



## Alfred "Al" Verne Goodwin

December 13, 1932 - August 24, 2020

Alfred Goodwin passed away peacefully on August 24, 2020, at the age of 87. Al was the youngest son of Walter and Jessie Goodwin. He was preceded in death by his parents, as well as his in-laws, Charley and Maude White. Al is survived by his beloved wife, Barbara of 63 years. He is also survived by his four children, Charles Goodwin and his wife Kathy, Douglas Goodwin, Elyse Williams and her husband Reagan, and Faylinn Habermehl and her husband CM, along with 12 grandchildren who cherish his memory; Jessie Higgins and her husband August, Marshall Goodwin, Marie Goodwin, Charley Goodwin, Cameron Goodwin, Chandler Goodwin, Alexander Williams, Max Williams, Mitchell Habermehl and his wife Haylie, Addison Habermehl, Parker Habermehl, Tyler Habermehl and two precious great grandsons Oliver Habermehl and Wyatt Goodwin, as well as many nieces and nephews. Al pursued his doctorate degree from Texas A & M University and began teaching at Sam Houston State University in 1977. He was known for his passion for education and working with inner city students in need. Throughout his career as a professor at SHSU, his main priority was to help further the education of his students, always recognizing their potential and willing to be an advocate for those in need. He introduced the Youth Opportunities Unlimited program to SHSU, bringing at risk high school students to the university each summer to grow and learn, giving them the skills and opportunity to succeed. Thus, demonstrating his passion for serving others and putting their needs before his own.

Al was also known for being the family jokester with a good-natured sense of humor, an Aggie at heart, that everyone enjoyed. His greatest delight was watching his children and grandkids in their many activities. Al was a lifelong church member of University Heights Baptist Church and cherished every opportunity he was given to help others while serving in many capacities. One of Al's greatest characteristics was his ability to connect and relate to people of all ages. He never met a stranger and always had a cross connection with a story and experience that drew people together. He loved to sing, in fact, all of his children and grandchildren asked him to sing "The Lord's Prayer" at their weddings.

In lieu of flowers, we ask that you contribute to the University Heights Baptist Church's mission fund, 2400 Sycamore Ave., Huntsville, Texas 77340 or the charity of your choice.

A memorial service is scheduled for November 7th, 2020 at 2:00pm at University Heights Baptist Church. You may view the service online at [www.uhbc.net/media](http://www.uhbc.net/media)

Memorial condolences to the family may be made to [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

NOV 7. 2:00 PM (CT)

University Heights Baptist Church  
2400 Sycamore Avenue  
Huntsville, TX

# Tribute Wall



“ Alfred "Al" Verne Goodwin

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ A long time ago, when "Laugh-In" was still on television, the sportscaster of the program was nicknamed "Big Al". The nickname somehow stuck on Al Goodwin; and for years after the comedy show had left television, whenever I met Al at the church, I greeted him with "Big Al!". He always smiles or laughed and always took the nickname as a compliment and not a slur.

John Carden

John R Carden - November 05, 2020 at 03:24 PM



“ The Choate Family lit a candle in memory of Alfred "Al" Verne Goodwin



The Choate Family - October 29, 2020 at 09:53 AM



“ Barbara, So sorry to hear about your loss. Al was such a kind and friendly man. My prayers are with you and your family.

Wayne and Regina Ginsel - September 19, 2020 at 12:22 PM

CC

“ I was so heartbroken to discover this news. Al was special to Claire, Kate, and me. He always had time to make one feel significant. Al was such a support to me the time he took me to Methodist Hospital for some tests. He explained why he drove through downtown instead of taking the interstate around and I used that route from then on, always remembering Al. Al always brought laughter into my life and it blessed me. We shared a common love for missions and enjoyed swapping stories about respective classroom memories. My heart goes out to Barbara.

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**Carol Cooper** - September 11, 2020 at 05:18 PM

JW

“ Just found out and it took my breath away. My heart is broken for the entire family. Y'all are like family and we are praying for you all. We are here for you when you need anything. I remember Al knew more people in education and had hilarious stories about many of them. He helped many an educator get into the business. Sam Houston State University has lost a great educator and the education system has lost a great member.

