

Gordon McKell Beckstrom

December 19, 1933 ~ August 21, 2020

My love and sympathy to all the family of Brother Gordon. He and Arleen and family will always be remembered as our wonderful long-time neighbors on River Oaks. Such good memories of all the gatherings at their home and working in the Ward with them.

- Mary Ellen Porter

I will forever be touched by Gordon and his contagious laughter. We spent many hours telling jokes and carrying on at a time when the world was falling apart Around us. He was a particular man that had me trained to his specifics. I hope I served him well. Because he did me for sure. There is truly nothing laughter can’t make better. Gordon and family.....thank you. The pleasure was ALL mine. Thank you for letting me be part of your lives. Thanks for caring enough to be with him and have him in your home where he truly wanted to be. He was a special man with special talents and many stories of life adventures. May he Rest In Peace and happiness for all of eternity. Thank you again, Dusti, R.N., Karen, R.N. and all of the Canyon Health Care Team.

- Dusti Hall

Mr. Beckstrom was my teacher/advisor at Granite High in the 70's. What a wonderful man!! He was always so kind to me, and helped me get my first job at then Valley Bank. My sincere condolences to his family, may he rest in peace.

- Earline

In the late 70’s, I had a conversation with Mr. Beckstrom that I’ve never forgotten. While discussing my future and career aspirations, I told him I had already decided, I wanted to be a police officer. He certainly was supportive but asked, “have you ever considered getting your pilots license? You could have two great jobs, being a police officer and catching criminals from the air”. Utilizing helicopters back then wasn’t popular so I told him no, my desire was to be on the streets. On my departure from his office, he reminded me, “ don’t forget my suggestion”. Little did he know, I never did. Some 40 years later, I still carry that with me. I am still serving as a police officer but the

helicopter suggestion unfortunately I failed to follow up on. I have regretted that for many a years. My love for my career and helicopters are equal. Mr. Beckstrom had a knack for teaching, helping and offering sound advice. Obviously he had a positive impact on my life as some 40 years later his advice is fresh in my mind. Thank you and God Speed!

- Todd Rasmusssen

Gordon and Arleen have been dear family friends for years. Upon Arleen’s passing , I would enjoy visiting Gordon. I enjoyed visiting Gordon when I could make it work. He was so knowledgeable and told wonderful stories. I loved looking at his beautiful art work and shared family news. I will miss his laughter and his friendship.

- Joyce Hammond

Dear family of Gordon and Arlene, We just want to express our condolences for the passing of Gordon. We all know and understand our loving Heavenly Father's compassionate Plan of Happiness and we know that Gordon is very happy now. He is free from the pain and constraints of the physical body and is certainly in the middle of a glorious reunion with his sweetheart, Arlene, other family members and friends. Nevertheless, it is hard to lose a loved one and we know that he will be sorely missed by his family, friends and all of us. He was a dear friend to us over the past 40 + years. Arlene was always up to a party and a great host. Gordon was always the life of the party. No street party was complete without the reenactment of the 'wig in the theater' experience and no one could do it like Gordon. It was a great blessing to have Gordon and Arlene serving a mission with us in Sweden. They touched many lives, establishing eternal relationships, in their areas of labor and in their Temple service. It was our wonderful privilege to live by and enjoy the friendship of Gordon and Arlene. You, their family, are a living testimony and legacy to their greatness. Our love and best regards. Keith & Vera Ritchie

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