



Ruby Layfield Griffin

November 19, 1949 - June 15, 2020

Ruby Nell Layfield Griffin, age 70, of Ivey, passed away Monday, June 15, 2020. A Memorial Service for Ruby Griffin will be conducted Friday, June 19, 2020 at 2:00pm in the Chapel of Williams Funeral Home of Milledgeville with Rev. Larry Glover officiating. Covid regulations and social distancing should be observed.

A native of Milledgeville, Ruby was born November 19, 1949 to the late Charlie Milton Layfield and the late Rose Nell Batchelor Layfield. Along with her parents, she was also preceded in death by a sister, Lollie Peavy, by a step-daughter, Tina Griffin, and by a grandson, Dylan Griffin. She was employed as an Administrative Assistant in the College of Education at Georgia College and State University. Ruby's greatest joy was her family. Outspoken and spunky til the end, she was always a joy to be around.

Ruby is survived by: her husband, Bobby Griffin of Ivey ; her children, Shelia Cantrall (& Miles), Terresa Smith, & Joey Smith ; her step-children, Marty Griffin (& Sheila), Angie Branstrom (& Mark), and Summer Elson ; her grandchildren, Glenn Purvis (& Stephanie), Marcus Devaney (& Kelly), Olivia Backan, Odin Smith, Tristan Smith, Sophia Smith, Colby Griffin, Jaydon Griffin, Riley Griffin, Heather Rowland, Chelsey Hoskins (& Curtis), Chasity Osborne, Jacob Elson, and Hunter Brett ; her great-grandchildren, Kenzie Purvis, Zachary Purvis, Patrick Devaney, Levi Devaney, Noah Harden,

Phoenix Stiles, Blakelyn Hoskins, and Tessa Hoskins ; four sisters, Linda Minter, Barbara Vining, Liz Colson, and Susan Finch ; and numerous other relatives.

The family will accept flowers, but for those who wish, Memorial Contributions may be made in Ruby's name to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK 73123, or visit: www.cancer.org

Condolences may be expressed online at: www.williamsfuneral.net

Williams Funeral Home and Crematory of Milledgeville is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Service

JUN 19. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory created a Webcast will start approximately 10 minutes before the service in memory of Ruby Layfield Griffin



Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory - June 19, 2020 at 01:06 PM

RS

God bless you, Ruby. We sure will miss you here at Georgia College. Prayers for your family. Rest in peace. -Rob Sumowski

Rob Sumowski - June 19, 2020 at 01:57 PM

BR

Ruby, I will miss your smile..your laughter. And the competence you had in your work. You are a one-of- a- kind person. Now you can rest..with no worries..no strife. I love you. I hope to see you again one day.

BARBARA ROQUEMORE - June 19, 2020 at 02:27 PM

MP

What a beautiful service! The music was truly lovely. I do look forward to seeing her again one day, and we will go out for Mexican food and she will order the cheese dip. You can't have Mexican food without the cheese dip. Love you Miss Ruby!

Marcia Peck - June 19, 2020 at 02:43 PM

BR

Thank you so much for videoing the service. I live in Alabama and could not be there for my cousin. She was truly one of a kind and I love her dearly. I cried when I saw the family had included a picture of me talking to Liz at Aunt Rose's I think 90th birthday party. Glad you used the one where I was "little" for once in my life. To the rest of my dear cousins, I love you all. May God bless and keep you. Journey on!❤️

Betty Ruffin - June 19, 2020 at 09:47 PM

LC

Ruby was a fabulous woman! I so appreciated all she did for the College of Ed when I was Dean and she took care of all the work I needed as a Professor when I returned to teaching including technology! When something needed to be done, Ruby was the woman and it was done professionally! A terrific person, God love her and take good care of her! She is in my prayers as is her family, who must be hurting greatly from her loss! Dr. Leslie Crawford, Dean and Professor Emeritus

Leslie W. Crawford - June 22, 2020 at 02:55 PM

HW

“ Hey aunt ruby it's been along time since you left just wanted you to know I was still thinking about you give every one hugs for me love you always

helen wright - September 02, 2025 at 09:24 PM

KF

“ God's blessings, Rube!



