



Harmon Terrell "Terry" Griffin

September 6, 1942 - February 21, 2019

Harmon Terrell (Terry) Griffin, 76, of Maitland passed into the next life February 21, 2019. He was born September 6, 1942 to Margaret and Sion P. Griffin in Waycross, Georgia. His family moved to Sanford, Florida when he was about 12 years old. In 1960 he graduated from Seminole High School where he made many lifelong friends. He then joined the U.S. Army, stationed mainly in Frankfurt, Germany. He was proud to have served his country. After his service he began his education at Mercer University in Macon, Georgia. He met his wife, Jean, in Macon whom he married June 6, 1964. After completing an accelerated program at Mercer University, he received his undergraduate degree in 1966 and graduated from Mercer Law School in 1968. Then he, Jean, and their young son, Greg, headed to Orlando, Florida to begin his law career. Terry was also active in local politics. He and Jean joined the Orange County Young Republicans and he was legal counsel for the Republican Party of Florida in the 1980's. He was Board Certified in Civil Trial Law and practiced almost 50 years. During his semi-retirement he pursued a lifelong dream of writing. His novels were usually set in Longboat Key, Florida where the family has a vacation home. He loved to write and ended up having a dozen mystery novels published before his illness. He had pulmonary fibrosis and was fortunate to have received a double lung transplant, giving him the chance to enjoy his family and friends an additional two years. The family is sincerely grateful to his doctors and all who cared for him at Advent Health Orlando. He is survived by his loving wife, Jean, of

almost 55 years, three sons, Greg, Chris, and Mike, daughter-in-law Judy, grandchildren Kyle and Sarah, brother Tommy (Nancy), sister Nancy (Tim) and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. He is predeceased in death by his parents, Margaret and Sion P. Griffin and a sister, Sue Hewett.

A Celebration of Life will be held Sunday, March 3, 2019 at 3 pm at the First United Methodist Church, 125 N. Interlachen Avenue, Winter Park, Florida. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Bartch Transplant House, Advent Health Transplant Institute.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 3. 3:00 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church - Winter Park
125 N. Interlachen Avenue
Winter Park, FL 32789

Tribute Wall

JK

“ I am not a reader... except for Mr. Griffin's Matt Royal novels set in and around Longboat Key. My sister and brother-in-law live on the island and I visit often from up north. It was so exciting to read his accounts of the many places there that I have frequented. I even enjoy walking through The Village whenever I visit. I was so looking forward to reading more Matt Royal adventures. When I heard of Terry's passing, I felt like a light bulb went out in my life. I'm glad for his books that I have in a collection on my Kindle and reread them often. Such a loss. Sincere condolences.

Jeanne Kozlowski,
Columbia, Maryland

Jeanne Kozlowski - November 07, 2023 at 04:40 PM

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“ My wife and myself only discovered Mr. Griffin's Matt Royal mystery novels a little over a year ago and absolutely love the characters and his form of story telling. I intend to add all of them to our permanent collection which includes authors Lee Childs, and Clive Cussler. I was so sorry to read about his passing and regret that there will be no more Matt Royal mysteries coming our way. Thank you for many evenings of really enjoyable reading and seeing our community of Lakewood Ranch mentioned in several of his stories. We will treasure each volume of his books and most of them have been autographed by Mr. Griffin. Thank you.

vern hughes - December 13, 2020 at 12:08 PM

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“ I was an avid fan of Mr. Griffins books. I was looking for the next volume when I Came upon his obituary. My condolences to his family and friends. R.I.P.
Tom Fellberg , McHenry IL.

Tom Fellberg - December 11, 2020 at 04:43 PM

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“ Although Terry died over six months ago, I live in New Jersey and only learned of his passing today, so it is fresh for me. I had the pleasure of meeting Terry at the old Borders Bookstore on The Trail years ago on one of my trips to Sarasota. We hit it off right away and talked for a long while, including about a then very ill and now also departed author friend of his and favorite of mine, Jeremiah Healy. It was then that I bought one of his books. By now I have read and enjoyed them all. He was a great writer and a better human being and I shall truly miss him. My sincere condolences to the family....Barry Rich, Gibbsboro, NJ

Barry Rich - August 27, 2019 at 05:49 PM

RF

“ A great friend, a great attorney and the lasting legacy of a great family. Peace to all of you at this most difficult time. He was truly one of a kind.

Rex J Ford - March 11, 2019 at 12:14 PM

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“ Terry both inspired and encouraged me to write my first novel, *“Write Sorrow on the Bosom of the Earth.”* I will always remember and be thankful for his help and suggestions. His was a gift of his time to me—as one writer to another. He loved the creative process. His own novels are, without exaggeration, the equal of any written by his contemporary Florida authors. Howard R. Marsee

Howard R. Marsee - March 03, 2019 at 10:56 AM

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Warren Plowden - March 01, 2019 at 12:00 PM

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Great pic Warren. Chuck Pekor

Chuck - April 16, 2022 at 05:03 PM