



Genevieve Griffin Meek

August 25, 1946 - September 9, 2020

Genevieve Griffin Meek passed away September 9 after a year-long battle with cancer. A resident of Dallas for more than 60 years, Genevieve and her husband, Gary, moved to Granbury, Texas, in 2012 after they retired.

Genevieve was born on August 25, 1946, to William Raymond Griffin and Harriet Elizabeth Griffin in Houston, Texas.

In 1950, the family moved to Dallas, where Genevieve graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in 1964. She graduated from Southern Methodist University with a bachelor's degree in fine arts in 1968. At SMU, she was a member of Delta Gamma sorority.

After college, Genevieve worked for Taylor Publishing Company as its first female graphic designer. She later joined Liquid Paper Corporation, where she was its first female art director.

An award-winning illustrator, Genevieve started her own business in the late 1970s, creating contemporary designs for advertisements, brochures and annual reports for many corporate clients. She also illustrated children's books, including some of the About Me computer-generated series and three of the Wishbone mystery books. She was especially proud to have illustrated the Jesus Healing series of children's books for the Christian Science Publishing Society. Throughout her work, she often used her husband and daughter as models for her illustrations.

Genevieve was the first woman elected to serve as president of the Dallas Society of Visual Communications, leading the organization from 1981 to 1982.

Her last job was as program manager in the Business Leadership Center at the Cox School of Business at Southern Methodist University. She worked full time until 2012 and then continued part time until 2019.

Earlier this year, Genevieve completed her final work of art, with much perseverance and help with the woodworking from Gary, when she painted a large, permanent sign for a backyard fort for her grandsons, William and Griffin.

Genevieve married Gary, her high school sweetheart, on June 14, 1969. To celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary, their daughter, Kathleen, and her husband, Jeff, hosted a two-day, old-fashioned, backyard family reunion.

Genevieve was a devoted mother to Kathleen, attending every gymnastics meet and dance competition and often staying up late when her daughter had a lot of homework to do.

Recently, Genevieve said, “I was blessed to share my life with Gary and to have a career doing what I loved. Then, when we added raising a daughter to our lives, I experienced total fulfillment.”

Genevieve was a member of the Fifth Church of Christ, Scientist, in Dallas and the Christian Science Society in Granbury. She also was a member of the Easy Reader Book Club in Dallas.

Genevieve was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her husband, Gary August Meek, of Granbury and by their daughter, Kathleen Meek Davis, and her husband, Jeff Davis, and their two children, William and Griffin, of Long Beach, California.

She also is survived by her brother-in-law, Philip Meek, and his wife, Elizabeth, of Austin, and their children—Ryan Meek and Amy Trammell and their son, Ian, of Austin; Janene Franke and her children, Caroline and Conrad, of Austin; and Kristen and Polo Jaimes and their son, Alex, of Pflugerville, Texas.

She is survived by her sister-in-law Forrest Petricca of Dallas and her children—Rosanne and Ty Medlin and their children, Aubrie and Blake, of Grapevine, Texas, and by David and Candace Petricca and their daughter, Harper, of Waxahachie, Texas.

She is survived by her sister-in-law Christina Nakhoda and her husband, Zak, of Dallas and their children—Zein Nakhoda and Nátali Cortés of Philadelphia; Marria Nakhoda and Carter Mulcahy of Philadelphia; and Trey Nakhoda of Los Angeles.

She is survived by her sister-in-law Ivy Halford of Sedona, Arizona.

The family will hold a live-stream memorial service on October 17, 2020 at 2:00 pm. To view please use the following link: <http://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/viewer/38897>

In lieu of flowers, they request that donations be made in Genevieve's memory to the Dallas Society of Visual Communications Foundation, which provides scholarships to North Texas high school seniors who want to study art in college, or to the Christian Science Society of Granbury.

You can donate to the Dallas Society of Visual Communications Foundation at <https://tinyurl.com/meekDSVCF>. Or, you can send a check to DSVCF, Suite 715, 400 North St. Paul Street, Dallas, Texas 75201.

You can donate by check to the Christian Science Society of Granbury, 5401 Comanche Vista Trail, Granbury, Texas 76049.

Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Restland Funeral Home and Cemetery - October 17, 2020 at 02:11 PM



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Kathleen - October 20, 2020 at 08:43 PM



“ What a beautiful service and tribute to Genevieve.
Indeed, what a gentle and loving person she was. We were in Book Group together
and I so enjoyed knowing her.