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**Joe Whitehead** - September 07, 2020 at 05:40 PM

CS

“ Mr. Al Goodwin, was such a blessing to me and my family! I had the privilege of having Dr. Goodwin as my teacher at Sam. Then the Blessing of being part of the family at UHBC. Barbara, I love you and all of the Goodwin family! I am so sorry for the pain you feel for now at the separation you have from your dear husband, father, uncle, grandfather, and great grandfather, but we know where he is because of the decision he made to give his life to Jesus!! What great joy even in this time of grief. When our son Carson was 3, he was in a serious accident. We spent several hours in the ER at HMH and were eventually transferred by ambulance to Herman Memorial Hospital. Mr. Goodwin came to the hospital, he drove with Brother Richard late that night to be with us and our son. Later he drove my son and I back to Downtown Houston to have stitches removed~ he was so kind and loving. It was a long day and he was so patient!

He always had a mischievous twinkle in his eye and LOVED to joke and tease with all! He continued this relationship with our son. 😊 one day he noticed Carson had lost his front teeth... and Mr Al's said “ you know why you lost those teeth? It was from kissing girls.” We all laughed so hard. Thank you for showing our family what a servant heart looks like.. Thank you for showing us what it looks like to love Jesus with Joy! To give your life in service to others!! For showing our son what it looks like to love Jesus, that teasing really shows love, and how to serve the family of God for as long as The Savior gives you breath. Mr Al Goodwin, well done! You loved well and you were are well Loved!!

Mrs. Barbara, we love you deeply! God Bless you and may HE give you HIS Comfort and Peace! Goodwin Family we love you all as well and are praying the same for each of you!

Love, The Smith Family ~ Rick, Carla, Annie, and Carson&Maegan Smith.

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carla smith - September 04, 2020 at 09:26 PM

DH

“ We always enjoyed seeing Brother Al at UHBC Wednesday night dinners. He always wanted a bigger piece of dessert and coffee. Great man who added so much joy to all those blessed to know him. Prayers of comfort and grace for his sweet wife, Barbara, and their family.

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**Dianne Hogstrom** - August 29, 2020 at 07:41 AM

LL

“ My sincere condolences to the family. Al's laugh was infectious. I have fond memories of him while I was at SHSU. He even drove me back and forth to a short course in Houston for two weeks. It was very appreciated then and even more so now. May God bless you

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**Lisa Love** - August 28, 2020 at 01:51 PM

TT

“ So sorry for your loss. Your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.  
Tommy and Sandy Thompson

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**Tommy and Sandy Thompson** - August 27, 2020 at 07:20 PM

DM

“ Al always lit up the room. He was always interested in your family and how your kids were in life. So sorry for your loss. We have special memories of your family. God bless you 🙏🙏🙏

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**Derril and Ron Mitchell** - August 26, 2020 at 09:37 PM

CR

“ *Carroll And Carolyn Reznicek lit a candle in memory of Alfred "Al" Verne Goodwin*



Carroll and Carolyn Reznicek - August 26, 2020 at 08:05 PM

CR

*carroll and I were very saddened to read about Al's passing. Please except our heartfelt condolences. I worked for Al for many years he always had a smile and a joke or two. He sure was a good ol Texan.*

Carroll and Carolyn Reznicek - August 26, 2020 at 08:09 PM

DP

“ *So sorry for your loss. May God give you comfort and rest. Donna Tyler Paschall*



Donna Paschall - August 26, 2020 at 11:44 AM

MH

“ *M. Hyvl sent a virtual gift in memory of Alfred "Al" Verne Goodwin*



M. Hyvl - August 25, 2020 at 10:54 PM

MS

“Hearing this breaks my heart. I always look forward to when I get to see the Goodwin's. They are special people. Mr. Al Goodwin always asked me how I was doing and how teaching was going. My prayers for Mrs. Barbara Goodwin and family during this difficult time.

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**michael schroeder** - August 25, 2020 at 10:39 PM

PS

“So sorry for your loss. 🙏



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**Pat Sprott** - August 25, 2020 at 09:50 PM