



Dalton Leroy Griffith

December 26, 1917 - June 24, 2011

Funeral services for Mr. Dalton Leroy Griffith, 93 of Carthage, Texas will be 2:00 p.m., Monday, June 27, 2011 at the Carthage Church of Christ with Mr. Steve Wiggins and Mr. Larin Wallace officiating. Burial will follow in Restland Memorial Park under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. Family visitation will be Sunday, June 26, 2011 from 6 – 8:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Mr. Griffith died Friday, June 24, 2011 in Carthage.

Mr. Dalton Leroy Griffith was born December 26, 1917 in Dotson, Texas to Willie Peter and Myrtie Madora Lake Griffith. The baby of three, Leroy attended and completed Byfield Schools. He met and later married Ouida Lorene Murphy on July 21, 1938 and together they celebrated 71 years of marriage until she preceded him in death on June 21, 2009. Mr. Griffith worked his younger years in mangement for the Panola County Road and Bridge Department operating heavy equipment, and than began farming and ranching in East Texas and South Louisiana. He owned and operated Ragley Enterprises, then soon began working with his son at Don Griffith Construction. “The oldest swinger in town – porch swing builder that is”, Mr. Griffith was known for his handmade swings and other furniture. A longtime member of the Carthage Church of Church, Leroy enjoyed spending time with his friends and family. He is preceded in death by his wife, son and daughter-in-law, Don and Linda Ann Brewster Griffith; siblings, Jeddie Griffith Barnes Redding and Bobbie Griffith Leslie; grandson, Justin Wade Griffith and a special niece, Delilah Bassett.

Surviving Mr. Griffith is his son, Jimmy C. Griffith and wife Jan of Colleyville; grandchildren, John Mark Griffith and wife Michelle of Southlake, Todd Griffith and wife Kim of Carthage and Stacie Griffith Malone and husband Todd of Carthage; great grandchildren, Christen Elizabeth Griffith, Ian Thomas Griffith Baylee and Brewster Griffith, Logan, Cheston, Peyton and Whitton Malone, numerous nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

Serving as pallbearers will be Ken Baker, Troy Lake, Don Bassett, Todd Griffith, John Mark Griffith and Roland Haines. Honorary pallbearers will be Ian Griffith, Brewster Griffith, Cheston Malone, Peyton Malone, Whitton Malone and Mike Barton.

The family request memorials be made in Mr. Griffith's name to the Alzheimer's Association or the charity of your choice

Previous Events

Service

JUN 27. 2:00 PM (CT)

Carthage Church of Christ
1309 W Panola Street
Carthage, TX

Tribute Wall



“ Hawthorn Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dalton Leroy Griffith



Hawthorn Funeral Home - June 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ My wife and I were so glad to meet Mr. and Mrs. Griffith about 8 or 9 years ago when we were building our new house. We discovered Mr. Griffith's swings he made and sold when we were in Carthage visiting family, and so we decorated our front porch with two of his swings he was so proud of, and he made another one for our back yard. They have given us uncountable numbers of hours of pleasure and family and friends gatherings, and we've always had special fond memories of Mr. and Mrs. Griffith since we met them and got Mr. Griffith to build our swings.##imported-begin##Robert Bouchard, Jr.##imported-end##

June 30, 2011 at 02:44 AM



“ We would like to express our deepest sympathy to the family of Mr. Leroy Griffith. He is in Heaven and will never be forgotten.##imported-begin##Mrs. Doris Pipkins-Starling and Family of Longbranch, Texas##imported-end##

June 29, 2011 at 08:23 AM



“ Mr. Griffith was a such a good friend to my parents, Roland and Doris Haines. My Dad really enjoyed spending time with Mr. Griffith, visiting him on Saturdays and building the swings, picnic tables and other things. He will be missed so much. I always liked listening to the stories he told of the "old days".##imported-begin##Anita Shahan##imported-end##

June 29, 2011 at 01:29 AM



“ So sorry to hear about Mr. Griffin. I did not know or I would have been to see ya'll. Mr. Griffin was a good friend and neighbor and we (including Bobby) enjoyed visiting with him.##imported-begin##Lessie Hughes##imported-end##

June 28, 2011 at 03:11 PM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. You and your family will be in our hearts, thoughts & prayers.##imported-begin##Scott & Janet Molandes & Kelly McDonald##imported-end##

June 27, 2011 at 11:15 AM



“ Jim and family
Stacy and family

My prayers are with you in this time of loss.He is now with his sweetie and their on horses riding to glory land together,thank you for letting me care for LeRoy.##imported-begin##Stacy Speaks Pierce##imported-end##

June 25, 2011 at 11:04 AM