



Mr. Travis "G-Money" Griffin

October 26, 1968 - June 13, 2022

BUFFALO – Mr. Travis “G-Money” Griffin, age 53, was called home to be with the Lord on, Monday, June 13, 2022, from the comfort of his home. He will always live in the hearts of his loving family.

Travis was born in Utica on October 26, 1968, to the late Eula Griffin and Travis Anthony. Upon Eula’s untimely passing, Travis was the tender age of 13, but he was blessed with the guidance and love of his uncle and aunt, Rev. J.L. and Lady Eva Griffin; and he came to know them as the Dad and Mom that he so much needed. He attended Hugh R. Jones Elementary and then went on to graduate from Utica Free Academy in 1986. During his formative years, Travis was a member of the gospel group “The Chosen Generation,” representing St. Matthew’s Temple C.O.G.I.C. They traveled throughout the state, performing at Youth Fellowships. The original group of young people remained tight to this very day. Those were the good days, filled with mutual trust as well as respect for the mission and music. After high school, Travis pursued higher education at the University of Buffalo, where he received his BA in Architectural Studies. He fell in love with the city of Buffalo and proudly called it his new home and proclaimed “the Buffalo Bills ruled!”

Travis, until his passing, was working at Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center. It was his responsibility to assist in the Pharmaceutical Department, where he coded billing. Countless people were comforted by his ability to compassionately assist them in the financial aspects surrounding their medical needs. Travis’s colleagues admired him both for his skills and for

being such a loving and selfless soul. They were additionally entertained by his sense of humor, and ability to endlessly talk and preach not even knowing this was part of his human genetics!

Travis was a fine young man, especially in the ways he responded to the adversities he faced. His second parents were mindful of all Travis had endured, so they lived and taught respect in their home, and for this, they had his admiration. They admired Travis as well, and the whole family felt blessed to be in each other's lives. Their relationships thrived until the very end, filled with phone calls, daily texts, and frequent visits. When Travis came home, he would spend quality time with his parents going out to eat, shopping, and enjoying church service. In fact, Lady Griffin taught him how to cook according to specific and high-quality standards; Travis was even known to return to her for a cooking tip now and then. Travis idolized his Pastor for his unique spirituality and for how cool he was! Lady Eva and Travis called him "Honey", and he was embedded in their hearts. Travis had an intuitive heart and was both sensitive and sentimental. He spoke and wrote of how Pastor and Lady Griffin honored the wisdom, and kindness he harbored, guiding him to become the man he was. He always gave homage to his upbringing and was overjoyed to have a true brother- and sister- relationship with his sister Missy. She admired Travis for his enthusiasm, ambition, and optimistic outlook on life. They were blessed to have a very special and personal relationship.

Travis lived to see Missy become very proud of her brother!

The Buffalo tragedy greatly disturbed Travis's soul, because he knew several of the victims. He was a people person. By putting his faith in God, he learned to accept the trials that were presented in his life. Such negativity led Travis to claim an active role in bettering his community. This was evident in how he volunteered and graciously served the underprivileged in his community; Travis would often spend holidays serving others, and in return, he received many blessings in his life.

Travis knew the Lord and spent his life attempting to acquire more knowledge of Him. In this journey, Travis learned to be a coach to others and gifted his

life as a mission to God. Travis always prioritized treating people correctly and showing them respect. Moreover, he loved to be around people with positive energy that shared in his vision. He found these connections rejuvenating. Those who loved Travis will always remember some of his favorite life mottoes: "Sit with winners, and the conversation will be different," "Hope is a good thing, never let it die," "A goal without a plan is just a wish. Put God first and make a plan," and "A mother gives a son his definition of a woman with class." A man who thought positive thoughts every day, Travis had a heart of gold, always investing his efforts in serving others before thinking of himself. Travis was loved by his second parents, Rev. J.L. and Lady Eva Griffin, who survive him. He will live on in the hearts of his sisters, Melissa "Missy" Griffin, and Ladonna Pugh. He leaves behind a nephew and a niece, Fred Smith, and Jasmine Smith, and their children, his great-niece, and great-nephews, LaDrea Miles, LaDre Miles, DeAndre Miles; Kwamir Smith, and the anticipation of a fifth great. Travis will be fondly remembered by many aunts and uncles, and a host of cousins. His colleagues at Roswell were extended family and, as one may imagine, he befriended many souls during his life journey. He was a humble soul. He will additionally be remembered by his previous co-workers at the University Ophthalmology Inc. Travis was predeceased by his grandparents, Rev. James Sr. and Mary (Blackshear) Griffin, Sam and Mary "Maddie" (Allen) Anthony, and RT and Mamie (March) Barnes.

