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James Lagrange Griffin passed away on Friday, May 28, 2010.

Beloved and devoted husband of Gayle Hawkins Meisler Griffin. Step father of John D. Meisler, Jr. and the late Marguerite Meisler Keyes and James Martin Meisler; Father-in law of Cillen E. Meisler and George A. Keyes; also survived by 4 grandchildren: Michelle K. Soliman, Heather M. Keyes, J. Daniel Meisler, III and Alexandra R. Meisler. Son of the late Dr. James MacArthur Griffin and Olga Lagrange Griffin Ray.

A lifelong resident of New Orleans and Mandeville, Mr. Griffin served with the U. S. Navy during World War II. He was a retired regional sales representative with Dundee Mills, Inc. Mr. Griffin unselfishly gave back to the community he so loved. He was a 4th degree Knight of Columbus and a member of the Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church Ushers' Society. He was Past President and active Board member of St. Tammany Historical Society, an AARP Driver's Safety Program Instructor and a volunteer in numerous community activities. Mr. Griffin was the benefactor of the James L. Griffin Collection of the Tulane University Randolph Matas Medical Library. He was a graduate of St. Aloysius High School and attended Tulane University. An avid antique car collector and enthusiast, Jim took the most pleasure in driving his perennial prize winning 1930 Packard while always looking to restore a new challenge. He was also a member of the Horseless Carriage Club and the Northlake A's, and other antique car organizations. Jim was always the perfect gentleman possessing a wonderful sense of humor and a remarkably positive attitude. He loved the theater, fine restaurants, spending time with friends and sharing engaging stories of the colorful history of his New Orleans with eagerly awaiting family.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to celebrate the Mass of Christian Burial at Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church, 1501 West Causeway Approach,



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Mandeville, LA 70471 on Wednesday, June 2, 2010 at 11:30 AM.

A wake will be held on Tuesday, June 1, 2010 from 6:00 to 9:00 PM at E.J. Fielding Funeral Home, 2260 West 21st Avenue, Covington, LA 70433.

Visitation on Wednesday AT THE CHURCH will begin at 10:00 AM.

Interment will follow at Pinecrest Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, the family would prefer Mass Offerings or donations to ones favorite charity.



Tribute Wall

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E.J. Fielding Funeral Home & Cremation Services shared a **Tribute Video**.



May 21 at 10:55 AM



Mr And Mrs Elliott Cabirac posted:

SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS, JUST HEARD OF THIS FROM MARLENE. HE WAS A GREAT FRIEND AND WILL BE MISSED.

July 24 at 7:39 AM



Larry And Kathy Lorenz posted:

We were very very sorry to hear about Jim. I had no idea he was so sick. We will miss him.

June 18 at 10:35 AM



Norman And Cathy Tooley posted:

Gayle, Norm and I were so sorry to read about the passing of James after we returned from our trip to California. Although we could not share that precious moment with you, James and your family will always be in our prayers. See you soon.

June 8 at 1:17 PM



Gail G. Runnebaum posted:

Gayle, I am so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. He was truly one of the nicest and genuine man I have ever known. He was certainly a "prince". I know he fought a galant fight and was always such an inspiration to everyone he knew. You are in my prayers. Sincerely, Gail Runnebaum

June 3 at 10:58 AM



Duke Heitger posted:

My thoughts are with you Gayle and the rest of your family. A man as great as Jim leaves an enormous hole. Jim was my landlord and then became a friend who I admired very much. I will miss him.

June 2 at 1:01 PM



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Ann Monroe posted:

Jim Griffin was a wonderful man. He was the best landlord a person could have, always kind and helpful. We loved his mother, Mrs. Olga Ray like a grandmother. We will never forget his kindness and generosity. Ann and Buddy

June 2 at 4:21 AM

CM

Charlie Maher posted:

It was Jim who convinced me to join the HCC back in 1988. It was Jim who was my first mentor on how to restore an old car, which at the time was a 1941 Packard. He always had a smile on his face. God Bless you Jim! Charlie Maher

June 1 at 12:15 PM

JM

Joan Maggiore posted:

Gayle, I was so saddened to see that Jim had passed away. I'm so sorry for your loss. I know I didn't know him very well, but I do remember him very well (meeting him when we worked in Administration together). He was such a very kind man. His tribute video was lovely. May he rest in peace with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. With much sympathy, Joan

May 31 at 12:44 PM



Media

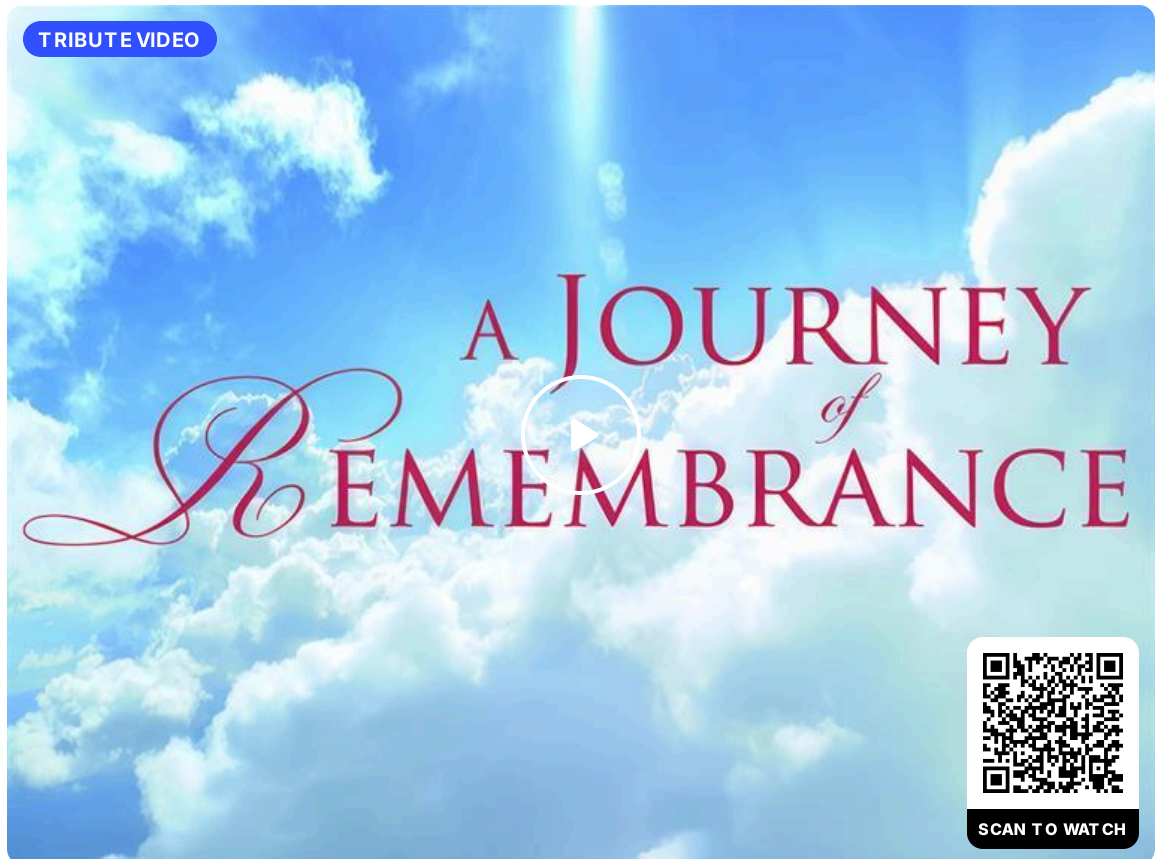
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Memories only last if you share them

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