



## Teddy Griffith

July 6, 1958 - February 18, 2019

Conway...

Teddy Griffith, age 60, passed away Monday, February 18, 2019 with his wife by his side.

Born July 6, 1958 in Richland, VAs, he is the son of Betty Taylor and the late Thurman Smith. Teddy was an award winning Paramedic, two time winner of Paramedic Competition, an E.M.S. Educator and a Golden Apple Award Winner for teaching, D.H.E.C. Education of the year Award Winner, John H. Armbruster Excellence in Service Award Winner, past President of the Sumter Jaycees and was a State and National Award Winning Speaker and Training Director for Horry County E.M.S. Teddy loved to read, photography and rescue was his life. He is preceded in death by his sister Jane Griffith Brewer.

Surviving are his wife of 39 years Janet Barrett Griffith; one daughter Erin Elizabeth Griffith both of Conway; mother Betty Taylor Smith of Manning, SC; two half brothers Benny Smith of Manning, SC and Tony Smith of Cumming, GA and numerous nieces and nephews

Memorial Services will be held at 2:00 PM Friday, February 22, 2019 at Christ United Church in Myrtle Beach with Chaplain Tony Martin and Dr. John Wayne Tyler officiating.

Visitation will be held from 5:00 PM-7:00 PM Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society at [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)

Please sign an online guestbook at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **21**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

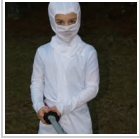
Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel  
608 Beaty Street  
Conway, SC 29526

## Memorial Service

FEB **22**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Christ United Church  
2901 Fantasy Way  
Myrtle Beach, SC 29579

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rose Blackwell lit a candle in memory of Teddy Griffith*



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**Rose Blackwell** - February 23, 2019 at 11:09 PM

DS

“ *Dianne Strickland lit a candle in memory of Teddy Griffith*



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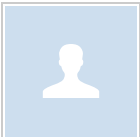
**Dianne Strickland** - February 23, 2019 at 01:50 PM

DS

*Teddy taught me so much when I first became a nurse. He helped so many of us learn life saving measures in ACLS,PALS,CPR. He tested me the first time I took ACLS. You will be missed my friend. You were an awesome teacher to so many. GO rest high on that mountain, your work here is done. I will be praying for your family.*

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**Dianne Strickland** - February 23, 2019 at 01:56 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Teddy Griffith.*



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February 22, 2019 at 11:54 AM

DF

“ So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with his wife and children and with Pete (his father) and his Mother, Bet, his sister Cindy and his 2 brothers, Benny & Tony. I haven't seen Teddy since I was a young child. He was always such a sweet guy. Heaven has truly gained an angel.  
Teddy's cousin, Deb Frith

Deb Frith - February 22, 2019 at 10:15 AM



“ Tod Caldwell lit a candle in memory of Teddy Griffith



Tod Caldwell - February 21, 2019 at 10:37 PM



A Thank you to God and family for sharing this calming man with EMS personnel throughout the region. When Teddy showed up smiled and said " you got this bubba. " You calmed down and got it done. Anyone who went through the old ACLS testing program knows what I mean.THANK YOU Teddy.Rest in peace  
Bubba.

Tod Caldwell - February 21, 2019 at 10:48 PM

PC

Teddy was my first cousin,we lived in a farm and they lived in Indiana they use to come visit us..we grew up together...I have a picture of all of us on the motor cycle that belonged to my brother.me teddy,Jane,Cindy,and 5 of my siblings....I'm so sorry ted had to pass so young.so was Jane, I would of loved to come to the funeral or as least sent flowers,but I just found out yesterday on the 21st.....RIP TEDDY...

patty betz firdt cousin - February 23, 2019 at 12:56 AM

JS

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to Teddy and his family. We not for him I would have never made it through paramedic class. Thank you*



John Simons - February 21, 2019 at 08:03 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Teddy Griffith.*



February 21, 2019 at 05:49 PM

MD

“ *McLeod Seacoast Telemetry Department purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Teddy Griffith.*




McLeod Seacoast Telemetry Department - February 21, 2019 at 10:33 AM

PC

“ *Paxville Baptist Church purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Teddy Griffith.*



Paxville Baptist Church - February 21, 2019 at 10:32 AM

  
Dorothy  
Ulrich

“ Dorothy Ulrich lit a candle in memory of Teddy Griffith



Dorothy Ulrich - February 21, 2019 at 09:28 AM

JF

“ Jeanette Flegel and family purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Teddy Griffith.



