



## Alan R. Griffith

December 17, 1941 - December 2, 2025

Alan R. Griffith passed away peacefully in his home in Centreville, MD, on December 2, 2025. Son of Charles Ernest and Amalie (Guenther) Griffith, he was born on December 17, 1941, in Mineola, NY.

Alan is survived by his wife and loving companion of 61 years, Elizabeth (Penny), whom he married on November 28, 1964. Together, they raised two children, Timothy and Elizabeth (Libby) Hipp. He is also survived by his daughter-in-law, Anne Corso, his son-in-law, Thomas Hipp, two grandchildren, whom he adored, Amalie (and her fiancé, Cristian Silvestre) and Henry (and his wife, Meghan Haddad-Hipp). Alan was the middle of three brothers, Charles (Chuck), who passed in 2024, and David. He was also a generous and devoted presence in the lives of many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews, loving family members, close friends, and dear neighbors – all of whom he cherished throughout his lifetime.

He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in government and law from Lafayette College ('64) and a Master of Business Administration degree from Baruch College of the City University of New York. Prior to Lafayette College, Alan attended the Westminster School in Simsbury, CT.

In 2005, Alan retired as Vice Chair of The Bank of New York and The Bank of New York Corporation, Inc., after a distinguished 41-year career with the organization. During his last 10 years at the Bank, he directed the international banking sector. Before serving as Vice Chair in 1994, he served as President for four years. Prior to this, he served as Director of the Bank and the Corporation, and as a member of the bank's Senior Planning Committee. Among the many responsibilities he held during his career was the formation of a division to provide financing and banking services to the communications, entertainment, and publishing industries. At the time of his retirement, The Bank of New York endowed a scholarship fund at Lafayette College in his name.

Alan Griffith had a long and distinguished record of service to Lafayette College, his

beloved alma mater. He served as Chair of the Board of Trustees for nine years, member of the Board's Steering Committee, and Chair of the Executive Committee. During his years on the Board, he served on the Committee on Student Life, the Committee on Financial Policy, and the Special Committee on Information Technology. He received Lafayette's George T. Woodring '19 Volunteer of the Year Award in 1999 and was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws in 2001.

Alan cared deeply about the communities in which he lived, and he embraced a myriad of volunteer roles throughout his life. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of ALS United of Greater New York, dedicated to the fight against amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or Lou Gehrig's Disease, for over 25 years. He was Vice Chair of the Board of Governors of the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum (CBMM), and a member of the Board of Trustees and Executive Committee of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF). Alan was a conservationist and a passionate and active member of the Queen Anne's Conservation Association (QACA). He was a former board member of the Shore Rivers. He worshipped and served on the Vestry of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Centreville, MD, and was active in the Presbyterian Church of Lawrenceville, NJ, for many years.

Alan will be remembered for his quick wit, dry humor, authentic interest in the lives of his family and friends, and his overall resounding presence, authenticity, and generosity.

A future Celebration of Life will be planned; information will be provided when available.

Those wishing to honor his memory may do so with a contribution to :

St. Paul's Church, Centreville, MD [www.stpaulschurch.org](http://www.stpaulschurch.org)

Queen Anne's Conservation Association [www.qaca.org](http://www.qaca.org)

Lafayette College [www.lafayette.edu](http://www.lafayette.edu)

# Tribute Wall

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“ Alan, together with Penny, did so much for so many people--locally, nationally and internationally--while a devoted father and grandfather to their growing family.

*At the bank, Alan was responsible for 50,000 employees, who in turn provided financial services to countless companies, their employees and customers, as far away as Mumbai, India, where Alan traveled in 2003.*

*Alan and Penny supported Pastor Luc, founder of Harmony Ministries in Haiti, where they visited in 2010 to see Pastor Luc's churches, primary schools and medical clinic.*

*Nationally, Alan was a founding board member of the ALS Association, which has raised millions of dollars for patients with Lou Gehrig's Disease, through an annual sports award dinner in New York.*

*Alan and Penny were honored for lifetime support of Lafayette College, where Alan went from college graduate in 1964 to trustee in 1994 to board chairman during 2001-2010.*

*Personally, Alan alongside Penny, was a warm, generous host who made people feel welcome in small groups or large dinners, where Alan left everyone laughing with his quick, sharp wit.*

*Locally, Alan, together with Penny, contributed to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, Queen Anne's Conservation Foundation, George Washington's Mount Vernon and other organizations, where Alan served many years in leadership roles.*

*They quietly supported many individuals in need and contributed to the Presbyterian Church of Lawrenceville NJ and St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Centreville MD, where Alan was a vestry member.*

*Today, on Alan's birthday (Dec. 17), we pledge to keep his memory alive and continue his extraordinary example of helping other people.*

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**JS** - December 17, 2025 at 08:57 AM

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“ May Alan's memory be a blessing.

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**Craig Becker** - December 09, 2025 at 12:28 PM



“ Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Alan R. Griffith.



December 09, 2025 at 12:26 PM

JB

“ John Seward / Ruth Bros lit a candle in memory of Alan R. Griffith



John Seward / Ruth Bros - December 08, 2025 at 12:12 PM

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“ From, The Owsiany Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Alan R. Griffith.

From, The Owsiany Family - December 08, 2025 at 11:32 AM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Alan R. Griffith.



December 08, 2025 at 11:32 AM

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“ Penny, Carolyn and I are so sorry for your loss. Alan was a gentle man and a true Gentleman. We loved his keen sense of humor and what he did for so many, especially Queen Anne's County. Alan and I use to laugh about that New Year's Eve Party so many years ago at Jane and Frank Everett's farm. We will miss him.

Carolyn & Scott MacGlashan

Scott MacGlashan - December 07, 2025 at 06:48 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**JS** - December 04, 2025 at 09:52 PM

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*We are so sad to learn of Alan's death. He was a dear friend over the years and will always be remembered warmly. We wish God's comfort to Penny and the family.*

*Mary Kay and Rob Kuser*

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**Robert C Kuser, Jr** - December 14, 2025 at 01:41 PM