



## Cary Griffin

October 15, 1943 - August 2, 2022

\*\*\*\*Funeral service for Cary Griffin will be live-streamed at these links:

YouTube link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4DM6W-qNXX7tEXTcU8p7vA>

Facebook link: <https://www.facebook.com/fpcforney>

Also, Judy has requested that we all wear bright colors in celebration of Cary's life and legacy\*\*\*\*

Cary Lee Griffin (78) of Forney, went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on August 2, 2022 at Baylor Medical Center in Dallas with his wife, Judy, by his side. A celebration of life service will be 2:00pm, Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at First Presbyterian Church in Forney with Rev. David Ivie, Rev. Jerry Griffin, and Rev. Gary Kreder officiating. Visitation will be at 5:30pm to 8:00pm, Monday, August 8, 2022 at First Presbyterian Church.

Cary was born October 15, 1943 in Glendale, California to Art Griffin and Gene (Crozier) Griffin. At 3 months old, Cary had one eye removed because he was born with glaucoma. The doctors thought removing the affected (left) eye would prevent the spread of glaucoma to the other eye, but despite their efforts, the remaining eye developed the disease. Cary never had dual eyesight. Despite the eyesight limitations and the other health challenges he faced, Cary lived his life to its fullest.

He met the love of his life, Judy Price, while attending the University of

Missouri, and they married on August 22, 1970 in Rockwall, Texas. They enjoyed nearly 52 years as husband and wife. In one of their final conversations, Judy told Cary that she did not think they had more than ten arguments during their marriage. Cary replied, "No, Judy, I don't think there were more than five." The two of them were inseparable.

Cary attended the University of Missouri Journalism School and was initiated into the fraternity, Delta Sigma Phi on February 3, 1963. He later graduated from UCLA with a Bachelor of Arts in English.

After Cary and Judy married, they moved to Forney in August 1972 and bought the Forney Messenger in October of that year. Their first issue was printed on October 15, 1972. Throughout the years, Cary and Judy covered the community and schools for the newspaper to keep the public informed of numerous events and meetings. "Hoppin' Around with Cary" was Cary's weekly editorial column where people could read about his thoughts on a variety of topics. Under their leadership, the Forney Messenger provided scholarships for graduating seniors and supported the Forney Education Foundation.

Cary and Judy retired February 1, 2018. They sold the Forney Messenger after Cary's eyesight diminished and other health concerns made it difficult for them to continue their work. They missed working at the newspaper and regularly seeing people with whom they developed relationships over the years.

Cary and Judy loved to travel. Their membership in the National Newspaper Association gave them the opportunity to visit Cuba twice before most Americans were allowed to visit the country. They also traveled to Spain and other countries with NNA. They attended many newspaper conventions in cities throughout the United States. They were also members of the Texas Press Association.

Cary's love of children was well known. For more than 25 years, he spent many hours volunteering with the Pre-K students at the local elementary schools. He volunteered for many years as a Girl Scout leader of the Forney

Troop. He shared stories and sang songs with the children even when his health was not good. His work with children brought him great joy.

For Cary, reading books was a source of enjoyment. His favorite topics included religion, politics, science fiction, and history. After losing his eyesight, Cary was able to listen to audio books from the Texas State Library for the Blind's Talking Books Program. Cary was very nostalgic in that he collected recordings of his favorite television shows, movies, and music from his childhood and young adulthood.

Cary served as director of the Forney Education Foundation and was the all-community member representative for the Forney ISD District Education Improvement Council. He was a charter member of the Forney Lion's Club. Cary was named Citizen of the Year in 1983. He and Judy were named Citizens of the Year in 2019. In 2019, Cary and Judy were named Lifetime Members of the Forney Chamber of Commerce. Cary and Judy both served as directors of the Chamber of Commerce and were members of the Forney Preservation League. They were members of the First Presbyterian Church of Forney for about 10 years.

When Cary was diagnosed with lung cancer, it was kept stable for a long time using chemo pills. In his last few months, his treatment was changed to using conventional chemotherapy. The last dose weakened Cary to the point he could not fight the onset of pneumonia. He was placed in hospice care August 1 and passed away the next day.