Jeanette Flegel and family - February 20, 2019 at 09:37 PM

SB

“ Sammy Branton sent a virtual gift in memory of Teddy Griffith



Sammy Branton - February 20, 2019 at 08:21 PM

SB

“ Sammy Branton lit a candle in memory of Teddy Griffith



Sammy Branton - February 20, 2019 at 08:20 PM

CJ

“ *Cristy Johnson purchased the Simply Elegant Sp  
athiphyllum for the family of Teddy Griffith.*



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**Cristy Johnson** - February 20, 2019 at 04:13 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the  
family of Teddy Griffith.*



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February 20, 2019 at 03:55 PM

DL

“ *I've know Ted and Janet for many years! Was in their wedding. You  
could tell they were meant for each other! I'm so sorry to hear of his  
passing, way too soon! Sending you my prayers.*

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**Debbie Lee** - February 20, 2019 at 03:31 PM

DB

“ *So very sorry for your loss. Teddy was an  
Amazing Awesome man. I got to know him  
briefly through Horry County He will be  
missed by all who ever crossed paths with  
Teddy !!!*



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**Dianne Blackburn** - February 20, 2019 at 03:21 PM

DB

*Horry County EMS*

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**Dianne Blackburn** - February 20, 2019 at 03:22 PM

SR

“ *Sorry for your loss. It was an honor to have worked with him.*



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**Shirley Rabon** - February 20, 2019 at 02:30 PM

MN

“ *Such a sweet and humble man. It was an honor to know him, he will definitely be missed at work! I pray his family can find peace and comfort during this time* ❤️



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**Megan Nobles** - February 20, 2019 at 01:49 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Teddy Griffith.*



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February 20, 2019 at 01:10 PM

CA

“ *My condolences to your family Teddy, you were an awesome Paramedic, everytime I saw you it was all smiles, everyone always had only nice things to say about you, RIP God bless*

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**Chris Avant** - February 20, 2019 at 11:55 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Teddy Griffith.*



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February 20, 2019 at 11:41 AM



“ *I was fortunate to be able to work with Teddy and be his friend. Thank you for sharing your knowledge with me and all the others you took under your wing. There are no words to express what a wonderful teacher, mentor and friend you were to so many. Rest in peace my friend, your lambs will take it from here.*



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**Lynda S Carter** - February 20, 2019 at 11:25 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Teddy Griffith.*



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February 20, 2019 at 09:56 AM



“ *My condolences to the family. Teddy was a true EMS professional. I will keep the family in my prayers.*

*Alonzo W. Smith*

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**Alonzo W. Smith** - February 20, 2019 at 09:55 AM



“ *My prayer to the family is that God gives you comfort during this time.*

*Albert Mobley  
Clarendon County EMS.*



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**Albert Mobley** - February 20, 2019 at 07:26 AM

KO

“ *Janet and Erin, it was a pleasure and an honor to work with Teddy. There are too many good adjectives that could be used here to describe his character. Please just know that during our many projects together, he frequently mentioned how fortunate he was to have you both.*

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**Kenny Oliver** - February 20, 2019 at 06:46 AM

LP

“ *Lee Ann Pinson lit a candle in memory of Teddy Griffith*



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**Lee Ann Pinson** - February 20, 2019 at 06:36 AM

LJ

“ *Thoughts and prayers are with the family. So sorry.*

*Linda Broadway Joyce  
Shawn, Shand, & LeAnne Broadway*

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**Linda Broadway Joyce** - February 19, 2019 at 11:56 PM

AB

“ Teddy was one of the best EMT student to every come through one of my EMT programs. RIP old friend.

Avery Boykin - February 19, 2019 at 11:48 PM



“ Teddy was was a very humble, thoughtful, and a gentleman always. He was a coworker and a truly good friend. Teddy I will miss our talks in the telemetry room. Thank you for your knowledge, gentle soul, and friendship. RIP my friend.



Joyce Helmig - February 19, 2019 at 11:05 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Teddy Griffith.



