



## Lynne Griffin Garrison

February 14, 1957 - March 4, 2024

Lynne Griffin Garrison passed away on March 4, 2024, at her home. She was born on February 14, 1957, to Gwendolyn Keller Griffin and the late Ronald Eugene Griffin Sr. She grew up in Jamestown, North Carolina. Mrs. Garrison was educated at Ragsdale High School and graduated from North Carolina State University where she was editor of the school newspaper and received a BA in Business Management.

She was an active community member of the Apex and Raleigh area for many years, serving in leadership positions at the Apex Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce, North Carolina State University Foundation, Wake Education Partnership, Leadership North Carolina, Poe Center for Health Education. She also attended Apex United Methodist Church where she taught Sunday School and served on numerous church committees.

Mrs. Garrison worked in the Office of Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. as Assistant and Deputy Press Secretary and was the Public Information Officer of the Wake County Public School System. She also was the Director of Public Affairs for the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services before becoming Vice President of Corporate Communications for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina.

In 2015, Mrs. Garrison founded Garrison Consulting Group to provide coaching and consulting services to corporate, nonprofit and government leadership seeking to advance individual, team, and organizational performance. She was a certified executive coach and consultant.

Mrs. Garrison was the recipient of numerous awards during her career, including the Holmes Group SABRE Award, Triangle Business Journal's Women in Business Award, and various awards for public relations, communications programs and volunteerism.

She was married to her husband John for 43 years and enjoyed trips to the mountains of North Carolina, particularly Blowing Rock. Mrs. Garrison and her husband ran Garrison's Country Store for several years, selling collectibles and antiques. She was an avid photographer of flowers and fauna. Mrs. Garrison was an avid reader and a long-time collector of duck decoys. She cherished her time with family.

A service honoring Mrs. Garrison will be held at Apex United Methodist Church, 100 S. Hughes Street, Apex, NC on March 11, 2024, at 3:00pm. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Apex United Methodist Church Capital Campaign, 100 S. Hughes Street, Apex, NC 27502; Communities in Schools North Carolina, 222 N. Person Street, Raleigh, NC 27601; or to InterAct, 1012 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, NC 27605.

Mrs. Garrison is survived by her Mother, Dr. Gwendolyn Keller Griffin of Archdale, NC; husband, John Thompson Garrison, Jr. of the home; daughter Kathleen Garrison Austin (Ben) of Apex, NC; son, John Thompson Garrison, III (Alanna) of Holly Springs, NC; William James Garrison (Bianncah) of Carthage, NC; brother Ronald Eugene Griffin, Jr. (Debbie) of Archdale, NC; five grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.



# Cemetery Details

## Wake Memorial Park

7002 Green Hope School Road  
Cary, NC 27519

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAR 11. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Apex United Methodist Church  
100 S Hughes St.  
Apex, NC 27502

# Tribute Wall

JD

“ I'm so sorry to learn of Lynne's passing. I remember trips to the mountains with her family and many days playing at her home. I even helped with her newspaper route a few times. She collected vinegar cruets. Funny I'd remember that. Condolences to her family..

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**Janice Haggai Drimer** - March 11, 2024 at 12:41 PM

JO

“ I'm so sorry to hear the news about Lynne. I met Lynne while her kids were part of AOIT at Apex HS. I kept in touch with Lynne through the years and had so much respect for her and her work. To the family, I wish you peace and comfort.

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**Julie Oster** - March 11, 2024 at 11:45 AM

HT

“ So sorry to hear of Lynne's death. I knew Lynn at the NC State Technician student newspaper in the 1970s. She was a fine editor and helped me in many ways as a fellow employee of the paper. She and John were a good team back then and I'm glad that partnership continued through their life. I hope the memory of that partnership will bring comfort to John during this difficult time. Helen Tart

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**Helen Tart** - March 09, 2024 at 05:33 PM

SG

“ John so sorry to hear of Lynne's passing. I remember bowling with her way back when the Public Staff had a bowling league. Lots of fun and good times. Please know you and your family will be in my prayers during the coming days. May God keep you all in his loving care.

Sharron Goodwin

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**Sharron Goodwin** - March 08, 2024 at 12:39 PM

SB

“ John so sorry to learn of Lynne's passing. I know she was the love of your life along with the twins. Just know you and the family are in my prayers. Hope you will be able to attend our next retiree get together. 🙏

Shilda

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**Shilda Branson** - March 07, 2024 at 10:10 PM

GC

John, so sad to hear of your wife's passing. I never got the chance to meet her in person, but I do remember all the times that I got a chance to talk to you. It was always a pleasure and a joy to talk to someone that had a sense of humor. I loved hearing stories about the twins. Although there aren't any words I can say that will take away your pain, I do hope that you and your family feel some peace knowing that others are thinking about you in this sad time. May God give you all his blessings and also the strength to face the days ahead.

.(This is from Gina Clifton, previously worked as the Secretary in the Water Division, back in the early 1980s).

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**Gina Clifton** - March 13, 2024 at 02:08 AM