



## Virginia Ruth Griffin

January 12, 1932 - January 3, 2022

Virginia Ruth (Schrand) Griffin passed away peacefully at home under the care of Faith Hospice on January 3, 2022, just short of her 90th birthday. She was deeply loved by her family, extended family, friends and neighbors and deeply loved them all back. She had a servant's heart and was always willing to extend a smile, kind word or helping hand.

Born January 12, 1932 in Belleville, Illinois to John Schrand and Bernice Begemann Schrand, she attended Catholic grade schools and public High School and upon graduation entered the workforce.

She met Patrick Donald Griffin at Monsanto Company where they both worked, and was married to him on June 14, 1952. She then began her real life's work of being the most amazing wife and mother a family could ever ask for. She stayed active in all of her children's school activities as a band and sports Mom and Grandma. She was also dedicated to our Lord and his mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and remained active in many church activities. She was a proud member of the Catholic Council of Women, her Bible Study and the Quilting Ministry at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church in Rockwall. She was also a member of the Rockwall Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She loved the Dallas Cowboys and was proudly wearing her #4 Dak jersey during their last winning home game.

Virginia is preceded in death by her parents, her husband of 66 years, Patrick Donald Griffin, a brother, Jack Schrand, and a granddaughter, Kate Cassidy Griffin. She is survived by her five children Kathie Westerman (Paul), Steve Griffin (Richard James), Elaine Nash (Tod), Matt Griffin (Cheryl), Patrick Griffin (Kristin), her twelve grandchildren Lindsey Thompson (Dave), Damian Westerman (Jennifer), Alysa Nash, Daniele Schwennesen (Josh), Jacob Griffin (Carly), Jennifer Klawa (Gabe), Caleb Nash (Natalie), Aaron Griffin, Corinne Nash, Micah Nash, Owen Griffin and Rider Griffin and her seven great-grandchildren Paul, Joe, Luke, Rowan, Evelyn, Wren and Oliver. She is also survived by one sister MaryBeth Rompel Schaltenbrand and two sister-in-laws Yvonne Bamert May and Paula Schrand, and a whole slew of nieces and nephews that she

always held close to her heart.

The family would like to acknowledge the caring hands of Faith Presbyterian Hospice who helped make her last days comfortable and peaceful. Most importantly, the family wants to acknowledge the loving care and friendship of Carol Hudson who became much more to her and to us than a daytime caregiver. Carol was a companion, a friend, a sewing buddy, and a Days of Our Lives groupie with Mom. Her loving care and friendship helped make the last years of her life some of the best.

A visitation is to be held 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Friday, January 14, 2022, with a rosary beginning at 7:00 PM in Reflections Chapel at Rest Haven Funeral Home - Rockwall location. A funeral mass will be held at 11:30 AM, on Saturday, January 15, 2022, at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church in Rockwall, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Dell Children's Hospital in memory of Kate Cassidy Griffin or to Faith Presbyterian Hospice in memory of Virginia Griffin.

# Events

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**JAN** **Evening of Remembrance** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

**14**  
Reflections at Rest Haven Funeral Home - Rockwall Location  
2500 State Highway 66 East, Rockwall, TX, US, 75087

**JAN** **Funeral Mass** 11:30AM

**15**  
Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church  
1305 Damascus Road, Rockwall, TX, US, 75087

# Comments

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“ Ginny was such a kindhearted, warm, down to earth woman. And she had a smile that would melt your heart (except when it was that slightly mischievous smile!). I have the fondest memories of her. My condolences to her wonderful children and all the family.

**Bill Richard** - January 15 at 04:20 PM



“ Bill, thank you very much for these kind words. Everyone comments about her smile, she truly was a kind soul. She loved you and enjoyed keeping up with what you were doing through Facebook. You were very special to her.

**Steve Griffin** - January 17 at 11:29 PM



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**Bill Richard** - January 19 at 09:55 PM

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“ I've known Ginny for over 20 years. I got to know her when we were both volunteers in the church office of Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church. Our friendship has grown over the years. She gave me her motherly wisdom when I needed it. She rejoiced with me as my children married and then shared even more joy when they began to have children. She shared joys, triumphs and trials of her children, grandchildren then great-grandchildren! We shared sorrows when her husband Pat died. She was a support and comfort to me with the illnesses, caretaking and deaths of my in-laws. We were both involved with the Women's Bible Study & Faith Sharing group at church. When she was no longer able to attend in person, Ginny continued to study from home and join in the prayer needs of the ladies and their families. We both enjoyed the Prayer Quilt Ministry. Ginny's love of crafting was contagious. She kept me interested in learning new patterns and checking out new websites. Thanks for getting me hooked on "Craftsy", Ginny! Though she was no longer able to come to Prayer Quilt Ministry in person, Ginny stayed involved...very involved! She continued to sew quilt tops at home, sometimes contributing 10-15 per month. When I would go to her home to visit we always had fun sharing our different projects. She has donated over 100 quilt tops to help warm the bodies and spirits of those in need. It may take us a while to get them all completed, but we will be finishing these quilts hopefully with the same warm, friendly, loving spirit in which the tops were sewn and remembering her with each one. I love you and miss you, Ginny.  
Margie Trout

**MJMTrout** - January 14 at 03:55 PM



“ Thanks, Margie, for this beautiful tribute to an amazing woman.

**Bill Richard** - January 15 at 04:21 PM



“ Thanks, Margie. These are truly beautiful comments about Mom. She loved your frequent visits. Thank you for keeping her connected through the quilting ministry, I really think this gave her purpose and kept her going strong to the finish. She loved to sew and she loved to be part of something important, and you provided that for her. Thanks for being such a good friend to Mom.

**Steve Griffin** - January 17 at 11:27 PM

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“ Ginny and I meet at Our Lady of the Lake Church even though we both were born and raised in Belleville, Illinois. Volunteering in the church office we discussed our past and discovered our very special connection! We even had our children delivered by the same Doctor. We both knew of and had friends while growing up in the same hometown but never meet each other! I felt like she was a kindred sister and we cherished participating in OLOL Bible Study together! I moved away from Rockwall but we kept in touch the best we could! She has obtained in Heaven what she was here on earth an Angel! RIP dear friend!

**Merry Muckensturm** - January 05 at 03:23 PM



“ Thank you for the nice comments. Mom collected angels so I know she is among good friends in Heaven. She enjoyed talking about your Belleville connection. Steve

**Steve Griffin** - January 17 at 11:25 PM