The family would like to extend many thanks to the Saint Matthews Temple C.O.G.I.C. Family as well as to the Utica community who loved Travis and who have shown such great support.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday morning, June 22, 2022, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. at St. Matthews Temple C.O.G.I.C., 110 Washington St. Travis's Home Going Service and Celebration of Life will commence at 11:30 a.m. upon the conclusion of visitation, officiated by his beloved Rev. J. L. Griffin. For those unable to attend the service, it will be live streamed at www.youtube.com

[e.com/channel/UCAlO44E7TaQwNtMPEOV6Brg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAlO44E7TaQwNtMPEOV6Brg).

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 22. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Matthew's Temple Church of God in Christ
110 Washington Street
utica, NY 13502

Home Going Service

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Tribute Wall

LB

“ *Lonnie Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Travis "G-Money" Griffin*



Lonnie Brown - August 30, 2022 at 11:57 AM

AN

“ *I have had the pleasure of working with Travis here at Roswell park, he was a great member to our insurance auth team, specifically in GU. Travis was such a hard worker; never let anything go. Always tried so hard and fought to the end for our patients. Our patients appreciated all his efforts; his completeness in helping them obtain their cancer medications. He never complained when he was overworked with patient cases or his workload. He was dignified always, our whole team really so appreciated all his efforts and all he did for his patients. Our deepest condolences go out to his dear mother and family. May they be at peace for the true, caring, kind gentlemen Travis was. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.*



Angie - June 23, 2022 at 11:53 AM

AD

“ *Alicia Dingle lit a candle in memory of Mr. Travis "G-Money" Griffin*



Alicia Dingle - June 22, 2022 at 03:48 PM

KC

“ *What a beautiful obituary. I am a nurse coordinator in the Urology Clinic at Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center and I, along w/ the members of our team, were so saddened to hear of Travis' sudden passing. Travis was always so responsive to anything we needed and went out of his way to help our patients get access to affordable drugs. He often went above and beyond what was expected of him and is truly a loss for our team.*

Kaitlin Chidester - June 22, 2022 at 02:45 PM

MJ

“ *To the Griffin Family, thank you for sharing such a beautiful homegoing service with all of us. May your warm thoughts and memories and most importantly, your faith in God carry you at this difficult time. Sincerely, Mona*

Mona Jackson-Avery - June 22, 2022 at 01:14 PM

TL

“ *Thelma Lockhart lit a candle in memory of Mr. Travis "G-Money" Griffin*



Thelma Lockhart - June 22, 2022 at 12:27 PM

LW

“ *Travis, I have just learned of your passing today, and I am heart broken. What a kind and caring man you were. We worked together for five years and your face was always a comfort to myself and the patients you cared so deeply for. I loved talking football, basketball, and recipes with you. You were blessed with an epic patience, a deep calm, and a way with words. May you rest in peace, my friend.*

Lindsay (May) Wittman - June 22, 2022 at 10:43 AM

KB

“ *Travis, You will not be forgotten. May the Lord touch the hearts of the entire family. To Mr. & Mrs. Griffin and his sister Missy, We are praying for you!*

Kathie & Julius Blackshear - June 21, 2022 at 10:14 PM



“ *Erika Kendrick lit a candle in memory of Mr. Travis "G-Money" Griffin*



Erika Kendrick - June 21, 2022 at 02:37 PM

DG

“ *With deepest sympathy to Pastor and Lady Griffin and Griffin Family; on the passing of Travis G-Money Griffin. Sending prayers of comfort.*