Keisha Foston - June 19, 2020 at 02:47 PM

LM

“ *Lyndall Muschell lit a candle in memory of Ruby Layfield Griffin*



Lyndall Muschell - June 19, 2020 at 01:18 PM

CB

“ *Many fond memories from years ago when our children were young and played together. Rest In Peace my friend. Charlotte Barber*

Charlotte Barber - June 19, 2020 at 01:08 PM

LS

“ *I met Grandma Ruby in Germany while serving with the Cantrell/Purvis family. She opened arms to be quicker than I could even understand what she was saying. I truly bonded with Granny at Glen & Stephs wedding. We laughed on the back patio til every soul left the house. She even helped me quit smoking cigarettes! Thank you Ruby!!*

lonnie smith - June 19, 2020 at 10:43 AM

BV

“ *Ruby was truly one of a kind. She always had a sparkle in her eye and an infectious smile. She was a truly special person. Every time I asked for her help in the last ten years, she ALWAYS got it done quickly and efficiently. Ruby was always there for me, to listen to me, offer advice and help me in any way. I will miss her greatly. Betta Vice*

Betta Vice - June 19, 2020 at 09:28 AM

EG

That was a sweet comment and every word was the truth.i can't think of anyone that didn't love Ruby. I'm already missing her so badm

Eloise Griffin - June 19, 2020 at 10:04 AM

CB

God bless and keep you, Ruby.

Carol Bader - June 20, 2020 at 10:23 AM

TS

“ *Tracey B. Snow lit a candle in memory of Ruby Layfield Griffin*



Tracey B. Snow - June 18, 2020 at 12:37 PM

DH

“ *Debra And Ted Herringdine lit a candle in memory of Ruby Layfield Griffin*



Debra and Ted Herringdine - June 17, 2020 at 11:41 PM

JB

“ *I miss you already. Life will never be the same because the heartache never seems to end. Thank you for the memories and being a wonderful aunt. Tell mama I love her and I love you too. Being without you hurts more than you could ever imagine <3*



Jill Bridges - June 17, 2020 at 09:11 PM

EG

Amen Jill, that is so true. This is really hard to deal with. Take care friend. Love you.

Eloise Griffin - June 17, 2020 at 10:03 PM

NG

“ *Nikki Grimes lit a candle in memory of Ruby Layfield Griffin*



Nikki Grimes - June 17, 2020 at 06:47 PM



“ *Julie Deason lit a candle in memory of Ruby Layfield Griffin*



Julie Deason - June 17, 2020 at 06:17 PM

EJ

“ *Elaine Johnson lit a candle in memory of Ruby Layfield Griffin*



Elaine Johnson - June 17, 2020 at 05:00 PM

EJ

“ *Rest in Peace sweet lady. You will be missed.*

Elaine Johnson - June 17, 2020 at 04:59 PM

RF

“ Raynell Faulkner lit a candle in memory of Ruby Layfield Griffin



Raynell Faulkner - June 17, 2020 at 03:52 PM

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“ 185 files added to the album LifeTributes



Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory - June 17, 2020 at 11:45 AM

JL

“ I miss u so much! I wanted to call u yesterday to talk. These days are going to be so hard but I am thankful that u played a big role in my life. U taught me so much. I know u are at peace now and in Heaven looking down on all of your babies and your hubby and I know u will continue your job there as if u were here. U had so much love for everyone. Everyone loved u so much. In the meantime I am feeling all of this I am thinking Lord u have your hands full now with this lady. RIP my sweet lady. And until we meet again, I love u and will cherish the memories always. John loves u and will miss u too.



john and JoAnn Lavender - June 17, 2020 at 09:53 AM

CH

“ *Cindy Humphrey lit a candle in memory of Ruby Layfield Griffin*



Cindy Humphrey - June 17, 2020 at 08:34 AM

LM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Luther & Berta and Friends at johnnie McDade Grocery.*



Luther Minor - June 17, 2020 at 07:19 AM

SB

“ *Never will you be forgotten you were a great friend, but so much more...*

Love and miss you sue.

Sandy barber - June 17, 2020 at 03:32 AM

WC

“ *Words cannot express how much of a blessing you were to me during my time in the cohort. You always knew what to say when I came in after placement. I'm sending my love and condolences to this precious family. Rest on, sweet lady. I know that crown is heavy - you touched so many of us.*

Will Cooper - June 17, 2020 at 01:48 AM

TP

To the family out though and prayers are with y'all! 🙏🙏🙏

Thetis Pittman - June 17, 2020 at 07:50 AM

BR

“ I can't believe you are gone, my dear cousin. So many memories will remain in my heart. The best part of my childhood was going to Aunt Rose's house and playing with you. I will miss you. They broke the mold when they made you. I love you. I know you are already stirring up something in heaven! Prayers for Liz, Barbara, Linda, and Susan. ❤️

Betty Ruffin - June 17, 2020 at 01:23 AM

LW

“ Ruby, you are missed. Any moment or conversation with you was one with laughter. You were a joy to know.



