



Dr. Alfred Evans Birkelund

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Dr. Alfred Evans Birkelund, 85, of Longview went to be with the Lord September 25, 2010. Memorial services for Dr. Birkelund will be held Saturday, October 2, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. at Mobberly Baptist Church, Longview. Visitation will be Friday, October 1, 2010 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Rader Funeral Home, Longview.

Dr. Birkelund was born February 13, 1925 in New York City. He served his beloved country in World War II. He received his Bachelors and Masters degrees from Wagner College in New York, and continued his education at Columbia University in New York City. Dr. Birkelund earned his doctorate in Education from East Texas State University, Commerce. His career in education included teaching and administrative work.

Dr. Birkelund moved to Longview in 1968, to join the administrative staff at Letourneau University, serving as Dean of Students and later Vice President. He served in administration at Toccoa Falls Bible College, Toccoa Falls, GA. He went on to become Vice President at Dallas Baptist University. He was involved with the Gideon's International Association, Longview Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club of Longview.

Dr. Birkelund's life was spent serving his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, by teaching, preaching and counseling others. This was his greatest joy, and the paramount purpose in his life.

Married to his loving wife of 61 years, Agnes, he is survived by her. He is also survived by his girls, Joann Roberts, Janet Ragsdale, Joyce Maxey and Jaqi Bryson and spouses, Dr. Herbert Roberts and Mr. Doug Ragsdale and their families. He has 7 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandson.

The family would like to express their deep gratitude for the outpouring of love, prayers and care from so many during his illness, especially the many friends at Mobberly Baptist Church and his beloved Sunday School Class, The Open Door. The doctors, entire staff at Longview Regional Medical Center and his "special girls", Toni McCoy and Tonia Anderson we thank for their love and encouragement in caring for him.



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In lieu of flowers, Dr. Birkelund expressed a desire for donations to be given to The Gideon's International Association, P.O. Box 150004, Longview, TX 75615. 903-759-5835.



Tribute Wall

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Anonymous posted:

We continue to uphold you in prayer. We can only imagine the responsibilities you must handle right now, and the loss you must feel in not having your beloved walking by your side. We love you, Agnes. And we loved dear Al. We will certainly miss him and can't wait to be together for eternity!!###imported-begin###Mary Jackson###imported-end##

October 12 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dearest Agnes and family,What wonderful memories we have of you and Al at First Baptist when we all worked in the Singles Dept. and formed such wonderful friendships there. What a biblical scholar he was and what a wonderful man!May the Lord comfort each of you with wonderful memories from his life.Our love,Shirley & Harold Deteau###imported-begin###M/M Harold Deteau###imported-end##

October 1 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

On behalf of all of the staff at Heartsway Hospice, I extend condolences to the family of Dr Birkelund. May God give you strength for this difficult time, consoling you with good memories and the comfort of unshakable faith. His funeral was a great testimony. Blessings on your wonderful family.###imported-begin###Chaplain Larry Tyler###imported-end##

October 1 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Janet and Family, Bill and I are so sorry for your loss of your precious father. You will always have your precious memories. Be joyful that he knew the King of Kings and is now in his forever home. We love you and are holding you up in our prayers-Lisa and Bill Whiteley###imported-begin###Lisa Whiteley###imported-end##

September 30 at 7:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

our love and prayers are with you.we have been so blessed to have uncle al in our lives for all these years.his unconditional love,prayers,guidance,wisdom and testimony has enriched our lives and drawn us closer to our lord and saviour.thank you uncle al for always caring for us. we shall join you in heaven one glorious day for some norwegian songs and filled pancakes!linda and larry vann##imported-begin##Linda Vann & Larry Vann##imported-end##

September 29 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Agnes, my prayers are with you and your family during your bereavement. Al touched so many lives and especially those who had the privilege of working with him. He never failed to stop by TADC and say "hi" when he was in the area. He won't be forgotten.##imported-begin##Marilyn Richardson##imported-end##

September 29 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

To my most precious friend Joyce and my dearest Aggie, I am so sorry for your loss and I pray that as each day passes the pain will be replaced by the beautiful memories that I know you share and cherish. And to KNOW that one day we will all be together again rejoicing! And of course Al will wonder what took us so long to get there!##imported-begin##Pam Hull##imported-end##

September 29 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Mrs. Agnes and Lois, too, You and Dr. Al have meant so much to our family over the years. You are very special. We are praying for the Lord's infinite grace and comfort at this time for you and your whole family.Your lives have always been a true testimony of Christian love and service. We love you, Lori, Brian, Hannah, and Benjamin Psalm 91:4.##imported-begin##Lori and Brian Greer##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

To the family: I will miss his smile and good nature. I had the pleasure of waiting on him when he came to the Credit Union. He had a joy in his heart and a smile on his face everytime I saw him. May God bless you in this time of sorrow but I know he is smiling down at us today.##imported-begin##Richard Pearson##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Janet, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May God hold you in His loving arms and give you comfort. Every time you talked of your dad, you had a glow on your face. I could tell you loved him and he will always hold a special place in your heart. May the memories keep him alive for you. Love you, Ralinda##imported-begin##Ralinda White##imported-end##

September 29 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Agnes, Jaqi, and family,Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. Al has left a wonderful legacy to be cherished by many. We mourn with you now as well as rejoice with you that his faith and hope are now realized. David and I love you so much!##imported-begin##Lisa Denny##imported-end##

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Dr. Alfred by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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