

Gordon "Gordy" Walter Bjorkman

July 12, 1939 - January 4, 2025

Gordon "Gordy" Bjorkman, Retired Missionary to Africa died Saturday January 4th, 2025 in Cullman, AL at the age of 85.

Mr. Bjorkman was born in St. Paul, MN. in 1939 the son of Walter & Irene (Forcier) Bjorkman. He lived in Milwaukee, WI. and was a member of Elmbrook Church in Brookfield, WI., before moving to Africa for full-time mission work. After 20+ years on the Mission Field, he retired and married the love of his life, Sally. They moved to Joppa, AL. in 2012 and quickly became members of Gilliam Springs Baptist Church in Arab, AL.

He attended United School of Electronics graduating the Radio and Television Division and completed numerous church sponsored trainings and teachings before and after his call and service to the Mission Field of Mali, W. Africa in 1984.

Mr. Bjorkman is survived by two children: Robert (Bob) Bjorkman (Tammy Hager) and Bonnie Hobbs-Betts and husband David Betts, three grandchildren: Jonathan Hobbs, Bobby Bjorkman, and Jeffrey Bjorkman, and a few cousins.

All services will be held at Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel in Arab, AL. on Thursday January 16th, 2025. The Visitation/Celebration of Life will be from 1pm to 2pm and the Funeral Service will follow from 2pm to 3pm. A brief Internment will be graveside following the Funeral Service.

Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel, directing.

In lieu of flowers consider donations to Mesa Global Radio Fund www.mesagl

obal.co/projects/63626 or Gilliam Spring Baptist Church Missions in memory of Gordy Bjorkman.

Cemetery Details

Gilliam Springs Cemetery

1351 North Brindlee Mountain Parkway
Arab, AL 35016

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 16. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel
1340 North Main Street
Arab, AL 35016
(256) 586-4100

Funeral Service

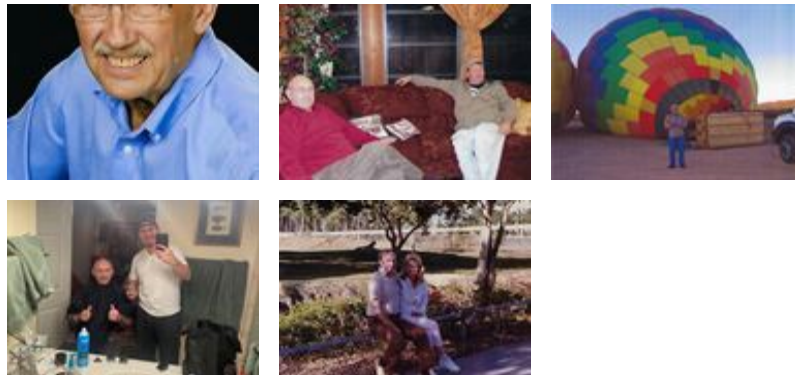
JAN 16. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ 45 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel - January 14, 2025 at 09:57 AM

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Bonnie B - January 13, 2025 at 01:29 PM

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“ *Gordy and Sally were dear dear friends. We shared many memorable times together after they moved to Arab. We enjoyed hearing about his love for missions and time in Africa. We enjoyed visiting in their beautiful home well groomed yard that Gordy kept maticulous. We also enjoyed the time they spent in our home with a Bible study group. We will forever treasure their friendship and look forward to spending eternity with Gordy and Sally in Heaven. Jerry and Marilyn Box*

Marilyn Box - January 09, 2025 at 02:29 PM

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“Gordy was our remarkable neighbor and friend for many years in Kayes, Mali, West Africa. He was very practical and could fix almost anything. He had good ideas about how to make things work efficiently. He was single-minded about why he was there: to share the Gospel. The difficulties of daily life sometimes obscured that for me, but not for Gordy. He was hospitable and generous. I remember a night when six visitors, pastors from the US, sat around his supper table sharing their impressions of a recent trip they'd taken into a remote village. Their hearts were full and the supper went on for hours. Gordy would often host a big gathering at US Thanksgiving at his house and in his huge yard. He had a health scare in 1998 where my husband and I moved into his house in order to take care of him until an air ambulance arrived. After he was back to health, we had a special bond because he viewed us as having helped to save his life. His life was precious to us -- and we mourn his loss.



Dawn Michelson - January 09, 2025 at 09:32 AM