



Nan Carole Griffith

April 12, 1941 - November 28, 2020

In His perfect timing, God called upon his angels to escort Nan Carole Sadler Griffith to her heavenly home on November 28, 2020. Nan entered this world on April 12, 1941, to loving parents Bernis and Myrtie Sadler, in Huntsville, Texas. Nan had a carefree, childhood in Port Arthur, where at a young age, Nan accepted Christ as her Savior.

Nan graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in 1959, where she was actively involved in student government, voted "Most Popular," and attended Girls State in Austin. She received a degree from Lamar University where she delighted in frat parties, Alpha Delta Pi sorority sisters and new friends. Nan met her husband, Jim, at one of these parties.

Nan and Jim began their life together in Houston, where Nan taught Kindergarten. The following year they moved to Fort Worth, where she taught Home Economics until their first daughter was born. Nan began volunteering at the Fort Worth Children's Museum School, with her sorority alumni group, and taught Youth Sunday School. NASA called Jim to Houston, so off they went to League City where their second daughter was born. In 1969, Jim received a call to join a young company called EDS. Three weeks after Nan and Jim arrived in Dallas, a third daughter arrived to complete their family. A two-year assignment for EDS in Germany brought her the warmest memories of time with her family and with Jim, who passed in 1992.

Nan completed a master's degree in Marriage and Family Issues at Texas Women's University while raising her three girls and teaching. She taught Home Economics for nearly 30 years in Plano. Nan had an extraordinary impact on the lives of kids now scattered around the globe. She was a refuge for her students, providing them with life skills, unconditional love and acceptance during their toughest adolescent years. Nan remained close to many students and celebrated their successes as they launched their careers and started their own families.

Nan opened her heart wide in the service of others as a volunteer with the American Red

Cross, CASA, Journey of Hope, Family Outreach, and Brookhaven Church, though her greatest service was as a loving mother and grandmother to seven grandchildren.

Nan is survived by her daughters and their husbands Mabrie and Marshall Jackson, Mary and Jim Williams and Suzy and Michael Gange; her grandchildren James Jackson, Davis Williams, Mitchell Jackson, Katherine Williams, Emily Williams, Andrew Gange and Will Gange; her sisters Marlene Burleson and Shirley Sadler; brothers-in-laws David Griffith and Kerry Burleson; many nieces, nephews and friends that loved her dearly; and her furry companion, Lucy.

Services will be held Thursday, December 3, at 11:00 a.m., at Brookhaven Church, 6101 Stacy Road in McKinney, and streaming online at

<https://boxcast.tv/view/celebrating-the-life-of-nan-griffith-871415>

Pastor Glenn Meredith is officiating. In addition to her grandsons, Nan's former students, Justin Nichols and Cam McCall, will serve as pallbearers.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Collin County Children's Advocacy Center.

Events

DEC **Funeral** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Brookhaven Church

6101 Stacy Road, McKinney, TX, US, 75070

Comments



“ Nan was a great teacher, but perhaps more importantly, she was a FUN teacher. She was so much fun, so much fun to be around, and be with in class. She didn't treat you like a kid, she treated you like someone she really saw, she really knew. She LOVED to laugh, and oh man we loved to make her laugh, and we would do anything, go to any lengths, to make her laugh. Fifty years later, i remember her laugh like yesterday. Her laugh, her light, her love will love in my heart as long as I am here. My love and deepest sympathy go out to her beautiful family. She must have been so proud of all of you. Love, John Hickey

John Hickey - December 06, 2020 at 01:48 AM



“ I didn't know Ms. Griffith, but, as I look at her beautiful smile, I am convinced that knowing her daughter (Mabrie) gives me a glimpse into her life and legacy. I wish for Mabrie and the family that fond memories of the life you shared with Ms. Griffith will comfort you in the days ahead.

LaShon Ross

LaShon Ross - December 03, 2020 at 09:00 PM



“ I'll never forget when I first met Nan. I had often seen a striking blonde lady cruising around the Collin County Children's Advocacy Center, and one day she approached me to ask about volunteering. Nan said that she had been volunteering with CASA where she advocated for children. She felt like she was ready to work more with parents, and Family Outreach seemed like a good fit for her. How lucky we at Family Outreach were to have her from that day on!

