

Elder Robert LeGrand Backman

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Dear Backman Family, We are so very sorry for your loss. We are grateful for our association with him, if only for a short while! We're sure that he is having a marvelous reunion with our loved ones. We pray you'll be comforted in the difficult days ahead. Much love to you all. Jeri Price Jensen and Children: Mike, Shellie, Pam & Stephanie Jensen

- Stephanie Jensen Sessions

Hi Ginny I'm in Portland and just saw your father's obituary. He had an amazing life and what a legacy he has left. Hope everything goes beautiful. Love you guys. Steve and Afton

- Afton Baxter

As a former recoding engineer at the old Bonneville Productions studio I shared many wonderful moments with Elder Backman who recorded "You and Your World" with the Mormon Youth Symphony and Choir. His messages were always cogent and filled with love. He was kind, affable and we had a great friendship during those times. My love to family. He will be missed, but not for long. Orval Fox Jr Bountiful, Utah

- Orval Fox

Uncle Bob was always such a sweetheart! What a remarkable life and beautiful family. May you be comforted by the loving memories you shared today and those precious moments dear to your hearts. Although unable to attend; I was with you in Spirit [via Zoom] - so nice to see my cousins! Sending love and light to you and yours and dear Janet. bless your hearts, Andrea

- Andrea Backman Lilienfeld

Dear Janet and family, So sorry for your loss of your husband and such a wonderful man who loved and cared for you and your children also. He was truly a remarkable man and I'm so grateful you were able to spend so many years together! We were not able to attend the funeral but our thoughts and prayers have been with you. We send our love.. Sincerely, Annette & Joe Bingham.

- Annette Coulam Bingham

I just watched the funeral, wish I could have been there; grateful it was recorded. I didn't get to see him much, didn't get to know him well, but my limited experiences (afforded me as Harlow Pickett III's 1st wife) were enough to know him that there wasn't much new that I learned from the funeral regarding his character and faith. Just made me jealous! I so admired him then, and was pleased he continued serving as a sealer in the Salt Lake Temple as long as he could. One thing I did learn was that his favorite hymn "O Divine Redeemer" is also mine and my mother's, and I only learned to play the accompaniment many years ago, and loved what (full version) and how it was played here. I'm happy for Uncle Bob as he certainly is in the arms of his Savior. To Louise & Preston, thank you both for being faithful like your father; it meant and means a lot to me. To Uncle Bob's family, my sincere condolences.

- Susan Gonzalez

President Backman was instrumental in directing many young missionaries, including me, to paths that have blessed them all the days of their lives. His lifetime of service and example are shining beacons to the world that the gospel of Jesus Christ is the path to eternal happiness. May God bless you all and assuage your grief.

- John F Edgel

Dear President Backmans family I was sorry to hear of the passing of this great man. I was so happy we were able to reconnect with him the past couple of years with rhe zoom reunion and the recent 100th birthday one. He was a great influence on my life and as one of his missionaries I am forever grateful for our association. Much love Kyle Widdison

- Kyle Widdison

Sending my condolences to all. I was blessed to have been a missionary in the Northwestern States Mission. President Backman was such a righteous, gentle and kind deciple of the Lord Jesus Christ and still is. I know he was greated by many as he returned home with honor. Love, Susan

- Susan (Giles) Robbins

When I arrived in the Great Northwestern States Mission President Ivan J Barrett was still there but President Backman came just a month or two later. I love President Backman, he was a father figure for me. He married my wife and I in the Salt Lake Temple on February 1, 1977. Every time we sing Ye Elders of Israel at church in my minds eye I can see President Backman with his wonderful smile. That is how I will remember him. What a great and loving leader. I can feel his arms around me giving that tight loving hug. He will never be forgotten. I am so blessed to have known him.

- Roy G. Ross

This is a sad time for you, but I'm guessing that it is also a happy time, knowing where Pres. Backman is now. My life is better for having known him. I wish you all the best.

- Dave Howell

What an honor it was to serve under the guidance of this very good man. It was great to get to see and associate with him and Sister Backman at the missionary reunion. Love and condolences to Sister Backman and the family.

- Jerry Walker

What a great man and a great example to me as one of his missionaries. With Love Joseph Miller

- Joseph W. Miller

I wish I had seen this announcement earlier. The Backman's were good friends with my parents Floyd and Madelyn Bodell. I was blessed to be married by this wonderful man like so many others. He now has a truly astounding posterity. God bless you all. Joseph Bodell

- Joseph Bodell