



Gilbert Truett Guffin

December 5, 1936 - February 18, 2016

Gilbert Truett Guffin, age 79, of Gardendale, died February 18, 2016. He was born December 5, 1936 in Camden, New Jersey to Gilbert Lee and Lorene (Parrish) Guffin.

He married Maurene McGuire in 1957 and together they raised three sons: Dr. Brian Truett Guffin (Katie) of Gardendale, AL; Dr. Scott Lee Guffin (Beth) of Vestavia, AL; and Grant Allen Guffin (Terri) of Collierville, TN. He is survived by his wife and sons as well as one brother, Orville Thomas Guffin (Marilyn) of Huntsville, AL and nine grandchildren: Abbie, Grace, Graham, Zac, Blake, Bailey, Noah, Elijah, and Erin Guffin.

He graduated from Lower Merion High School in Ardmore, PA before earning degrees from Howard College (now Samford University) and the University of Alabama Medical School. He interned at Lloyd Noland Hospital before opening a family medical practice in Gardendale. He later trained in anesthesia at Lloyd Noland Hospital before practicing at Princeton and Montclair Hospitals.

He was a dedicated member of Gardendale First Baptist Church where he served as a longtime deacon and helped launch and cultivate the church's media and missions ministries. He was a member of Samford University's Board of Trustees and taught in the school's nurse anesthesia program. He

was a member of Gardendale's Zoning Board, Rotary Club and a past president of its Beautification Commission. He contributed to the creation of Gardendale's Magnolia Festival, now an annual community event. He served as a major in the Alabama Army National Guard's medical unit, organized the emergency department at Walker County Hospital, and served as team doctor of the Gardendale High School football team for more than 20 years. He was a Pilot Instrument Rated, I, and enjoyed flying airplanes, driving cars and boats in his free time. He was also a member of a Christian motorcycle group that traveled the country and a local Model A club.

He faithfully loved and served the Lord, his family, his church, and his community.

Visitation is scheduled for Friday, February 19, from 5-8 pm at Gardendale First Baptist Church, North Campus with the funeral to follow at the same location Saturday, February 20 at 1 pm.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **19**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Gardendale First Baptist Church
316 Mountain Crest Pkwy
Gardendale, AL 35071
(205) 631-8791

Service

FEB **20**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gilbert Truett Guffin.*



February 19, 2016 at 09:44 PM



“ *It is a rare blessing when you meet someone and they quickly make an indelible impression on your life. Doc Guffin was one of those blessings in my life. When I went to serve GFBC as minister of music in 1994, Doc took me under his wing. We had three, huge interests in common...music ministry, flight, and medicine. I fondly remember lunches at V.J.'s listening to story after story about all three. One thing for sure, when Doc was your friend, you had a true friend. His heart and passion will live on in many. Well done Doc. Enjoy your eternal reward. Mardi and I will continue to pray for the whole family.*

Mark Blair - February 19, 2016 at 08:39 PM



“ *Maurene, Brian, Scott, Grant, and Family. My heart and prayers are with you at this time. I am thankful to know Doc. To remember his love for people and his faithfulness to Our Lord. I know Ray Dale is there in the Crowd to greet him ..Ray enjoyed going to a few of the Men's Retreat's ...he said Doc could always find good key lime pies...Much Love Linda Dale.*

Linda Dale - February 19, 2016 at 06:19 PM

CB

“ I have so many memories of him the page would not hold all of them. I know he loved the Lord and his family and GFBC. I remember the mission trips with him and the blessing we all got by going. I remember when he with the other RA workers went to Mallard Point for a camp out. After we ate supper we played golf and little golf course. As we were playing the bottom fell out and flooded our camp site. Water was knee deep in the tents. The boys wanted to stay but Truett said if carry the boys back sick we would be in big trouble. He had Ed Cullpepper call Joyce to call every one that we would be back about midnight. That is just one of many. The sound and TV is a product of Truett he made it what it was. He will be missed a lot.

Charles Bentley - February 19, 2016 at 11:19 AM

JB

“ Truett was a great man of integrity and influence. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him. Steve and I pray for Maureen and the family during this sad time. I know the presence of the Lord and the comfort of family and friends will wrap around you in the days ahead. We look forward to our heavenly reunion!

Jamie Bell - February 19, 2016 at 10:49 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gilbert Truett Guffin.



February 19, 2016 at 09:34 AM

AH

“ *Ann Howard lit a candle in memory of Gilbert Truett Guffin*



ann howard - February 19, 2016 at 09:16 AM

DJ

“ *Darrell says he liked IHOP and loved ice cream. A great friend.*

Darrell Jones - February 19, 2016 at 08:58 AM

NH

“ *Nancy Hughes lit a candle in memory of Gilbert Truett Guffin*



nancy hughes - February 19, 2016 at 08:09 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Gilbert Truett Guffin.*



February 18, 2016 at 11:53 PM

RA

“ *Doc was such an integral part of our Church and Community. We love you and will miss you. But will see you again soon. A wonderful, Godly man.*
Randy Akers

Randy Akers - February 18, 2016 at 11:41 PM

LH

“ *I have many wonderful memories of Dr. Guffin and his family. I remember going to him when a little girl. If we were good, we received a coupon to go next door to the drug store and redeem it for a popsicle! That meant a lot to a young girl, especially when she didn't feel good. Dr. Guffin was very kind to his patients. My sister and I babysat for their family. You always knew that you were in a loving Christian home. My thoughts and prayers are with Maureen, Brian, Scott, Grant, their spouses, and their children. I will continue to pray for each of you in the days ahead.*
Love,
LuAnne McCombs Hartley

LuAnne McCombs Hartley - February 18, 2016 at 10:25 PM