Cary was preceded in death by his parents Art and Gene Griffin, and his father-in-law and mother-in-law, WJ and Cora Price of Rockwall, Texas.

Cary is survived by his wife, Judy, and his sister Leslie Griffin Lawson of Montana. He leaves behind many friends who will cherish his memory.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Cure Glaucoma Foundation 10740 N. Central Expressway, Suite 300, Dallas, Texas 75231 or First Presbyterian Church of Forney, P.O. Box 98, Forney, Texas 75126.

# Cemetery Details

## Rockwall Memorial Cemetery

409 W Washington St.  
Rockwall, TX 75087

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 8. 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church of Forney  
12433 FM 1641  
Forney, TX 75126

## Funeral Service

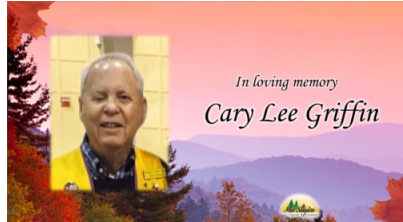
AUG 9. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Cary Griffin*



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**Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations** - August 15, 2022 at 10:06 AM



“ *Cary Griffin*

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October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Cary Griffin.*



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August 08, 2022 at 09:57 PM



“ *Forney lost a great Citizen and a great storyteller last week. My condolences to you Judy on your loss. We will miss Cary.*

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**Trent Leslie Brown** - August 08, 2022 at 10:10 AM

MA

“ Sorry for your loss Judy Cary was such a great Lions Club member he taught me alot about Lions and our community and was such a great supporter of our club he will be missed at our meetings.

mark.madrid - August 07, 2022 at 08:53 PM

RB

“ I am so glad I was able to spend a short time with Cary on his last birthday when Judy was in the hospital. Cary was one of the kindest men I have ever met. My heart goes out to you Judy. I wish you peace and comfort in the days ahead.

Reta Banister - August 07, 2022 at 10:55 AM



“ Cary and Judy were always on the go, attending so many school, city, and other events, then reporting those activities in the Messenger. They were a great team. Our condolences to Judy.  
Charles and Shirlynn Beason

Charles N Shirlynn Beason - August 05, 2022 at 12:26 PM

DH

“ Donna Hervey lit a candle in memory of Cary Griffin



Donna Hervey - August 05, 2022 at 12:08 PM

DH

My Condolences to Judy. Cary was a kind and caring person, he will be missed.

Donna Hervey - August 05, 2022 at 12:10 PM

SK

“ My condolences to Judy and the entire community of Forney. Cary was a kind and intelligent man whose legacy will be long remembered by the citizenry of that town. I always appreciated his support of the schools and his positive approach to just about everything he did. Rest In peace, my friend.

Sandra Kirk - August 05, 2022 at 09:37 AM

AS

“ Praying for Judy and all family and friends. Cary was a great guy. Proud to call him friend. RIP Cary. Job well done. Thanks for everything. Ann Stewart and Family

Ann Stewart - August 04, 2022 at 04:42 PM

LW

“ It is with much sorrow that I hear of the passing of my fellow Lions Club member, Cary. He & Judy spent a lot of time joining in our activities.  
Judy, please know I have considered it a great pleasure to know you both.  
Lion Larry Walthall

Larry Walthall - August 04, 2022 at 10:09 AM



Cary & Judy have been wonderful workers in the community for many years. I enjoyed many Saturday morning breakfasts with Cary in downtown. He was a very caring, Christ filled & thoughtful person. Judy took excellent care of him.

JW Cren - August 04, 2022 at 11:57 AM

PM

“ Judy sending love and prayers.

Phylis McDonald - August 04, 2022 at 08:43 AM

CM

“ *Chuck Mohnkern lit a candle in memory of Cary Griffin*



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**Chuck Mohnkern** - August 03, 2022 at 09:26 PM

CM

“ *My sincere condolences at this time of loss. My prayers are with you.*

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**Chuck Mohnkern** - August 03, 2022 at 09:24 PM