



Jefferson Davis "Jack" Griffith, Jr.

October 28, 1927 - May 8, 2024

Saluda, SC

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Jefferson Davis "Jack" Griffith, Jr., 96, passed away Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at his home surrounded by his family.

Jack was born October 28, 1927, in Saluda County. He was the son of the late Jefferson Davis Griffith, Sr. and Bettie Grigsby Griffith. Jack was the husband of the late Margaret Mitchell Griffith.

He graduated from Saluda County Schools and attended Wofford College. He served in the Navy during World War II and upon being discharged attended the University of South Carolina School of Law. While in law school, he married Margaret Meadows Mitchell in July of 1950. He graduated in 1952 and was later admitted to the South Carolina Bar Association.

Jack and Margaret returned to Saluda where they established their home and reared their children. Jack practiced law with his father, Jeff D. Griffith, Sr. and Billy C. Coleman, in the Firm of Griffith, Coleman and Griffith. His practice was a typical, rural, small town legal practice and varied from drafting wills and deeds to representing individuals in the Courts of Common Pleas and General

Sessions.

In 1971, by an act of the General Assembly of South Carolina, the multicounty Family Court for Edgefield, McCormick and Saluda counties was created. He was nominated by the Legislative Delegations to serve as the first resident Family Court Judge for those counties and was appointed by Governor John C. West for a term beginning January 1, 1972. When the Family Court became a part of the unified statewide court system, he stood for reelection and was elected to the position of Family Court Judge for the 11th Judicial Circuit and was reelected each time thereafter until his retirement in 1992. For the next 32 years, Jack was dedicated to family and community. He enjoyed a yearly trip with his family to Litchfield Beach and would often go fishing with his friends in Mississippi. Jack proudly told stories of his family to anyone who would listen.

While rearing their four children, Jack also enjoyed fishing and hunting with his friends. You could always count on him to have a large garden which he graciously shared with all. In the fall, Jack and G “hit the road” to attend South Carolina football games. For many years, Jack enjoyed socializing and cooking with his buddies at the Monday Night Supper Club. Jack was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and great-great grandfather that encouraged his family to succeed and give back to others.

Jack was a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church and a member of the JN Deloach Sunday School Class. Jack and his family attended many services and activities throughout his life. He willingly served in many positions at St. Paul.

Surviving are his children: Lynn Anderson (Van, deceased), Jeff (Avis) Griffith, Julia (Glenn) White, and Mitchell (Cathryn) Griffith, a sister, Lindy Hutchinson. Grandchildren: Meg (Blake) Davis, Nancy (Jeffrey) Jordan, Elizabeth (Casey)

Kimm, Jay (Michelle) Griffith, Roger White, Laura Mims, Jack (Katie) Griffith, Madeline (Ryan) Lund, MacMillan Griffith. Great-grandchildren: Heidi (Adam) Tuttle, Emily and Erica Davis, Nyla, Natalie, and Nora Jordan, Winnie Mims, Callie and Maddie Kimm, Gisele Griffith, Great-great grandson: Jack Davis Tuttle.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to Dr. Ralph Riley, the caregivers of Hospice Services of South Carolina and to Lenora Springs, Donna Helms and Annie Maxfield.

Funeral services will be held 4 p.m., Friday, May 10, 2024, at St. Paul United Methodist Church with Rev. Cameron Levi officiating. Interment will follow in Travis Park Cemetery. The family will receive friends at other times at the home of Lynn Anderson.

Memorials may be made to St. Paul United Methodist Church – Family Life Center or Backpack Ministry, 102 East Butler Avenue, Saluda, SC 29138 or to Emanuel Church, P.O. Box 594, Saluda, SC 29138.

Cemetery Details

Travis Park Cemetery

Travis Avenue
Saluda, SC

Previous Events

Funeral

MAY 10. 4:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul United Methodist Church
102 East Butler Avenue
Saluda, SC 29138

Tribute Wall

LA

“ Dear Lynn, Jeff and families. I am sorry I am not able to be in Saluda for your Dad's service. Please know that my prayers are with you and all your family. God's mercy, grace and peace be with you all. Always, Lora Herlong Atwood

Lora Herlong Atwood - May 11, 2024 at 05:09 PM

BC

“ Judge Griffith as I always referred to him was a true gentleman and a huge Gamecock fan. He was part of our lunch bunch, half Gamecocks and half Clemson that got together every day during the week when I worked in Lexington in the late 70s and early 80s. I loved his little chuckle laugh as we would give those Tiger members trouble. My sincere condolences to all the family.

*Benny Counts
Chapin*

Benny Counts - May 11, 2024 at 02:22 PM

Jl

“ JOHN KEMP, III lit a candle in memory of Jefferson Griffith, Jr.



JOHN KEMP, III - May 10, 2024 at 07:41 PM

Jl

“ *John Kemp, III lit a candle in memory of Jefferson Griffith, Jr.*



John Kemp, III - May 10, 2024 at 01:53 PM

SH

“ *Sethalene Huff lit a candle in memory of Jefferson Griffith, Jr.*



Sethalene Huff - May 10, 2024 at 11:05 AM

EG

“ *Jeff and Avis, what a legacy your Dad has left. I remember yall talking about him and the Saluda house. Thinking of you and your family.*

Elizabeth Grantham - May 10, 2024 at 08:40 AM

SQ

“ *My heart felt sympathy is with all of you. Mr Jack or Judge Griffith as I knew him best, was a great man, neighbor, friend, and boss. I started my career at the newly formed Family Court with him at the helm. I witnessed his continued dedication to the families and children of the 11th Judicial Circuit and it was easy to address him as "Your Honor". I'm sure that official title pales in comparison to the love and fondness felt by his family and friends* 🤍

Sallie Quattlebaum - May 10, 2024 at 06:55 AM

CS

“ Cathy Stone lit a candle in memory of Jefferson Griffith, Jr.



Cathy Stone - May 09, 2024 at 08:37 PM

WG

“ William and Naomi Goodman lit a candle in memory of Jefferson Griffith, Jr.



William and Naomi Goodman - May 09, 2024 at 07:55 PM

TC

“ Thinking of you!
Tammie Covington

Tammie Warren Covington - May 09, 2024 at 02:25 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Jefferson Davis "Jack" Griffith, Jr..



May 09, 2024 at 02:20 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Jefferson Davis "Jack" Griffith, Jr..*



May 09, 2024 at 11:01 AM



“ *Love, Your TSG Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jefferson Davis "Jack" Griffith, Jr..*

Love, Your TSG Family - May 09, 2024 at 11:01 AM