Lori Watson - June 17, 2020 at 12:35 AM

CR

“ Cheryl Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Ruby Layfield Griffin



Cheryl Reynolds - June 16, 2020 at 10:38 PM

EW

“ Remembering Ruby from school days long ago, and hearing about her good deeds in years past. Outspoken, she was in life; well spoken of, in death. We will miss her. Many will.

Eddie and Judy Williams - June 16, 2020 at 10:19 PM

LU

“ Mrs Ruby was a tremendous supporter of the Early College while I taught there. I could always count on Mrs Ruby to help us find a way to make an impossible situation work.
L McDonald

Luke - June 16, 2020 at 07:56 PM

SH

“ Sharon Hood lit a candle in memory of Ruby Layfield Griffin



Sharon Hood - June 16, 2020 at 07:39 PM

EG

“ Eloise Griffin sent a virtual gift in memory of Ruby Layfield Griffin



Eloise Griffin - June 16, 2020 at 07:24 PM

EG

Ruby, I can't believe you are going. I guess you figured you better go look after Dylan. God needed you more so he sent the Angels down to Serenate you the the throne in heaven. God knows how much we are going to be missed on heart. I'm missing you badly right now. It's just like a dream. We'll wait on us, we will one day soon. 😭😭😭

Eloise Griffin - June 16, 2020 at 07:30 PM

EG

Sorry Ruby, I can see the letters to type for the tears in my eyes. You'll understand what I'm saying.

Eloise Griffin - June 16, 2020 at 07:35 PM

DJ

“ Ruby was always so kind to me and a joy. I will always have fond memories of her.



Donna Johnson - June 16, 2020 at 07:15 PM

MW

“ Marie Woodard lit a candle in memory of Ruby Layfield Griffin



Marie Woodard - June 16, 2020 at 07:08 PM

KH

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with your family. I have many fond memories of my time at GCSU with Ruby. She took me under her wing when I was first starting out as a department secretary across campus and helped me make vital connections. As time marched on and our roles changed, our paths still crossed but not as often. Our conversations were always filled with laughter, teachable moments and sass! She will be missed.*

Karen Higgs - June 16, 2020 at 07:07 PM

DH

“ *David And Joyce Hunnicutt lit a candle in memory of Ruby Layfield Griffin*



David and Joyce Hunnicutt - June 16, 2020 at 04:17 PM

JS

“ *Ruby was my cousin she will be miss. God Bless Bobby , and Family*



Jimmy & Brenda Snellgrove - June 16, 2020 at 02:51 PM

KP

“ *Thank you Ruby (Nanny) and to all your family for loving my daughter, Kelly, as your own. You have a permanent place in our hearts forever.*
Kay Pries

Kay Pries - June 16, 2020 at 02:41 PM

LN

“ Ruby,

*I appreciated you more than you would ever know! I'll miss working
(and laughing) with you....*

*I will always remember the sage advice you shared with me this last
year.*

God Bless...

Sincerely,

Mike Newton



L. Michael Newton - June 16, 2020 at 02:34 PM

CG

“ Ruby you will be so very missed by me and everyone else at the COE. I cannot possibly share all of the fun stories and laughter we shared together during the past 15 years, along with all of the crazy tales you told me during our lunch dates. The building will never be the same without you in it, and I have many stories about you I will share for years to come.



I am extremely saddened that I cannot attend the funeral this Friday. I am leading an all-day photography workshop in North Georgia that is completely full and I am unable to cancel it with this short of notice. Please know that my mind and heart will be with all of you in Milledgeville, as I so very wish I could be in attendance.

Chris Greer - June 16, 2020 at 01:51 PM

AB

“ She will be missed by so many! We love you Nanny!!🙏 Rest In Peace 🙏



Angie Branstrom - June 16, 2020 at 01:47 PM

TK

“ My precious Ruby God sure gained a special angel I have always loved you, you was one of the best



Teresa Knowles - June 16, 2020 at 01:42 PM

MB

I went to school with Ruby nice person

mary miller baker - June 16, 2020 at 05:04 PM

PW

Ruby was a good friend and a special co-worker for many years. She will be missed by so many people that knew her.

Peggy Starley Wood - June 17, 2020 at 08:46 AM