



Oscar Griffin, Jr.

April 28, 1933 - December 2, 2011

Oscar O'Neal Griffin, Jr. passed away Wednesday Nov. 23, 2011, age 78, quietly at his home in New Waverly, TX after a short battle with cancer with his family by his side. His memory and love will always be with us. We will long remember his sense of humor and generous spirit. He is preceded in death by his parents Myrtle Edgar and Oscar Griffin. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Patricia Lamb Griffin, brother Red Griffin, sister Peggy Marino, daughter and husband Gwendolyn and Philip Pryor, daughter and husband Amanda and Alan Ward, son and wife Gregory and Jennifer Griffin, daughter Marguerite Griffin, and grandchildren Rebecca, Matthew, Griffin and Lauren Ward, Hannah Pryor, John and Emma Griffin. Oscar was born April 28, 1933, in Daisetta, TX. He graduated from Liberty (TX) High School in 1950, and served his country in the United States Army from 1953-1955. He went on to graduate from the University of Texas at Austin in 1958 with a Bachelor of Journalism. In 1982 he received his MBA from the Harvard School of Business. Oscar spent much of his early career in journalism. He was a reporter for the Liberty Vindicator, editor of the Canyon (TX) News, editor of the Pecos (TX) Independent and special assignments reporter for the Houston Chronicle. From the beginning, Oscar received continuous recognition for his excellence in writing, such as awards from the Dept. of Defense, the Texas Newspaper Association and Sigma Delta Chi national journalistic society Distinguished Service Award, The Headliners Foundation award for journalism reality, Southwestern Journalism Forum Certificate of Recognition in

Reporting. In 1963, he became the first graduate of the University of Texas to receive the Pulitzer Prize for distinguished local journalism as a result of a series of articles leading to the arrest of Billie Sol Estes. Later he worked as White House Correspondent for the Houston Chronicle where he traveled with and reported on President Lyndon Johnson. Under the Nixon Administration Oscar served as the Public Information Officer for the US Transportation Department. After leaving Washington, Oscar returned to Texas and the oil patch taking over his father's company Griffin Well Service and later founded Crossroads Oil Field Supply, both in El Campo, TX. In 1986 he returned to journalism as editor of The Mosaic while working for Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston. Oscar also wrote a book entitled The Three Wars of Roy Benavidez with Roy Benavidez, a chilling account of the battle that earned Master Sgt. Roy Benavidez the Medal of Honor. In his later years, Oscar moved to New Waverly (TX) where he worked as a tax preparer for H&R Block and enjoyed his four children, two sons in law, daughter in law and seven grandchildren. The visitation will be held from 5 pm until 7 pm, with a rosary service at 7 pm, Thursday, December 1, 2011 in the Chapel at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, 10129 FM 1097, Willis, TX. A Mass of Christian burial is set for 11 am, Friday, December 2, 2011, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 101 Elmore St., New Waverly, TX. Interment will follow in Liberty City Cemetery at 3 pm. You are invited to leave a written condolence to the family on our website at www.shmfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ Oscar Griffin, Jr.

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ The Alexander's Family would like to express their condolences. We have never met, but we would like to just share some word of comfort to the family because life can be so overwhelming sometimes. The pain, the grief, and the feeling of hopelessness can be unbearable. Hopefully you can find comfort in family and friends but most of all thru Almighty God's Word the Bible, whose ear and supplication is toward the distress ones. He will also fulfill His promise at Isaiah 25:8 “He will actually swallow up death forever, and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will certainly wipe the tears from all faces . . . Jehovah himself has spoken it.”

Also at 2Corinthians 1:3-4 says “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the father of tender mercies and the God of all comfort.” (Read also Revelation 21:3,4). These are just a few scriptures that comforted me in my time of need and hopefully you found comfort in them too. Sincerely, The Alexander's Family

The Alexander's Family - December 31, 2011 at 11:10 AM



“ I went to school with Oscar and Pat, and liked both very much. We were sorry to learn of Oscar's passing. You were blessed to have had 57 years of love and memories. We have 60 years together Aug. 25, 2011. God comfort you and your family, at this time of great loss.

Dorene (Locke) and James Blanchard - December 08, 2011 at 05:27 PM

GK

“ *I will miss him.*

Everybody, at H&R BLOCK will miss him.

God Bless !!!!!

Gary D. Keithley - December 02, 2011 at 07:39 PM

AW

“ *My condolences to Meg and her family during this time of loss. Meg you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Amy Works - December 01, 2011 at 01:00 PM

JW

“ *I knew Oscar in Pecos and was very suprised to see his name in the Conroe paper. I had many conversations with him in Pecos at the paper where he worked and found him to be a guy you wanted for a friend. He was working on the Billy Sol stuff when I knew him and we talked a lot about that. I am so sorry about his passing and wish I had known he was living so close.*

Jim Walker - November 30, 2011 at 08:49 PM

NB

“ *I was sad to hear that Mr. Griffin had passed away. I wish to extend my heartfelt condolences to the Griffin family. May he rest and peace.*

Noel Benavidez - November 30, 2011 at 11:22 AM

RM

“ *Family of Oscar Griffin jr.*

Oscar was a good friend and important influence in my life. Oscar was instrumental in selecting my firm to publish Well Servicing magazine during the 80's when Oscar was Chairman of the publication committee. Oscar was the best publication Chairman I worked with at several Petroleum Trade Associations. Oscar would not only establish a business relationship he would also be your friend.

Oscar will be missed by all who had the pleasure to know him.

My sympathies to the family.

*Sincerely,
Roy Markum
Vice President
Custom Publishing
Oil and Gas Journal
PennWell*

Roy L. Markum - November 30, 2011 at 11:14 AM

YG

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all as you mourn the loss of your father. May God bless his soul.*

Yvette Benavidez Garcia - November 30, 2011 at 12:03 AM

SN

“ *Amanda and Gwen,
Our thoughts and prayers are with your family during this time. Your father had a very full life with many blessings. May he rest in peace and may you find comfort in your special memories of him.*

Susan Jones Nohavitza and Glenn Nohavitza - November 29, 2011 at 08:59 PM

JG

“ We are extremely sad to read of Oscar's passing. To have known and worked for him was a privilege, and our sincere sympathy extends to each one of his sweet family.

Jesse & Marsha Gibson - November 29, 2011 at 01:04 PM