



Rev. Clarence O. Griffin

July 24, 1932 - October 11, 2019

Rev. Clarence O'Neal Griffin, 87, passed away October 11, 2019.

A native of Greenwood, son of the late Edwin Russell and Viola Spivey Griffin, he was a graduate of Spartanburg High (1950), North Greenville University (1952), Furman University (1954) and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary (1957). After marrying Doris Ruth Putnam of Cherryville, NC in 1957, Clarence pastored Kellytown Baptist Church, Hartsville, SC for four years. The Griffins were appointed by the International Mission Board (SBC) in 1960 and went on to serve in Indonesia in church planting and evangelism for 36 years. After retiring, Clarence remained active in ministry working with Indonesians in Atlanta, New York and San Francisco. He was a member of Taylors First Baptist Church, where he co-taught a men's Sunday School class and taught a Bible study at Haywood Estates.

Surviving are his wife, Doris Ruth Putnam Griffin of the home; four sons, Dan Griffin (Cindy) of Irmo, Phil Griffin (Julie) of Greer, Ed Griffin of Anderson and Tim Griffin (Jill) of Wilmington, North Carolina; twelve grandchildren, Jonathan Griffin, Amy Maxon, Ashley Miller, Katie Osbrink, Emily Daniel, Natalie Griffin, Shannon McAlister, Kimberly Barksdale, Ben Griffin, Laura Beth Griffin, Matthew Griffin and Jackson Griffin; and eighteen great-grandchildren.

Rev. Griffin was predeceased by two brothers, Russell Griffin and Odell Griffin and two sisters, Edna Gunnells and Mildred Craft.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. Saturday, October 19, 2019 at The Wood Mortuary, 300 West Poinsett Street, Greer, South Carolina 29650.

Burial will follow at 3:00 p.m. in Mount Zion Baptist Church Cemetery, 112 Mount Zion Church Road, Cherryville, North Carolina 28021.

Honorary escort will be the Joe Harvey Sunday School Class of Taylors First Baptist Church, Joey Bellamy, Brian Pennell and Garner Pruitt.

Visitation will be held 9:30-10:45 a.m. Saturday at The Wood Mortuary.

The family is at the home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Taylors First Baptist Church Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, 200 West Main Street, Taylors, South Carolina 29687.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com.

Cemetery Details

Mount Zion Baptist Church Cemetery

112 Mount Zion Church Road
Cherryville, NC 28021

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 19. 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

The Wood Mortuary, Inc.
300 West Poinsett Street
Greer, SC 29650
(864) 877-3351
woodmortuary@bellsouth.net

Service

OCT 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

THE WOOD MORTUARY CHAPEL
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Tribute Wall

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“ I am joining so many, many others in praying for your family. What a legacy of missionary service and dedication to the great cause of taking the gospel of Jesus Christ to the nations. I am grateful as well, for the many years of service Clarence gave to the Lord through Taylors First Baptist Church. I plan on being at the celebration and homegoing service on Saturday, though I will likely arrive a bit late due to a previous commitment. In the meantime, Ruth and I are lifting all of you before our Heavenly Father and asking Him to pour out His grace and peace upon your lives in a powerful way!

Allen McWhite

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“ The North Greenville University family is praying for the family. We are very grateful for Rev. Griffin's faithful service in South Carolina and on the mission field.

*Dr. Stephen G. Crouse
Senior Campus Pastor
North Greenville University*

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