro-Martinez, and grandchildren Ana Griffin and Elisa Griffin; sister-in-law Trudy Griffin, nephew Gene Griffin, niece Sylvia Griego and numerous grand nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Bartlesville Education Promise, Attn: Treasurer, P.O. Box 2323, Bartlesville, OK 74005; or The Journey Home, 900 NE Washington Blvd, Bartlesville, OK 74006.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9 at the First Presbyterian Church of Bartlesville. Services are under the direction of Carter Davis and the Davis Family Funeral Home & Crematory – Walker Brown Chapel. Online condolences and remembrances may be shared at www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com

Previous Events

Funeral Service

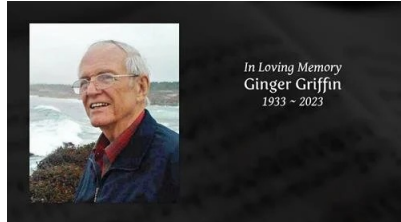
MAY 9. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church of Bartlesville
505 SE Dewey
Bartlesville, OK 74003
<http://www.fpcbok.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ginger Griffin*



Davis Family Funeral Home - May 08, 2023 at 10:15 AM

ER

Dear Anne , I just finished watching the loving tribute video to The life of your best friend and soulmate Ginger and your family . It moved me to tears as it was filled with a lifetime of Loving memories you shared . I have so many memories of your visits to Arizona . My heart goes out to you and your family during this difficult time. I know Ginger is in Heaven and asked my Dad welcome him as they both were storytellers . Sending Prayers , Hugs and Love along with The Lord's live and Angels to surround you all . Elizabeth Rehling

Elizabeth Rehling - May 08, 2023 at 05:47 PM

CN

Dear Anne. I was saddened to read about Ginger today. He had a long and memorable life, and I know he will be missed by his family and friends. Joe and I sent our most heartfelt condolences, and you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Hugs and love to you. Carol Ann

Carol Ann Newberry - May 09, 2023 at 11:16 AM

LI

Dear Anne & family, I just saw this lovely tribute to Ginger. I remember him as a man of great kindness and empathy for others. He was so involved in many organizations and he appeared cheerful and sincerely willing to help others. I will miss seeing him in our community. Sending each of you love and prayers, Lisa Roll

Lisa - June 01, 2023 at 09:32 PM

JS

“Ginger was a gentleman and I will miss his smile and wit. He and Charlie Daniels grilled me (twice!) before I was hired to be the PR director for OK Mozart Festival. It was a pleasure to get to know him through those two seasons ('05 and '06) and he encouraged me greatly. He had foresight and worked quietly behind the scenes, never seeking out the limelight, and always sharing any praise or accolades with his team, but most of all, Anne.

Jacqi Davis Soh - May 09, 2023 at 03:17 PM

MM

“I was fortunate to have met and worked with Ginger Griffin as a volunteer for OKM (OK Mozart). His passion for making the Bartlesville community a better place for all was palpable. He always had a smile, good story, and kind word when you spent time with him. The community is a lesser place with his passing. Sending love, light, and serenity to his friends, colleagues, and loved ones at this difficult time.

Michelle Martin - May 05, 2023 at 08:24 PM



“Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Ginger Griffin.



May 05, 2023 at 12:58 PM