



Bro. Jim C. Griffin

October 20, 1921 - December 6, 2015

Jim C. Griffin (Bro. Jim) was born in Cherokee County on October 20, 1921 and peacefully entered Heaven's gate on December 6, 2015 at the age of 94. He attended Gaylesville School and later Howard College. At age 18, he joined the CCC's in Fort Payne, Alabama, where he met Etta Carnes. They were married on June 16, 1940. They moved to Lupton City, Tennessee, where they both worked in the cotton mill there. Two daughters, Sue and Jimmie, were born to them in Fort Payne. While in Fort Payne, he worked at the Box Factory and later at the Coca-Cola plant. Bro. Jim was the local mail carrier for many years.

In the mid 50's, he accepted God's calling into the ministry. His first pastorate was Minvale Baptist in Fort Payne. Other fulltime pastorates included Whites Chapel in Etowah County, Sylvania Baptist and Fyffe Baptist, both in DeKalb County, Sardis Baptist in Etowah County, and Broadway Baptist in DeKalb County. Later he served as Interim Pastor of Broadway and was named Pastor Emeritus of Broadway in 2008. He served as interim pastor for many churches in DeKalb, Cherokee, and Jackson Counties.

Waiting to welcome him to Heaven was his beloved wife of 72 years, Etta. He was also preceded in death by his parents, J. L. and Maggie Griffin; his six siblings and their spouses; Etta's parents, Homer and Alpha Carnes, her four siblings and their spouses; several nieces and nephews; and many much-

loved friends.

Surviving him are daughters Jimmie Davis and Sue Guffey (Larry): grandchildren: Andrew Guffey, Mary Beth Edger (Matt), Cary Guffey (Michelle), and Anthony Guffey (Allie Meghan); great-grandchildren: Ansley O'Beirne, Emma O'Beirne, Aidan O'Beirne, Summer Guffey, Patrick Guffey, Griffin Guffey, and Wren Guffey; special sister-in-law, Dot Carnes, along with numerous nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, and great, great nieces and nephews including one year old triplets Judah, Salem, and Shiloh Griffin are left to carry on his legacy.

A true man of God, he cherished his faith, family, and friends. Funny, humble, compassionate, self-disciplined (he still walked at least a mile six days a week), he was indeed a gentle giant, loved and revered by many.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to one of the following: Alabama Baptist Children's Homes, P.O. Box 361767, Birmingham, AL 35236-1767; NAMI Centre, 135 Bayview Lane, Centre, Alabama 35960; or First Baptist Centre Building Fund, 300 East Bypass, Centre, AL 35960.

The family will receive friends Tuesday, December 8th from 4 to 8pm at Wilson Funeral Home, Fort Payne. A Celebration of his life service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Broadway Baptist Church in Rainsville with family and friends officiating. He will lie in state at the church Wednesday morning from 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. hour of service.

Wilson Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Mt. View Memorial Gardens

970 Mountain View Drive
Fort Payne, AL 35968

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 8. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Wilson Funeral Home
3801 Gault Ave. N
Fort Payne, AL 35967

Funeral Service

DEC 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

Broadway Baptist Church
99 McCurdy Ave. South
Rainsville, AL 35986

Tribute Wall



“ *Bro. Jim C. Griffin*

January 12, 2023 at 10:45 AM



“ *My heart is sad to hear that Brother Jim has left this world but my heart rejoices knowing he is at home now with Jesus. Bro. Jim was my very first pastor when I was a little girl and attended Minvale in Ft. Payne, Alabama. My Mom and Dad were Lucille and Crawford Blalock. I was young but remember his kindness. Sue, I don't know if you remember but one Christmas you played the accordion and we went around to homes singing Christmas carols. You encouraged me to sing my first solo. I was about 4 or 5. The memories of your family are still sweet in my heart. Y'all had left Minvale when I got saved on a Sunday evening. As soon as we got home I told my parents I wanted to call Brother Jim and tell him I had just asked Jesus to be my Savior! My prayers are with you at this time.*

Shelia Blalock Williamson

Shelia Williamson - December 13, 2015 at 09:33 PM

RW

“ It was sad for me to hear of the passing of Bro. Jim Griffin. He was truly a Godly man and a faithful servant of the Lord. In December of 1986, as he had just begun serving as the interim pastor of First Baptist of Fort Payne, he gave me the opportunity to preach my first sermon. Twenty-nine years later I am still preaching and serving as a Southern Baptist pastor. We spoke by phone a few years ago, and Bro. Griffin was as gracious and encouraging as ever. His reward in heaven will be great.

