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**E**mil Paul Griffin, 48, passed away peacefully on Friday, October 8, 2021 at his home in Pitkin, Louisiana surrounded by his family. Emil was born on Thursday, June 7, 1973 in San Antonio, Texas to Thomas Eugene Griffin, III and the late Elizabeth Jeane Taylor Griffin.

Emil is survived by his wife, Sharon Leonard Griffin; his children and their spouses, Austin Griffin and wife Lori, Timothy Witt and fiancée, Amber, Brandon Witt and wife Cayla, and Lauren Broussard and husband David; his grandchildren, Noah Witt, Liam Broussard, Lizzie Griffin, Benjamin Broussard, and soon-to-be granddaughter Amelia Griffin who will be named in Emil's honor; his father, Dr. Thomas Griffin and "second" mother, CliAnn Griffin; his brother, Dr. John Griffin.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Elizabeth Taylor Griffin, who passed away in 2005.

Emil graduated from Ozark Adventist Academy in 1991 and from Southwestern Adventist University in 1993 with a degree in nursing. He worked in various positions in critical care at different medical facilities, most notably Beauregard Memorial Hospital, where he met his wife Sharon. He loved his job as a critical care nurse and saved countless lives throughout the years. He also trained many other nurses.



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Outside of work, Emil loved hunting, fishing, LSU football, and spending time with his immediate family and his father, to whom he was very close.

Emil held a very special place in the lives of his children, for whom he was a model father. His grandchildren also adored him, affectionately referring to him as their “caca”. Emil had an uncanny ability to relate to children and often enjoyed playing games with them, such as pretending to be a policeman or turning his wheelchair into a tow truck. His grandson Noah called Emil his best friend and talked with him on the phone every day.

Emil’s faith gave him great strength and peace during hardships, including his long battle with diabetes. He refused to give up easily. In the final moments of his life, he drew comfort from the song “How Great Thou Art”.

A private memorial service was held on Sunday, October 10, 2021 for his family and close friends at the DeRidder Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The family has requested that donations be made in his honor to the American Cancer Society or a Wounded Warrior organization of your choice.



# Memories only last if you share them

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