



## Robert "Bob" Vance Griffith

June 19, 1941 - July 4, 2020

Robert "Bob" Vance Griffith age 79 a resident of Cleveland passed away Saturday July 4, 2020 in a Chattanooga hospital.

Bob was the son of the late R.V. Griffith and Evelyn Pauline Silver Griffith and was also preceded in death by his loving wife of 55 years Wanda Leona Gore Griffith, his son Robert V. Griffith Jr.

He graduated from Bradley Central High School in 1959. He spent 2 years in United States Army. He received his BS Degree from Lee College and his Master's Degree in Mathematics from the University Of Tennessee at Knoxville. He taught mathematics for a number of years at Cleveland High School before becoming a professor at Lee College for over 50 years. He played an integral part in the founding of the Mathematics Department at Lee College. He was a Charter member of the Westmore Church of God and was an avid fisherman and hunter.

He is survived by his brother Eddie Griffith and his wife Linda, his children Martha Griffith and Mike Claudio and his wife Debbie, his grandchildren Vance, Jennifer, Emma, Hannah and Daniel along with several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Because of the concerns caused by the COVID-19 pandemic a private Remembrance of Life Service will be held graveside Friday at Sunset Memorial Gardens. However for those that would like to pay their respects to Bob and his family you are welcome to line the processional route. The procession to the cemetery will leave Jim Rush Funeral and Cremation Services North Ocoee at 9:30am traveling south on Parker St. and then West on Billy Graham Ave then preceding beside Lee University Science and Math Complex. The service will be posted on our website at a later time.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers donations be made in Bob's memory to the "Griffith Scholarship" by going to [www.leeuniversity.edu/give](http://www.leeuniversity.edu/give). Please use the Endowed Scholarships in the drop down box and in the other comments box list "Griffith

Scholarship". Jim Rush Funeral and Cremation Services North Ocoee St. Chapel has charge of the arrangements.

# Comments

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“ Robert Griffith was my math teacher at Lee in the 1970s, and he changed my life. I “didn’t like” math and didn’t think I could do it. When I took that one required class in the core with Bob, I fell in love with math, added a minor and math certification, and taught math for several years in Hamilton County. Bob and Wanda remained dear friends throughout their lives. He will be greatly missed here at Lee!

**Donna Summerlin** - July 10 at 08:47 AM

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“ Vance and Jennifer, Bob had two wonderful grandchildren in you both. He loved you dearly and was so proud of you. You can be proud of who you are. God bless and comfort you during this time of saying a temporary “goodbye” to him. We love you.  
Herbert and Carol Lackey



**Carol Lackey** - July 07 at 10:31 PM