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## **Florida Business Leader Honored Posthumously by National Group for Helping Women in Transportation**

*Judy Griffin, Owner of Fort Myers Transportation Companies,  
Remembered as a Friend and Mentor*

**(ROCKVILLE, Md.)**—Judy Griffin, a longtime Fort Myers business leader and a mentor to women in the transportation industry nationally, is being posthumously awarded a national trade group's Outstanding Contributor to Women in Transportation award.

The Taxicab, Limousine & Paratransit Association (TLPA) is awarding the honor to Griffin just months after her sudden passing. Griffin's award will be presented at the TLPA's 100th Convention & Trade Show, held this Oct. 27-29 at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas.

"Judy was a close friend to so many people in our industry, and she was always willing to share her knowledge with others," said TLPA CEO Alfred LaGasse. "Her impact will be felt for a long time to come."

Griffin arrived in Fort Myers in 1993, purchasing a small company, Blue Bird Taxi, with her husband, Phil. Together, they expanded their company to include Checker Cab, Yellow Cab and Bluebird Mobility.

Griffin's family-centered influence reached every part of the business. She enjoyed holding company cookouts and was known to attend drivers' weddings and birthday parties, as well as their children's graduation ceremonies.

Her generosity extended well beyond her company to a love for her community. Griffin had been involved in the Chamber of Commerce in Lee County, the Better Business Bureau, the Businesspeople for Political Action Committee, business clubs supporting women, and her local church, sponsoring three children through Women of Faith.

Shirley Allen, a fellow TLPA member who operates her own transportation company on the other side of the country, said Griffin's drive to give back was unwavering. "She felt she had been blessed and wanted more than anything to share that with her friends and family at every opportunity," Allen said.

**About TLPA:** Established in 1917, the Taxicab, Limousine & Paratransit Association (TLPA) is a nonprofit trade association that represents the owners and managers of taxicab, limousine, sedan, airport shuttle, paratransit and nonemergency medical fleets. TLPA's member companies operate more than 100,000 passenger vehicles and transport more than 900 million passengers annually. For more information, please visit [www.tlpa.org](http://www.tlpa.org).

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