



## Ruffin Wilson Griffin Jr.

November 5, 1942 - May 4, 2026

Ruffin Wilson Griffin, Jr went home to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on May 4, 2026 at the age of 83. Ruffin was born in Houston, TX, a native of Little Chappapela Community just east of Amite, LA, a resident of Walker, LA, a Gideon for 27 years, and a member and prior deacon of Walker Baptist Church. Ruffin was a line set operator for the Morning Advocate before he went to work at ExxonMobil as a process operator. After working 37-1/2 years at ExxonMobil, he retired and began his second "career" of substitute teaching at local schools where he was known as "Pawpaw" on campuses from 2004-2019. He truly loved people and wanted to see them succeed and know the LORD. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

He is survived by his daughters, Alaina Gilmore and Debra McGaughey (Jimmy); grandsons Caleb Gilmore (Sophie), Joshua Gilmore (Nikayla), and Hilton McGaughey (Jourdan); great-grandchildren Sawyer Gilmore and Leanna Gilmore; brother Lewis Griffin (Dot); sister-in-law Karen Griffin and several nieces and cousins.

Ruffin is preceded in death by his wife of 56 years, Linda Shilling Griffin; father, Ruffin Griffin, Sr.; mother, Vera Lanier Griffin; brother, Harrell Griffin; and granddaughter, Brittany Leann Gilmore.

Pallbearers will be: Caleb Gilmore, Joshua Gilmore, Hilton McGaughey,

James McGaughey, Michael Smith, and Cliff Graham.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend a visitation in the chapel of Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home 7738 Florida Blvd Denham Springs, LA 70726, on Thursday, May 7, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. until the Funeral Service at 1:00 p.m. Services will be officiated by Dr. Richard Blue. Interment will follow at Walker Baptist Church Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can also be made to WBC Food Pantry, Gideon's International, or sponsor a child for camp in memory of Ruffin.

# Cemetery Details

## Walker Baptist Church Cemetery

Walker, LA 70785

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 7. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - Denham Springs, LA  
7738 Florida Blvd.  
Denham Springs, LA 70726  
(225) 380-3500

## Funeral Service

MAY 7. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ruffin Wilson Griffin Jr.*



Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - May 06 at 09:38 AM

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*He was the kind of teacher that you never forget. Sending prayers to his family & friends as they navigate this difficult time. I know he's happy to be with our Lord & Savior.*

Taylor Hunt - May 06 at 10:18 PM

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“ *Mr Ruffin was my “go to” sub! I knew he would have everything under control when he was in charge of my class. He was such a sweet and Godly man. His family are in my thoughts and prayers!*

donna arbour - May 07 at 11:21 AM

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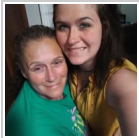
“ *Ruffin and I worked together at EM during the 90s. My prayers are with you as you mourn his passing. Wayne Purdom*

Wayne Purdom - May 07 at 09:39 AM



“ *Mr. Griffin I will never forget how to a T you were always dressed. You kept us kids in line through the years but most of all you had a true love for us and we will never forget that. ❤️*

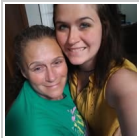
Shanna Delaune - May 06 at 10:13 PM



“ *Sarah Waggenpack lit a candle in memory of Ruffin Wilson Griffin Jr.*



Sarah Waggenpack - May 06 at 09:09 PM



“ *Mr. Griffin was the sweetest sub and really cared about his students! I had a hard home life and I remember Him praying with me one day. I will never forget his kindness! Prayers for his family!*

Sarah Waggenpack - May 06 at 09:08 PM



“ *Our condolences from my family to yours, Alaina and Debra. Much love for Ruffin, he will definitely be missed by so many. He left such a good impression on me as a young girl. Always much love for Linda and Ruffin and the family. Love, hugs and prayers for you all. Vangie and family. 🌹*

Vangie Wascom Ramos - May 06 at 10:59 AM