

OBITUARY

Bernard Griffin was born to the late Willie and Mae Olive Griffin on March 1, 1965. He transitioned from this earth and was received by his Lord and Savior on Saturday, March 25, 2023, at WellStar Tranquility at Cobb Hospital.

On August 28, 1992, he married the love of his life, Rosemary Griffin. This union blessed them with four children. He was a loving husband and a devoted father.

Bernard's life was indeed filled with unselfish giving and living – a life that touched so many, far and near. He was never too busy or too tired to “Make it Happen.”

Having been raised in a strong Christian Home, Bernard's life was guided by a faith in God which manifested itself early in his life when he accepted Christ as his personal Savior and joined the Unity Springs M.B. Church of Dekalb, MS. He was a passionate lover of music and singing. He was a member of the Unity Spring M.B. Church choir.

He attended West Kemper High School where he was active in the choir and the band. He attended East Mississippi Jr. College and Mississippi State University on a music scholarship. He was a member of the Black Voices at Mississippi State University. He received a degree in Agriculture from Mississippi State University. In 1988, Bernard moved to GA and was hired by The Georgia Department of Agriculture. In May 2022, after working twenty-five plus years, Bernard retired from The Georgia Department of Agriculture.

With his passion for music, Bernard was able to share his talent with many. He started his musical journey playing for Mt. Avery, Pastor H.C. Rush, Philadelphia, MS. He later moved his talents to Georgia playing for different organizations and churches such as: Mt. Gilead, Pastor Howard, Greater New Life, Pastor Walker, Larger Than Life Ministries, Pastor Watkins, and Overflow Family Fellowship, Pastor Brooks.

Besides his love for music and family, he loved “Making it Happen” on the grill. In May 2022, he founded “Skip's Barbeque” which has become a household name all over Georgia and Mississippi, branding his famous slogans: “Skip Barbeque is on the Move,” “Making it Happen Just for You,” “A Skip Above the Rest,” and “Got to get some of this good barbeque, we are grilling it Just for You.” He was known for his mouth watering ribs and rack of lamb, his tender rib tips, and melt in your mouth chicken.

Bernard was proceeded in death by his loving wife, Rosemary Randle Griffin, his parents Willie and Mae Olive Griffin, a sister Mae Reatha Griffin, and a brother Willie J Griffin. He leaves to cherish his memories two beautiful daughters: Jayla Lyons of Jackson, MS and Dakota Hanna (Jeff), and two handsome sons: Jeremee Griffin, and Jordan Griffin of Douglassville, GA. He also leaves 2 granddaughters: Trinity Lyons and Jordyn Vaughn, and 2 grandsons: Joshua German and Jacob German. And a bonus grand-dog Nubia. His memories will live on in his 5 brothers: Albert (Jeanette) Griffin of Moss Point, MS; Neal Rufus (Rosie) Griffin of Indianola, MS, Eugene (Bobbie) Griffin of Indianola, MS; Clarence Griffin of Dekalb, MS; and Robert (Carolyn) Griffin of Dekalb, MS; and four sisters Olive (Preston) Fairley of Lumberton, MS; Wavis Prince of Hattiesburg, MS; Anette Griffin of Dekalb, MS; and Rubbie Brown of Dekalb, MS. 4 sisters-in-laws: Judy Bailey (Travis, Sr.), Sheri Randle, Meletta Randle and Rosemarie Randle-Borders (Leonard Borders). A host of nieces, nephews, cousins, aunties, uncles, classmates, and friends.