Nan stepped up to do whatever was needed. She taught many parenting classes, became President of our non-profit, and always mentored a family while busy with those other activities. Her positivity and enthusiasm were off the charts! Even when I entered retirement, Nan as President accepted my resignation with such grace and understanding.

Nan's service was beautiful, just like her character. Her grandchildren's words were incredibly sweet and heartbreaking at the same time. I am very grateful to have known Nan as well as I did!

Debbie DeCicco

Debbie DeCicco - December 03, 2020 at 01:30 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Jay

Jay Fox - December 03, 2020 at 12:02 PM



“ What a life that was well lived! You can see in the wonderful pics of days gone by that she loved her family, friends, and her life fiercely. I have no doubt that she will be hosting parties in her new forever home. Sending prayers for comfort to all who loved her.

Jana Grimone - December 03, 2020 at 11:50 AM



“ I have heard so many wonderful things about Nan from Mabrie. Sorry I can't be at the service live but these are unusual times. So sorry for your loss. Jim Pitts

Jim Pitts - December 03, 2020 at 11:48 AM



“ Our prayers are with Nan's family. She was an amazing, precious lady. Nan walked in the light of God. I know we are all on a journey to our forever home but I'm saddened and will miss her.

Wendy Savins - December 03, 2020 at 12:04 AM



“ Nan was a wonderful friend, who deeply cared about others and made such a positive impact on the hundreds of lives she touched. She was funny, genuine, passionate, a great listener, creative, a woman of many talents and had incredible faith. She had an amazing gift when it came to cooking anything. Her greatest love was for her family and her pets. She was beautiful inside and out and an inspiration to those around her. She will be forever loved and missed.

Shari Stark - December 02, 2020 at 09:12 PM



“ Dear Mary and family - you are in our thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time. Sending hugs to you - Dana, Harvey, Lily and Eli Eckoff

Dana Eckoff - December 02, 2020 at 09:10 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Nan Carole Griffith.



December 02, 2020 at 04:27 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Nan Carole Griffith.



December 02, 2020 at 03:19 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Nan Carole Griffith.



December 02, 2020 at 11:24 AM



“ Vines High School PALs - Class of '94-'95 purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Nan Carole Griffith.



Vines High School PALs - Class of '94-'95 - December 02, 2020 at 10:33 AM



“ Our prayers, Love, and support are yours during this difficult time. Lara and Rich Horner



Lara Horner - December 02, 2020 at 10:22 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Nan Carole Griffith.



December 02, 2020 at 09:22 AM



“ Melinda Crego purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Nan Carole Griffith.



Melinda Crego - December 02, 2020 at 09:19 AM



“ Ever Upward Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nan Carole Griffith.



December 01, 2020 at 10:49 PM



“ J. Scott Sadler purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Nan Carole Griffith.



J. Scott Sadler - December 01, 2020 at 10:08 PM



“ Bountiful Rose Basket was purchased for the family of Nan Carole Griffith.



December 01, 2020 at 09:46 PM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Nan Carole Griffith.



December 01, 2020 at 09:31 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Nan Carole Griffith.



December 01, 2020 at 09:29 PM



“ I met Nan through another friend. We had bible study at Nan's home. From the moment I met her she was open, welcoming and friendly, like we had known each other forever. She was gracious, elegant and kind. She parted much wisdom to me in a short time. She will be missed.

Sherry Wright - December 01, 2020 at 09:24 PM



“ Carolyn Cloud purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Nan Carole Griffith.



Carolyn Cloud - December 01, 2020 at 08:41 PM



“ I first met Nan as a fellow juror on a Grand Jury in the early 2000's in Collin County. I was struck by her sensitivity, sensibility, compassion and personality. I'm terribly saddened by her sudden loss to her family and our community. God bless you Nan!

Craig Perry - December 01, 2020 at 06:32 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Nan Carole Griffith.



December 01, 2020 at 06:27 PM



“ Donna and Jimmy Harty purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Nan Carole Griffith.



Donna and Jimmy Harty - December 01, 2020 at 06:02 PM