February 19, 2019 at 10:17 PM

DM

“ Debbie Murrell lit a candle in memory of Teddy Griffith



Debbie Murrell - February 19, 2019 at 10:04 PM

BH

“ *Teddy used to insist on driving us to Florence for paramedic school. We had a lot of fun together and managed to save a few lives. He was very smart and an excellent photographer. He took a lot of ribbing and teasing, especially from Avery, Duerwood and Pop but characteristically always with a smile. I never saw a bad side of Teddy. He was always cheerful and an all around great person. The world is a lot poorer for his leaving to go home but God knows what a good one he has in Teddy and just couldn't wait any longer. End of watch buddy. God bless you and your family. -Bob Harper* ”



**Bob Harper** - February 19, 2019 at 09:53 PM



*So very sorry to hear of Teddy's passing. He was such a gentle soul, and an amazing paramedic and instructor. Many fond memories of our years together at HCEMS. Janet and Erin may God give you His peace, comfort, and strength during this most difficult time. RIP Teddy.*

**Willa Mishoe** - February 20, 2019 at 09:52 AM

KP

“ *Kelly Pierce lit a candle in memory of Teddy Griffith* ”



**Kelly Pierce** - February 19, 2019 at 09:01 PM

KP

*I don't think Teddy ever knew how important he was to so many people. Always humble, always well thought of.*

**Kelly Pierce** - February 19, 2019 at 09:04 PM



“ *He was definitely a good guy. Well patient and most the nicest person I have ever met!* ”



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**Domenick Johnson** - February 19, 2019 at 09:01 PM

JC

“ *Jerry L. Casteel lit a candle in memory of Teddy Griffith* ”



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**Jerry L. Casteel** - February 19, 2019 at 08:57 PM

SH

“ *Teddy was one of a kind, such a hard worker and always ready to help others. He will surely be missed by all.* ”



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**Sally Hassenplug** - February 19, 2019 at 08:55 PM

VC

“ *Veles' Coe lit a candle in memory of Teddy Griffith* ”



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**Veles' Coe** - February 19, 2019 at 08:50 PM

DB

“ *Deb Beck lit a candle in memory of Teddy Griffith*



Deb Beck - February 19, 2019 at 08:25 PM

TK

“ *Tina King lit a candle in memory of Teddy Griffith*



Tina King - February 19, 2019 at 08:21 PM

LK

“ *Laura C Kosinski lit a candle in memory of Teddy Griffith*



Laura C Kosinski - February 19, 2019 at 08:04 PM

WM

“ *Teddy hired me in 2005 when I moved here from MN. He was my mentor the entire time I was with Trans Med. He made sure my training was complete in order to keep me as a Paramedic. He never hesitated to take the time to answer my questions. We would always visit when he worked at Loris ICU. I will miss him. Until we meet again my friend.*

Wayne Massi - February 19, 2019 at 07:55 PM

MB

“ Mervin Belflowers lit a candle in memory of  
Teddy Griffith



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**Mervin Belflowers** - February 19, 2019 at 07:32 PM

TH

“ Teddy was one of the sweetest men I ever met. He was my  
supervisor when Medshore came to town and was a joy to work for.  
He was always there to listen and get us what we needed. He will  
be greatly missed by everyone. Rip my friend until we meet again.

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**Tracey Hamilton** - February 19, 2019 at 06:44 PM

DM

“ Teddy was one of my mentors over the years. I met him at one of  
my state boards long ago. He was a great boss, colleague, and all-  
around friend to everyone. He was about as laid back country as  
they came. It took a lot to make him really mad. I will truly miss him.  
Rest easy brother - we'll take it from here!!! We've got your six.  
David Mac

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**David McGlothlin** - February 19, 2019 at 06:37 PM

PI

*My prayers are with you and four family you will surely be missed*

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**Prentiss Ingold** - February 19, 2019 at 07:50 PM

DB

*He gave a great foundation to so, so many of us... my EMTI instructor and one of my incredible Paramedic instructors and training supervisor during my time at HCEMS.*

*You left quite a mark on this world Teddy! Thank you for sharing your wisdom and humor with us... for teaching us that sometimes the best thing, the only thing you can give a patient is TLC. Rest easy... 🥺🙏💕*

**Deb Beck** - February 19, 2019 at 08:25 PM

RJ

*Thank you Teddy for your service in EMS. As an educator, I learned by teaching with you and learning from you. You will be greatly missed. Will pray for the family. RIP brother.*

**Robert Johnson** - February 21, 2019 at 10:45 PM

DM

“ *David McGlothlin lit a candle in memory of Teddy Griffith*



**David McGlothlin** - February 19, 2019 at 06:29 PM

FL

“ *Frances (Bailey) Lynch lit a candle in memory of Teddy Griffith*



**Frances (Bailey) Lynch** - February 19, 2019 at 06:09 PM

BT

*Prayers for the family*

**Bonnie Tindall** - February 20, 2019 at 05:57 AM