



## Mike Griffith

June 28, 1960 - April 28, 2019

Memorial visitation for Mike Griffith, 58, of Waskom, will be held from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m., Thursday, May 2, 2019, in the chapel of McWhorter Funeral Home. Mike was born on June 28, 1960, in Spokane, Washington, to Harold Dean Griffith and Barbara Zaludek Griffith and passed from this life on April 28, 2019, at his home after a long battle with health issues related to his military service to his country.

Mike earned his journeyman machinist certification from Lone Star Steel in 1980 and after his military career worked at Northeast Machine & Tool in Mount Pleasant. His favorite hobby was baseball and he spent more than 20 years coaching Little League teams all over East Texas.

Mike was a sergeant in the United States Marine Corps from 1988-1997 and served his country during the Gulf War. He was an avionics technician for HMLA-367 (Scarface), MAG 39 stationed at Camp Pendleton, California and was deployed numerous times aboard the USS Tarawa. He was upheld by his peers in his unit as a great leader and friend. Mike retired in 1997 and moved back to Texas where he spent the remainder of his life with family and friends. Survivors include his son, Dean Griffith; sister, Cathy Curtis; brother, Rick Griffith and wife, Monica; his first love and life long friend, Vicki Griffith. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews; great nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Kelsey Cemetery, P.O. Box 33, Gilmer, Tx, 75644.

Please visit Mike's on-line registration book at [www.mcwhorterfh.com](http://www.mcwhorterfh.com) to leave a memory for the family.

# Tribute Wall



“ *McWhorter Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mike Griffith* ”



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**McWhorter Funeral Home** - May 02, 2019 at 01:28 PM

MS

“ *My heart felt condolences to the family and friends of the man I knew as Griff. He was a Marine and a brother to me.*

*I was what others did not want to be.  
I went where others feared to go.*

*I did what others failed to do.  
And I asked nothing from those who gave nothing.*

*I've reluctantly accepted the fact of eternal loneliness should I fail.*

*I have seen the face of terror.  
I have felt the stinging cold of fear.  
And I have enjoyed the sweet taste of love.*

*I have cried and I have pained.*

*I have lost friends and I've hoped.*

*But most of all,  
I've lived times that others say are best forgotten.*

*At least someday,  
I'll be able to say that I was proud of what I was...*

*A UNITED STATES MARINE*

*Semper Fidelis. Rest easy Sergeant Griff.*

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**Moses 'Scarface AVO' Saldana** - May 06, 2019 at 12:51 PM

DH

“ So sorry for your loss. I have fond memories of Mike. Prayers for all of you.



Deb Thomas Howell - May 02, 2019 at 11:19 PM

MR

“ Thank you Coach Mike, for loving our boys. You made a difference.  
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Marsha Ramsey - May 02, 2019 at 03:14 PM



“ 88 files added to the album Life Tributes



McWhorter Funeral Home - May 02, 2019 at 12:19 PM

SN

“ My memories of Mr Mike were Wonderful!!We lived next door to him for several years He was always willing to lend a hand and spend quality time with us!!He will be missed deaply😭 He is Heaven watching over us all no longer in any pain We love you Mike and firmly believe we see you again

Samantha Nelson - May 01, 2019 at 03:05 PM

GR

“ Griff was a great brother as we served together in the USMC. He was always funny, hard working, and an all around great guy. So many fun times. Even though I had more service time than him, I always looked up to him. I am so grateful that his family shared him with all of us. Please look at the pictures I posted.



Gary Reller - May 01, 2019 at 12:02 AM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Mike Griffith.



April 30, 2019 at 03:07 PM

JB

“ You were like my brother, always a figure in my life ~ kind, funny, and willing to share a joke and a smile as needed. You will be missed, sweet man! As your family does, I will always hold your memory in my heart and soul! Prayers for your sweet reunion with those that went before you ... love ya, Mike!

Jan Darnell Beck - April 30, 2019 at 02:54 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White* was purchased for the family of Mike Griffith.



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April 30, 2019 at 02:48 PM