Nancy Polk - October 17, 2020 at 05:14 PM



“ Dear Gary, Kathleen and her extended family,
Your dear Genevieve was so important to the development of several publications for the Christian Science Publishing Society. I and my fellow developers and writers were very fortunate to have Genevieve with us as we worked long hours to bring biblical books, cards and a Bible timeline to fruition. Her beautiful art made our words sing.

I was the most fortunate of all, because we both lived in Dallas, and I had the great pleasure to see her frequently as I gave her our team's feedback for the many beautiful illustrations she did for us. What a pleasure it was to have those lovely meetings with her. She expressed exceptional love and dedication to her work and to us as a team. It was a joy to work with such a talented, loving and gracious woman!

It was also gratifying to have this opportunity to have conversations with her about her family. I especially loved hearing stories about Kathleen, her pursuits and accomplishments. Her mother loved her so. Since I had embarked on being a vegetarian shortly before I met with Genevieve, I enjoyed tremendously the story of Kathleen becoming a vegetarian--and at such an early age. Every time I think of how she made this choice, it brings a big smile to my face. I recall Genevieve relating the visit she and her little daughter made to the grocery store when Kathleen discovered the chicken she had been eating was actually an animal. From that moment on, she decided she would not eat meat again! Here was a strong woman expressed in a very young child! Additionally, her mother expressed wonderful understanding and dedication to her daughter. If this was important to Kathleen, she would make it happen, and it changed the course of cooking in her home forever.

Genevieve was and is love itself. I am grateful for our shared understanding that life is eternal and that God's love and guidance are with Genevieve forever.

Blessings and love to all,
Mary Jo Beebe

Mary Jo Beebe - October 17, 2020 at 04:52 PM



“ The tributes to Genevieve during her service were so apt, so perfect. I came to know and love her when we worked at Liquid Paper Corp. Our friendship continued after we both went solo--Genevieve as a designer and illustrator, I as a copywriter. She led the way, helping me find my first office space, in the same complex as her studio. What luck, what a joy! We often visited each other, sharing leads for new business and discussing the ups and downs of freelancing. (More downs than ups at first.) Genevieve also encouraged me to join the Dallas Society of Visual Communicators, which opened many doors for me. I owe so much to her for my eventual success and independent career.

As I think about my old friend, so many images and thoughts spring to mind: her beaming smile (it really was a ray of sunshine); her humor, which could be wicked but never at another's expense; her genuine interest in you and your life; and her insightful intelligence and depth of character. In other words, a role model. And that she was, although she would blush to hear it.

Genevieve was a great lady. To Gary, Kathleen and her whole family, my husband, Don, and I send you our love and sympathy.

Marsha Coburn

Marsha Coburn - October 17, 2020 at 04:33 PM



“ Dear Gary and Kathleen,
I have so many fond memories of Genevieve. When I think of her, I see her gentle smile and hear her soft voice. I appreciate her kindness and warmth throughout my life, and she will be missed. I loved her and her absence is felt far and wide I'm sure. I offer you my heartfelt love and sympathy and continue to keep you in my thoughts and prayers.

Donna Meek - October 10, 2020 at 11:11 AM



“ Dear Gary and Kathleen,
One of the children's books Gen illustrated, Rhymes About Fun Times, featured large in our children's early years. All four of them really enjoyed it. Not only was it oversized, their 'cousins' were the models for it! And, most importantly, their 'Aunt' Genevieve drew all the pictures for it. Since their last name was Meek, too, surely they were famous as well!
I saved it, along with a few other family favorites, to read to my grandchildren. Genevieve's work-like her spirit-lives on. Her loving life and amazing talent will not be forgotten.

With Love and sympathy,
Ruth Meek



Ruth Meek - October 09, 2020 at 11:31 PM



“ I first met Genevieve at Fifth Church of Christ, Scientist, Dallas, when she and her dad would attend the church services. We served together on many committees and kept up our friendship through her retirement to Granbury years. Genevieve's grace, thoughtfulness, talents, and lovingkindness are hallmarks of this dear lady. I know she continues to express her beautiful spiritual qualities since we know that Life is eternal! The world is so blessed to have Genevieve's many contributions through the years. I'll surely keep her close in my heart. I send Gary and Kathleen and her family big hugs and my prayers and loving thoughts.

-- Susan Peabody

Susan Peabody - October 06, 2020 at 09:47 PM



“ I met Genevieve at Fifth Church of Christ Scientist, Dallas Texas and served with her on a number of committees. She served a 3 year term as Second Reader there and it was such a joy to hear her rich, lovely voice and inspired reading. Her artwork was sublime. What a talented, kind and beautiful woman! I'm so grateful for all the good Genevieve shared with the world! Much love and prayers to her family.

