



Alda Thomas Griffin

September 1, 1950 - January 23, 2020

Alda Claire Thomas Griffin, 69, of Old Town passed away January 23, 2020.

Alda was born September 1, 1950 to the late Horace and Mardrit Thomas in Alachua County. She graduated Trenton High School in 1968, where she was a star basketball player and received a Master's Degree from the University of Florida. Alda taught Pre-K and Kindergarten for several years with the Gilchrist County School System and was a faithful member of Fanning Springs Community Church, where she served as a Sunday School Teacher and Nursery Worker. She was a sports fan, a big Gator fan, and was always involved in Church activities.

Alda is survived by her son Jacob Griffin of Alabama, her daughters Allison Cooper (Travis) of Trenton, Amber Rollison of Trenton, and Pam Griffen of Ocala, FL, her brothers Doyle Thomas (Lorene) of Old Town and Don Thomas (Brenda) of Trenton, her sister Sue Landers (Joe) of Trenton, her grandchildren Mark Rollison, Luke Rollison, Branden Rollison, Haley Rollison, Shelbi Cooper, Kinleigh Cooper, Addison Cooper, Sophia Adams, Cacciotti Adams, Shanna Adams, Jake Griffin, and Carrie Griffin, three great-grandchildren, and other extended family members. She was preceded in death by her husband Tom Griffin and son Mark Griffin.

Funeral services for Alda will be held 3:00 PM Sunday, January 26, 2020 at

the Jonesville Baptist Church in Newberry, Florida, with Rev. David Jones officiating assisted by Rev. Cory Cheramie. Interment will follow in Jonesville Cemetery in Newberry. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Saturday evening from 6 – 8 PM.

Arrangements have been placed under the care of Rick Gooding Funeral Home Chiefland, Florida 352-493-0050 and Cross City, Florida 352-498-5400. Please sign the online guest book at rickgoodingfuneralhomes.com

Cemetery Details

Jonesville Cemetery

Newberry, FL

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 25. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Rick Gooding Funeral Home Chiefland
1301 N Young Blvd
Chiefland, FL 32626
(352) 493-0050
<https://www.RickGoodingFuneralHomes.com>

Service

JAN 26. 3:00 PM (ET)

Jonesville Baptist Church
Newberry, FL

Tribute Wall



“ *Alda Thomas Griffin*

October 08, 2023 at 10:03 PM



“ *Alda Thomas Griffin*

January 30, 2023 at 01:26 AM

“ My Friend

ALDA

When we were 12 Alda and I met. We played all day at Hart Springs. We were two giggling kids, laughing about everything and nothing. Daring each other to jump from higher places yelling all the way. We would sneak down to the Swannee River to watch the older boys skiing. Those were great days.

When we reached 14-15 we couldn't drive but we got our parents and older brothers to take us to each other's house to spend the weekend and there was always Hart Springs. Plus we wrote letters and talked on the phone

And then we turned 16 and now we were ready to date.

Alda dated a guy with a brother. He worked at a funeral parlor so we went to look around. No bodies were there so we left. Then went to a cemetery because we heard one of the tombs had a cracked top on the corner and you can see inside. We found it but we didn't see anything.

Once we went to an evangelist tent revival hoping to see them talk in tongues and play with snakes. They didn't.

We went to the skating rink in Chiefland but it soon closed.

Once our dates pulled up a sign and threw it into Hart Springs then went the next day to watch them pull it out

At 19 we moved into Gainesville in a 2 story house owned by Mimi, that had 2 beds per room for \$12 a week including supper. If Mimi wasn't around we would answer the phone "hello, Mimi's House of Pleasure. How may we serve you" If Mimi heard us she would give us a lecture.

While we lived there we went to college.

I was with her when there was Donny, I was there when there wasn't Donny and we both cried. But life goes on and so did Alda. She attended 2 internships one in Lake City and one in Europe. I

never forgot that internship because she made me mail her toilet paper every couple of weeks because there's was like waxed paper.

When she came home we lived like any girlfriends do, shopping, eating and dancing. One night we went to a bar to dance. A young man asked me to dance. He was tall and cute with a southern drawl and country ways. That isn't what I was looking for but I said to him "how about you coming back to the table and meet my friend." He said sure. And when we got there I said "Alda this is Tommy Griffin"

.The rest is history. I loved Alda so much, she was kind, sweet, generous and had one of the best sense of humor. I loved her dearly and will miss her till I meet her again.

Trisha {smith} Davis - January 29, 2020 at 07:45 PM

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“ *I have known Alda Clare Since I was 17 yrs old. She graduated one year before ,me, but we were great friends. When I graduated HS, I moved in with her in Gainesville, FL. She was going to school and I was working. We had a lot of fun times, just running around. After she married Thomas, we kind of lost each other. Just run into each other, every few years. I felt that if we ever got together again, we would pick up right where we left off. We went thru fun times and sad times together. She was one of the nicest people I have ever known. She was a great contributor to this life and I have no doubts shes celebrating with other old friends who have gone on before. I only found out today of her passing, so I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to her family, whom I am sure loved her, as she loved them. God bless you all. Alda Clare is now sheltered in the arms of the Lord. Sorry I did not get to say good bye. Denice Hagan Edwards.*

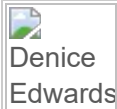
Denice Edwards - January 28, 2020 at 11:25 PM

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“ Praying for Ms Alda’s family during this difficult time.



Gloria Gilbert - January 25, 2020 at 08:22 PM



Denice
Edwards

I had lost track of Alda and had not seen her in many years. She was a very good friend to me when we were young. She was one years ahead of me in school. On weekends, we hung out together, unless one of us had a date. We had a lot of good times and some sad ones too. When I graduated HS, I moved in with her in Gainesville. She was going to UF and I was working at UF. I wish I could have visited with her one more time, but I didnt know she was ill, or even where she was. God's blessings on all her family. I truly know she is now in a wonderful place with friends and family who have gone before. I hope we can find each other on the other side, when I get there. Denice Hagan Edwards

Denice Edwards - January 28, 2020 at 11:37 PM