



Martin Griffin

July 2, 1942 - April 6, 2009

Martin Griffin, Jr. "Battery Man" Age 66, a graduate of Baton Rouge High, Martin passed away on Monday, April 6, 2009 at North Oaks Medical Center. He lived in Baton Rouge for many years before moving to Springfield where he has spent the last 31 years. An entrepreneur who recycled batteries for over thirty years became known as the "Battery Man". He served as past Master for the Hurd Merrill Masonic Lodge # 454 in Livingston, was an avid LSU fan and also served our country in Vietnam with the U.S. Air Force. He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 28 years, Viola "Vi" Coats-Griffin; daughters, Marla Johnson and husband Benji, Flo Carrigan and fiancé Dave Kirkpatrick; sons, Mark Griffin and wife Stefanie, Mike Medeiros, Tom Bates and fiancé Sheri Kysilka, Thomas Griffin and wife Sheila, Jimbo Bates and wife Dawn. The joy of his life were his surviving grandchildren, Benay, Kelsie and Nicole Johnson; Stephen Mitchell and Katie Carrigan; Lauren Bates; Shannon Fish; Logan, James "Jambo" and Lilly Bates; Dylan and Sammi Schular. He is also survived by one great-grandson, Tommy Fish; his very best pal, Buzz Perrin; a special niece, Melissa Johnson and nephew John Henderson; his mother-in-law, Florence Foster and his brother-in-law, Kenneth Kelly and his wife Dora. He was preceded in death by his son, Timothy "Tiny" Griffin; his only sister, Della; parents, Martin, Sr. and Lucille Griffin. Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the graveside services at Carter Cemetery in Springfield on Tuesday, April 7, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. conducted by Rev. Chris Chavers from New Hope Baptist Church. In lieu

of flowers, memorial donations may be made in honor of Martin Griffin, Jr. to the Girls Scout Troop 421-Albany, 29950 Pine Dr., Albany La 70711. The donations will be presented to the American Cancer Society Relay for Life in Livingston Parish on May 15, 2009. Condolences and other information available online at www.bgthompsonfuneralhome.com Arrangements have been entrusted to Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home of Hammond.