



Tony Ray Griffith Jr.

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Tony Ray Griffith, Jr., 37, of Buford, Georgia, passed away on April 13, 2026. While Tony was many things—a fighter, a brother, and a friend—his proudest title was "Daddy." Above everything else in this world, Tony lived for his daughter, Naveah Griffith. She was his heart and his greatest joy and he proudly wore her footprints upon his chest.

As his battle with stage 4 metastatic neuroendocrine cancer progressed, the physical toll made it difficult for him to spend the quality time with her that he so desperately craved. It was this deep love for Naveah that fueled his resilience; he fought with everything he had to live longer, driven by the singular wish to stay here to see her grow up. He defied every medical timeline and expectation, refusing to give up and extending his time far beyond what was thought possible just to be near her.

Throughout his life, Tony was anchored by the love of two homes. He was the son of Tony Griffith, Sr. and Maletha Griffith and grew up between his parents' home and the home of his grandparents, James and Renee Terry, affectionately known as Nanny and Papa. Nanny and Papa were his steady hand, taking him in and helping raise him whenever he faced trouble. Their devotion never wavered; Nanny remained a vital part of his support system, assisting with his care for as long as she could.

When he could no longer care for himself, Tony lived with his older sister, Felicia Bates, and her husband, Lonnie Bates. Together, they provided a

home of comfort and care, with Lonnie and his son, Logan Bates, helping Felicia advocate for Tony until the very end. Tony and Logan shared a particularly special bond, bonded by their daily tradition of enjoying Chick-fil-A together.

Tony also shared a profound bond with his sister Melissa, having helped her raise her children. To Makayla, Christian, and Connor, he was an uncle who brought constant laughter. He especially loved his role as a "great-uncle," finding immense happiness in spoiling his sister's grandbabies, Kinsley and Kolton, whenever they came over for visits.

Tony was a free spirit who loved to party and have fun, and live for the moment. He was at his happiest when he was fishing, grilling, or indulging in his "obsession" with sweets—specifically Mountain Dew, Oreos, Reeses, Little Debbie snacks, and most of all ice cream.

Tony was preceded in death by his beloved parents, Tony, Sr. and Maletha Griffith; his grandparents, Margaret Mitchell and Harvey Griffith; and his grandparents, Modine and Anderson Anglin.

He is survived by his beloved daughter, Naveah Griffith; his grandparents, James and Renee Terry; his sisters, Felicia Bates and Melissa Flanagan; his brother-in-law, Lonnie Bates; his nieces and nephews, Makayla, Christian, Connor, Megan, Logan, and Mason "Wenny"; his great-niece and great-nephew, Kinsley and Kolton; and many friends who will forever be inspired by the fight he gave until the very end.

Service Information

Please join us as we gather to remember Tony. All are welcome!

Visitation and Viewing: Friday, April 17th, 2026 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Flanagan Funeral Home 4400 S. Lee St. Buford, GA 30518

The family appreciates all the love and support during this time.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 17. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Buford, GA 30518
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Tribute Wall

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“ I only got to know Tony for a short time. During that time I saw how much he fought to live and how he loved his family. Through the effort of his sister Felicia and family his remaining time here was full of affection and happiness. May those memories carry you through this sorrowful time. My prayers are with you all.

Sylvia Ricker - April 16 at 02:06 PM

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“ Tony loved his baby girl so very much. She is so proud of her daddy and misses him dearly. I will forever keep his memory alive for her.
Rip Tony.
Watch over our little girl for me.



Angel Freeman - April 16 at 11:44 AM

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“ I love you and miss you so much Bubba! I can't believe you're really gone! I'll never forget the day I fell to my knees when you told me you had stage 4 cancer. I'm so glad I got to spend the past yr with you. I'll treasure our time together forever. I will forever miss you!
Love always and forever your big sissy Felicia!

Felicia Bates - April 16 at 11:39 AM