Leanne DeVey - September 23, 2020 at 12:52 PM



“ So saddened to learn of Genevieve's passing. Truly one of the sweetest people I've ever known. I knew her at Fifth Church of Christ, Scientist and was so inspired by her love for all and her devotion to church and to her precious family. Much love to the family

Beverly Wise - September 24, 2020 at 09:17 PM



“ Gary and Kathleen,
Condolences to you and to all your family members. Genevieve was such a talented, witty, and caring person. I am blessed to have known her.
Diane Hambrick

Diane Hambrick - September 23, 2020 at 11:36 AM



“ Gary and Kathleen,
Sorry to hear of your loss. Prayers and peace to you both.
Sue & Brad Moore

Sue Moore - September 21, 2020 at 10:39 AM



“ Gary, so sorry for your loss. Condolences to you and your family.

David Stanford - September 21, 2020 at 07:19 AM



“ Genevieve was a serenely beautiful woman, always calm and ready with words of wisdom. We met through our daughters who were part of the Hillcrest Panaders Drill Team. We spent many an evening and afternoon sitting in stadiums and gymnasiums to cheer for our girls. Genevieve did the sweetest thing for me when she learned that my paternal grandmother's first name was also Genevieve. Knowing how I loved Christmas ornaments(the older the better), she gave me one that had belonged to her namesake. I have always thought of Genevieve when I hang it on the tree & will say a prayer for her when I do so in years to come. Funny memory: Genevieve and Gary, my husband Paul & I all traveled to Paris together. We had a great time shopping, dining and visiting the Eiffel Tower. Except it looked more like an oil derrick with a cowboy hat on the top. Because our Parisian excursion was to watch our daughters Kathleen and Marguerite perform at half-time with their fellow Panaders in Paris, Texas. Rest In Peace, Genevieve and enjoy your heavenly home.
Carol Dumont

Carol Dumont - September 20, 2020 at 12:06 PM



“ Genevieve was my college roommate at SMU and a sorority sister. We were in each others wedding also. She and her family were so welcoming to me when I landed at SMU from Chicago. We stayed in touch through the early 70's and then re-united in the early 80's when Kathleen was in an after school program which I directed at Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church. later on we connected through a mutual friend - Maureen Waldie who was in her book club. She was a dear friend who I wish I had kept up with better. My condolences go out to Gary and Kathleen.
Fondly, Diane Gerwin Nelson

Diane Nelson - September 14, 2020 at 07:49 PM



“ I met Genevieve through the Easy Reader Book Club. Her book choices were always worth reading. She was smart, funny, thoughtful and a good friend to many who will miss her.
May her memory be a comfort to her family as they grieve her loss.

Sally Kittles

Sally Kittles - September 14, 2020 at 05:27 PM



“ There is so much to say about Genevieve. She was my dear friend through high school and college. We pledged the same sorority and were roommates our senior year. We shared a love of all things art and were there for each other during many important life events. She possessed a sharp intelligence, a dry wit, and a gentle heart. She will be missed. My prayers are with Gary, Kathleen and all the family.

Linda Brown Cowell - September 14, 2020 at 09:32 AM



“ Genevieve made life better for many using her great artistic talent. She was a fine friend to have always full of grace and fun. Condolences to Gary and Family.

Liz Graff Sanders - September 14, 2020 at 05:44 PM



“ Genevieve was born with a wonderful artistic gift. I remember what a talented artist she was even back in the third grade back at Longfellow. My condolences to Gary & Family,

Ben Brewer

Benjamin Taber Brewer III - September 20, 2020 at 06:23 PM



“ I knew Genevieve when we both attend ended Longfellow Elementary School in Inwood. She was such a talented artist even then. (I too graduated from TJ in 1964.) Although I lost personal touch with her when we both attended Thomas Jefferson, she continued to be known for her art and for being a kind and generous soul. The world has lost a lovely person.

Barbara Banks Trudel - September 13, 2020 at 02:54 PM



“ Genevieve is resting, no pain, no suffering according to Ecclesiastes 9:5. Soon the God of Love will make death disappear - Isaiah 25:8

Chelito - September 13, 2020 at 10:31 AM



“ Gary and Kathleen, I'm sorry for your loss. -Deidra Cunningham-

Deidra Cunningham - September 12, 2020 at 09:50 AM