



## Howard Lee Griffin

August 21, 1921 - March 4, 2011

HOWARD LEE GRIFFIN HOWARD LEE GRIFFIN, 89, passed away Friday, March 4, 2011 at Huntsville Memorial Hospital in Huntsville, Texas. Howard was born August 21, 1921 in Clifton, Texas and graduated high school in Coleman, Texas. Known to his friends as "Griff", he first attended Baylor University and continued his studies at Sam Houston State Teachers College until December 7, 1941. He was a member of the Houstonians Big Band and many of the musicians enlisted together in the Army Air Corp. They were based at Ellington Field for most of the war. Following World War II, Howard returned to SHSTC to complete his studies. After teaching in public schools and doing graduate work at the University of Texas in Austin he returned to Sam Houston as a member of the Government Department in 1957. He retired as Professor Emeritus in Political Science from SHSU. He and his wife Joan toured the country extensively following their retirement. He served as an Elder in the First Presbyterian Churches of Huntsville and Shiro, Texas. He was preceded in death by his wife Joan Autrey Griffin and son Dr. Arthur Marsh Griffin, his brother David and parents, O. A. and Alice Griffin. Howard is survived by his son Randall S. Griffin, and his sister-in-law Karolyn Griffin and her extended family. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to: Division of University Advancement, Sam Houston State University, Box 2537, Huntsville, Texas 77341-2537, Attn: Friends of Political Science account in memory of Howard Griffin, Phone #(936-294-3625) and Fax # (936-294-1993). The memorial service will be conducted by his former minister Rev. Carroll Pickett

and is scheduled for Wednesday, March 9, 2011 at 11 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Huntsville, Texas (1801 19th Street, Huntsville, TX 77340). Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Howard Lee Griffin*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Hi Randy,*

*You know I loved your whole family. My condolences. Blessings and peace to you, my friend.*

*Cay*

**Cay Helton Layton** - June 28, 2011 at 01:14 PM



“ *To share some good Coleman memories of your Dad. Please call 713-816-9261*

**Tana Clark** - May 30, 2011 at 11:57 PM



“ *Hey Randy:*

*I'm sorry to be writing this so late and so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. Ave. P just isn't what it used to be. I sure miss those days of my childhood and the time we spent with you, Arthur and your parents. Blessings to you.*

**Jimmy Marks** - April 20, 2011 at 09:22 PM

TA

“ Hi Randall.....

*Randall... I am so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. My Mom was a very good friend of your Dads from Coleman Texas. They had a lot of phone visits through the year and treasured their past with good conversation of their youth. Your Dad came to see me when I was a college student at Sam. It seems that my Mom was very worried that I was ill and not getting the right treatment. She called your Dad to come to my apartment to check on me and to evaluate my illness. He was such a gentleman and very brave to walk into a room with lots of girls. We would love to be able to email with you. Mom has been calling and very worried that he was not answering the phone. I did some research...and this was very easy as your Dad was such an important man at Sam Houston. We are so sorry for your loss. Looking at your Dads obit and seeing he was at Ellington during the war is interesting to us as we live very close to this base. Sincerely, Tana*

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**Tana** - March 28, 2011 at 03:36 PM

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**Tana** - March 28, 2011 at 03:35 PM