



Marjorie V. Griffith

AUGUST 5, 1953 ~ JULY 26, 2026

Order of Service

SLIDESHOW

2:30 PM

CHAIRMAN - DARIEN HANSON

OPENING SONG #3 - OUR STRENGTH, OUR HOPE, OUR CONFIDENCE -

OPENING PRAYER - DARIEN HANSON

OBITUARY - JUSTIN LEONARD

DISCOURSE - ARTHUR GRAY

CONCLUDING SONG #38 - HE WILL MAKE YOU STRONG

CONCLUDING PRAYER - ARTHUR GRAY

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Acknowledgements

THE FAMILY WISHES TO ACKNOWLEDGE WITH DEEP APPRECIATION ALL THE PHONE CALLS, MESSAGES, PRAYERS, VISITS, MEALS AND TIME SPENT AS KINDNESS EXPRESSED TO US AND TO MARJI. WE ARE EAGERLY LOOKING FORWARD TO A TIME WHEN WE CAN ALL BE REUNITED AS A FAMILY LIVING AS JEHOVAH INTENDED ON THE EARTH. YOUR LOVE AND PRESENCE HAS STRENGTHENED US AS YOU REFLECTED BACK TO US THE LOVE THAT MARJI SHOWED TO OTHERS. THANK YOU NOW AND IN THE DAYS TO COME.

Obituary

MARJORIE VIRGINIA GRIFFITH (DORSEY), A BELOVED DAUGHTER, MOTHER, GRANDMOTHER, AND FRIEND, PASSED AWAY PEACEFULLY ON JULY 26TH, 2026, AT THE AGE OF 72. BORN IN WEST GROVE, PENNSYLVANIA ON AUGUST 5TH, 1953, SHE WAS THE YOUNGEST DAUGHTER OF JOHN HENRY JACKSON AND ENID DORSEY. SHE ATTENDED AND GRADUATED FROM AVON GROVE HIGH SCHOOL.

IN 1974, MARJI MARRIED THE LOVE OF HER LIFE, MARSHALL GRIFFITH, AND MOVED TO CLEVELAND, OHIO. TOGETHER THEY BUILT A LIFE OF OVER 50 YEARS FULL OF JOY, MUSIC, DANCING, FAMILY, FOOD, AND FAITH — A LOVE THAT WAS A TESTAMENT TO HOW TWO PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT WORLDS COULD CREATE A BEAUTIFUL, LASTING CONNECTION THAT INSPIRED ALL WHO KNEW THEM. MARJI AND MARSHALL RAISED A FAMILY OF THREE: HOWARD (EMELYN, BEDFORD, OH), MADRENNIA (MACEDONIA, OH), MANISHA (RICARDO, MAPLE HEIGHTS, OH) AND ONE GRANDDAUGHTER CHARISSA (NASSAU, BAHAMAS).

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IN 1976, MARJI DEDICATED HERSELF TO JEHOVAH AND WAS BAPTIZED AS ONE OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES, BECOMING A FOOTSTEP FOLLOWER OF JESUS CHRIST. MARJI LIVED A LIFE ROOTED IN FAITH, FAMILY, AND PURPOSE, GUIDED ALWAYS BY HER UNWAVERING LOVE AND DEVOTION TO JEHOVAH GOD AS SHE FOLLOWED IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS CHRIST. SHE LED WITH LOVE BECAUSE SHE NEVER MET A STRANGER, OFTEN SENDING CARDS, TEXTS, AND LETTERS OF ENCOURAGEMENT TO ANYONE IN NEED OF A CHEERFUL UPLIFT OR SCRIPTURAL THOUGHT.

MARJI WORKED FOR THE CLEVELAND ELECTRIC ILLUMINATING COMPANY/CENTERIOR ENERGY, WHERE SHE BELONGED TO THE SPEAKERS BUREAU, DOING PUBLIC SPEAKING, AND THE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION, ORGANIZING LARGE EMPLOYEE EVENTS FOR MANY YEARS BEFORE LEAVING AFTER TAKING A "BUY OUT." DURING THAT TIME, SHE ALSO WORKED PART-TIME AS A SALESPERSON AND PRESENTER FOR ALOETTE COSMETICS, HOSTING HOME PARTIES THAT SHE TRULY LOVED. SHE EXCELLED IN THE ROLE, BECAME WELL KNOWN AND MADE MANY LIFELONG FRIENDS ALONG THE WAY.

AFTER LEAVING CENTERIOR ENERGY, MARJI PIVOTED HER CAREER INTO RESEARCH, INTERVIEWING PEOPLE AND GATHERING STATISTICAL DATA FOR MEDICAL AND GOVERNMENT STUDIES UNTIL SHE RETIRED FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO. SHE WAS KNOWN FOR EXTENDING HERSELF IN THE CARE OF OTHERS — IF SOMEONE NEEDED HELP, SHE MADE IT HER MISSION TO SEE THAT THEY WERE CARED FOR. SHE EVEN BECAME A LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN IN SUMMIT COUNTY, ADVOCATING FOR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS, VISITING THOSE WHO CALLED ON HER AND SPEAKING ON THEIR BEHALF.

TO MARJI, FAMILY WAS EVERYTHING — NOT EXTENDED, JUST FAMILY — AND SHE DEDICATED HER LIFE TO KEEPING THAT BOND OF LOVE ALIVE AND THRIVING WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS. (COL. 3:14)

SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND OF 52 YEARS MARSHALL GRIFFITH, AND HER OLDER BROTHERS, HUGH (HARRISBURG, PA) AND STEPHEN (MARY, MILPITAS, CA). SHE WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HER PARENTS, JOHN AND ENID, AND BY HER SIBLINGS ROBERT (CAROLYN, HINESVILLE, GA) AND MARY (HERMAN) WHITE.

MARJI LEAVES BEHIND FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO MOURN HER LOSS AS THEY AWAIT THE FULFILLMENT OF JEHOVAH'S PROMISE OF THE RESURRECTION. (JOHN 5:28-29; REVELATION 21:3-4)

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A close-up portrait of a smiling couple. The man on the left has dark, curly hair and a grey beard, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and blue patterned tie. The woman on the right has shoulder-length brown hair and is wearing a black top and a necklace with large clear stones. The background is softly blurred, showing indoor plants and warm lighting.

Our

Love







FOOTPRINTS

One night I dreamed
I was walking along the beach with the Lord.
Many scenes from my life flashed across the sky.
In each scene I noticed footprints in the sand.
Sometimes there were two sets of footprints,
other times there were one set of footprints.

This bothered me because I noticed
that during the low periods of my life,
when I was suffering from
anguish, sorrow or defeat,
I could see only one set of footprints.

So I said to the Lord,
“You promised me Lord,
that if I followed you,
you would walk with me always.

But I have noticed that during
the most trying periods of my life
there have only been one
set of footprints in the sand.

Why, when I needed you most,
you have not been there for me?”

The Lord replied,
“The times when you have
seen only one set of footprints,
is when I carried you.”

