



Mr. Charles Curtis Griffin

October 22, 1939 - November 5, 2025

Mr. Charles Curtis Griffin was called home by our Lord and Savior on November 5, 2025. He was born on October 22, 1939 to the late Mrs. Rebecca Flynn Griffin and the late Mr. Harold Griffin in Pantego, NC. He attended the Beaufort County High School, Pantego, NC. He was known as Curtis to family and friends.

Curtis gave his life to Christ at an early age. He was baptized by Rev. Norman and became a member of Morning Star Church in Pantego, NC. After attending the Beaufort County High School and working on farms, he joined the Army and was very proud of the time he served. Curtis moved to Brooklyn, NY and was later joined by his high school sweetheart, Verdie Spencer and they were soon married. From that union, three children were born Cynthia, CJ, and Rita. He was a dedicated family man, a hard worker with several hobbies, and was a great storyteller that could light up the room. Though it was hard to tell if some of the stories were true or made up, people listened intently and shared a lot of laughter.

He ensured that his family was provided for by completing the rigorous General Electric (GE) Appliance Repair Training Course and became a Certified Appliance Repair Technician. He was one of the few Black GE appliance technicians in Brooklyn, NY and became a union delegate. Before being injured on the job, his main hobbies were hunting, fishing and cooking and he was a master in all of them. His love for cooking indoors or grilling was a favorite for him until his failing health. On family gatherings at Thanksgiving,

Curtis would add his secret dish of wild game smothered in gravy such that no one would know what it was. Some guests passed on that dish. He loved to wear cowboy outfits and later he joined a Native American Tribe and was known as Chief Loud Fox. Also, Curtis served as manager for the Pantego home grown band called Teddy and the Counts that formed in New York. Curtis was a greeting card person and ensured that he purchased cards for Verdie on birthdays, anniversaries, mother's day and Valentine Day. Even in failing health when he could not go to the store, he had Rita to pick up various cards for him so he could give them to her.

Curtis was really happy when he received surprised visits from his granddaughters Monique and Kymberli with their husbands and children this year. He was so proud of them, and their success in life.

God blessed Curtis and Verdie to share 65 years of marriage. He was very thoughtful to her throughout their marriage. He ensured that she got to the subway station at 3:00am to be at work at 5:00am. Curtis drove Verdie to church every Sunday. Also, he would meet her at the bus stop after working and shopping so he would not have to worry about her getting home safely. This was just the kind of family man that he was. Also, Curtis was a real handyman around the house. He was very crafty with handmade tools and made many small household repairs.

A special blessing for our Angel, daughter Rita, for all of the time and effort she spent helping Curtis and I whenever needed. She continues to help me now and she sacrifices her time so that she is available for me. We both love her so much.

In addition to his parents, Curtis was preceded in death by his daughter, Cynthia Darling; sisters, Massie Griffin, Rosie Roberts (Glen), and Beatrice Kemp (Eli); brother, Jefferson Griffin; and niece, Janice Rodman.

Curtis leaves to cherish his memories: wife, Verdie of Brooklyn, NY; son, CJ Griffin of Delaware; daughter, Rita Griffin of Brooklyn, NY; brother, Edward Griffin (Jackie) of Pantego, NC; three granddaughters, Karimah Griffin of Brooklyn, NY, Monique May (Cedrick) of Macon, GA and Kymberli Jean

(Wilnor) of Atlanta, GA; one grandson, Michael Darling of Columbus, GA; three great granddaughters, Naomi May, Nilah May and Zora Jean; nieces, Roxie Griffin, Doloris Griffin, Kimberly Kemp, Sabrina Griffin, Somers, Jennifer Lee, Lavette, Valencia Burrus, and Tonya Griffin; nephews, Davey Griffin and Bruno Griffin; and a host of other nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Cemetery Details

Broad Creek Community Cemetery

7814 Terra Ceia Road
Pantego, NC 27860

Previous Events

Viewing/Visitation

NOV **22**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Antioch Church of Christ
7814 Terra Ceia Road
Pantego, NC 27860

Celebration of Life Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Congleton Memorial Mortuary - November 22, 2025 at 10:38 AM

CA

Praying for you and your family in the loss of your love one

Carriemanning - November 22, 2025 at 11:46 AM

CS

“ *Cecily Sene lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Curtis Griffin*



Cecily Sene - November 23, 2025 at 02:02 AM

SA

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss . Cousin Curt was a great blessing to our family, especially to my late grand grandmother, his Aunt Bessie. I still remember as a young girl of the funny stories he would tell us . He always put a smile on our faces and kept us laughing. Curt's vibrant personality and generous nature will never be forgotten. His beautiful spirit will live on through our wonderful memories of him . God bless you and your family ;may God's unchanging hand hold you up and give you strength through this difficult time. Love Shari Canady Allen*

Shari Canady Allen - November 22, 2025 at 06:59 PM

RA

“ *Sharon and Ron send there condolences and prayers*

Ron and Sharon Amedee - November 21, 2025 at 03:52 PM

QW

“ To the Griffin Family. You have my prayers and condolences.



Queen Jones Windley - November 20, 2025 at 08:12 PM

WF

“ Verdie, Rita and the rest of the Griffin family, you have my deepest sympathy and condolences. May God comfort you in the days and weeks to come. He'll never leave you. May Curtis RIP ! 🙏🙏🙏🙏

Wanda Fulmore - November 18, 2025 at 10:21 PM

TM

“ You always me made smile when you said I looked like Mike Tyson and I can't ever forget your freezer filled with every imaginary animal under the sun and talking about the Black Cowboys .My prayers to the Griffin family.
From Tony Miller

Tony Miller - November 18, 2025 at 12:16 PM

EH

“ My Prayers Are With The Family 🙏



Evangelist Gwen Hudson - November 07, 2025 at 01:43 PM

CS

“ Cecily Sene lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Curtis Griffin



Cecily Sene - November 06, 2025 at 08:10 PM

RB

PRAISE GOD 🙌🙌 COUSIN VERDIE. RITA,, MARIAN, KENT; PUDDIN, AND THE ENTIRE SPENCER/GRIFFIN FAMILY. MAY THE LOVE AND JESUS'S DIVINE PEACE 🕊️ ; SURROUND ALL OF YOU TODAY; AS YOU CELEBRATE CURTIS'S BLESSED HOME GOING SERVICE! REMEMBER, EARTH HAS NO SORROWS THAT HEAVEN CANNOT HEAL. MAY YOUR TEARS BECOME TEARS OF JOY! AS YOU ALL REFLECT ON SO MANY YEARS OF VERY RICH MEMORIES! WE LOVE YOU DEARLY! PRAYING FOR YOU ALL! COUSIN RUTH, PAULINE, DUANE, AND VENUS

Ruth Brown - November 21, 2025 at 10:48 PM

CS

“ Congleton Funeral Home and Staff wishes to express our sincere condolences on the passing of your love one. We light this candle in their memory.



Congleton Funeral Home and Staff - November 06, 2025 at 05:49 PM