*Richard Walker
Senior Pastor
Macland Baptist Church
Powder Springs, Georgia*

Richard Walker - December 09, 2015 at 08:07 AM

WR

“ Sue, Jimmie & Family: Our thoughts and prayers to each of you and your family at this time. Bro. Jim was one of a kind people that loved the Lord, his family, friends and his church. We will miss this man , but heaven gained a true footsoldier & servant of God with his passing. May God bless and comfort each of you always. Wendell & Linda Rakestraw, Centre, Al

Wendell Rakestraw - December 09, 2015 at 07:19 AM

MW

“ I only knew him for a short time but what a testimony he had! We will miss him. Prayers for you all

Mark and Ginger Wright - December 08, 2015 at 11:21 PM

SW

“ Thoughts and prayers go to the family. He was a wonderful man. As a volunteer at the hospital he continued to share his faith with those of us around him(staff and patients/families alike). He brightened many days for me when I didn't know if I could make it through. That smile and kind word made me love this man

shelby weatherly - December 08, 2015 at 11:12 PM

JR

“ Our condolences go out to you all during this sad time of the loss of " Mr. Jim" as our family knew him. I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Jim just a couple of years ago as we became neighbors. I know that to all of us it is a sad time but as I walked over and visited with Mr. Jim one day, we sat and talked and shared a few tears as I needed much prayer but much to my learning so did Mr. Jim. He had a heavy heart that day as I am sure he had many other days. He sat and told me how sad he was and how he missed his wife of many years. He told me how bad he longed to see her again. He spoke of how the days and nights were very lonesome without her but he did the best he could to just keep going until the Lord called him home. On that day, he sat and held my hand and we prayed together and God's presence could not have been more evident as it was right then. As I learned of his passing, that was the first thought that came to mind, what a happy man he must be right now seeing the one he loved so much. He will be dearly missed by so many including my children as they knew where to go to get their candy. He was always prepared for them...Heaven gained one of the most Godliest men I ever met who left a place in my heart forever! " Mr. Jim" will never be forgotten in our home....All Our Love and prayers , Jennifer, Dewey, Abby Grace, Alex, AJ, Abbie, Allison and baby Zane.

Jennifer Reynolds - December 08, 2015 at 07:47 PM

EA

“ We went to Bro Jims church in Sardis in 1970 to 71 we lived in Albertville at the time, he and his wife Etna envied us to there home after church one night we were alot younger them them but they were so much fun to be with the last time we saw Jim was at JR ANDERSONS funeral he did his funeral about 5 years ago he never changed even when he was older he was a wounderful preacher, and a person we loved. We live in Pensacola and regret we will not get to come for visitation and the service. But we are sorry for your loss of a good man we all loved our prayers are with your family during this time of recovery.Larry and Eva Anderson.

Eva and Larry Anderson - December 08, 2015 at 01:22 PM

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“ Bro Jim pasto

Eva and Larry Anderson - December 08, 2015 at 01:11 PM

BB

“ Sue & Larry, we were so sorry to hear about Bro. Jim's passing from this earth but we all know that he and his wife and other loved ones are together again for the rest of eternity and he had such a fruitful and blessed life here. Know that Bill and I will keep you and Larry in our thoughts and prayers and ask God for his continuing love and grace for you in this time of grief and sorrow.

Bill & Shirley Boyd

Bill & Shirley Boyd - December 08, 2015 at 12:58 PM

JG

“ I have fond memories of Bro. Jim and my time in the RA's at Minvale in 1955-56. I especially remember the camping trips at his Dad's homeplace on Fruit Farm Rd. He played a big role in my youth. My condolences to Jimmie & Sue. Jerry Gregg

Jerry Gregg - December 08, 2015 at 09:58 AM

BM

“ I dearly loved Bro. Jim. A kinder, gentler man og God there never was. I led music for him several times when he preached revivals and remember his wisdom when he served as interim pastor at FBC. A faithful servant of God, he has been welcomed home.

Bill Mitchell - December 07, 2015 at 10:01 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bro. Jim C. Griffin.



December 07, 2015 at 07:33 PM

CW

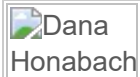
“ Uncle Jim will truly be missed. I never knew him to ever utter an unkind word. My thoughts and prayers are with his loved ones, and although at this time it is difficult to see beyond the sorrow, may looking back in memory comfort all of you tomorrow.

Cherie Wilson - December 07, 2015 at 06:43 PM



“ *Doris Burnett recalls all of her memories @ Minvale Baptist with Jim & his family along with her baptism by her pastor Jim Griffin. Uncle Jim was always loving, put others 1st, and was someone you wanted to be around & never forget.*

Melinda Ledford - December 07, 2015 at 06:26 PM



“ *Jim Griffin introduced me to Jesus back in 2002 and turned my life around. Yes, Jesus did the saving but bro. Griffin made the introduction. Thank you, brother, and rest in peace.*

Dana Honabach - December 07, 2015 at 06:03 PM



“ *Melinda Ledford lit a candle in memory of Bro. Jim C. Griffin*



Melinda Ledford - December 07, 2015 at 05:37 PM



“ *The congregation of Minvale sends our deepest sympathy and prayers for the family.*



Donna Carman - December 07, 2015 at 04:26 PM

WF

“ *Brother Griffin will always hold a special place in my heart. He was there when I was saved and baptised. He preached the funerals of both my parents. He truly was a man of God. My life is richer for having known him. Prayers for the family.*

Wanda Brown Freeman - December 07, 2015 at 03:15 PM