Diana C Greene - June 20, 2022 at 07:09 AM

MT

With deepest sympathy to pastor & Lady Griffin , and family in the passing of Travis. Praying for strength .RIP

Mother. E. Tucker. - June 21, 2022 at 08:27 PM

TL

“ T. Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Travis "G-Money" Griffin



T. Lewis - June 19, 2022 at 05:40 PM

DW

“ Sending prayers of comfort to the Griffin and Blackshear family. Deepest sympathy. 🙏



Dawn Winston - June 19, 2022 at 04:49 PM

VT

“ Vivian Tucker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Travis "G-Money" Griffin



Vivian Tucker - June 19, 2022 at 01:34 PM

EF

“ Elder Walter Copeland and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Travis "G-Money" Griffin.



Elder Walter Copeland and family - June 19, 2022 at 10:51 AM

KT

“ Our deepest deepest condolences 🌸 and prayers 🙏 To the entire Griffin family. May Gods peace and comfort surround your souls during this difficult time ❤️🙏

Keith and Angela Webb Memphis Tn - June 19, 2022 at 04:41 AM

BH

You have our condolences and prayers may God be with you all in this time of your sorrow love from
Brother Ezel & Elder Mary Hawkins & Rev Delvin Moody

Brother Ezel & Elder Mary Hawkins - June 19, 2022 at 08:54 AM

AN

“ Anonymous lit a candle in memory of Mr. Travis "G-Money" Griffin



Anonymous - June 17, 2022 at 08:34 PM

MP

“ Mark Wise Roswell Park lit a candle in memory of Mr. Travis "G-Money" Griffin



Mark Wise Roswell Park - June 17, 2022 at 05:38 PM

MP

“ I had the honor and privilege to work with Travis at Roswell Park. Although I only knew him for a year Travis was one of the greatest people I have ever met in my 54 years on this earth. I will miss our morning chats about sports or just anything that came up in conversation. Travis was a great story teller. I could just sit and listen to him talk because he was just that good with words and his body language while telling stories was even better. Travis enjoyed watching SportsCenter before work and to borrow a line from a late great ESPN anchor, Stuart Scott, Travis was “ As cool as the other side of the pillow”. I would also add that he was as smooth as silk while talking or discussing anything. He had such a calming demeanor while dealing with patients and I know the patients and our staff appreciated everything that he did for his patients. I wish I would have known him longer than I did because I will always consider him a great friend. I worked at Ross Eye Institute before Travis worked there and I have heard from former coworkers there how much he was loved there too. I don't have enough words to express how much I'm going to miss him and everything he brought to our office everyday. Rest in peace my friend.

Mark Wise - Roswell Park - June 17, 2022 at 05:35 PM

SB

“ Sandy Boglione lit a candle in memory of Mr. Travis "G-Money" Griffin



Sandy Boglione - June 17, 2022 at 04:31 PM

OC

Please accept our deepest condolences to you over the loss of your son. Sending love, thoughts, and prayers to you and your family during this difficult time. Overseer Angela Carter.

Overseer/Pastor Angela U Carter - June 19, 2022 at 07:55 AM

DB

“ Denise Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Travis "G-Money" Griffin



Denise Brown - June 17, 2022 at 11:10 AM

CT

“ All of us at the Ross Eye Institute in Buffalo are tremendously saddened by Travis' passing. We send our heart-felt condolences to his family and many friends. Travis was a gentleman, and a true man of Faith.



Chuck Terranova - June 17, 2022 at 10:52 AM

AB

Will always remember that smile when he seem me love always cuz,annie mae beooks

Annie mae brooks - June 17, 2022 at 02:42 PM

TM

My sincere condolences to Rev., First Lady Griffin and the entire family. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time 🙏

Tarita Mills - June 19, 2022 at 07:45 AM



Travis was always, kind, and respectful and with positive words of hope an affirmation. The love, respect and appreciation he had for his parents was without question. Praying for strength, comfort, peace, and grace for Pastor and Lady Griffin and the entire Griffin and Blackshear family.

"Doc" and Susan Woods - June 21, 2022 at 02:42 PM