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Obituary

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Dr. Andrew Franklin Gallman, II, age 73, of Shelbyville, passed away Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at home under the care of his loving family after an extended illness.

There will not be a public funeral service, but private memorials are being arranged.

Andrew was born August 31, 1947 in Gadsden, AL to Andrew F. Gallman and Kathryn Bilbro Gallman. He lived his childhood, youth and college years in Mississippi. He and Sherry were married in 1970. After attending 2 years of Asbury Seminary, he joined the organization that became his life's work, as detailed below. He is preceded in death by his parents, and his sister, Roselyn Nuckols of Dumas, AR.

Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Sherry Wright Gallman, of Shelbyville; two sons, Benjamin Gallman, of Philadelphia, PA and Daren (Esther) Gallman of Manchester, TN.; a brother Taylor (Jenny) Gallman, of Ft. Payne, AL.

Five grandchildren, Sage (Jordan) Janke of Milton, FL; Ananda Janke, Judah Gallman, Nekoda Gallman, Jesse Gallman and Shua Gallman of Manchester, TN; one great granddaughter, Sadie Janke; and numerous beloved nieces and nephews.

He worked 30 years as translator, administrator, school director, and teacher for Wycliffe Bible Translators/Summer Institute of Linguistics. After joining the organization in 1972, he earned his master's degree before taking assignment in the Philippines. He served as Summer Institute of Linguistics Associate Director of Personnel in the Philippines during his term there (1975-1979). He earned his PhD linguistics degree from University of Texas Arlington (1984). He was SIL Pacific Area Director, in Hamilton, New Zealand and Brisbane, Australia (1984-1992). Upon returning to the U.S., he directed the SIL training school in Dallas, TX (1992-1998). He also taught 15 years at Houghton College, Houghton, NY where he became professor of Linguistics and Director of the Intercultural Studies Program until his retirement (1998-2013).

He had been in retirement in Mississippi, his home state, "mowing grass and fishing in the pond" as long as his health allowed and until he and Sherry moved to Shelbyville, TN to be near his son, Daren, and his family in 2019.

Memorials in lieu of flowers: Wycliffe Bible Translators <https://www.wycliffe.org/projects/give-your-gift-in-honor-or-memory-of-a-loved-one>

OR: Houghton College Student Scholarship Fund <https://www.houghton.edu/giving/student-scholarship-fund/>

Tribute Wall



“ We’re coming to Houghton soon to visit and thinking of Dr. Gallman. Wish I’d had a chance to see him again before he passed. He was such a gentle soul. I learned so much from him. ❤️ 😊

Alicia Clifton - October 19, 2022 at 01:39 PM

PG

“ Sherry, I just read of Andy’s graduation into heaven. I have fond memories of our time together in language school in Manila in '74-75, and spending Christmas in your Nasuli home in '76. May God comfort you in your grief, draw you ever closer to Himself, and encourage you greatly in the knowledge that Andy has now been healed completely and is receiving his reward for a dedicated life of service to Jesus.

Peter Green - September 23, 2020 at 01:42 PM

JW

“ Andy was a wonderful human & a great uncle. I loved listening to him talk about Linguistics, the Philippines, & Australia. He was so incredibly kind, gentle...really funny too, with a dry sense of humor. I loved his quiet nature, it was comforting to be around. I’ll miss him, but I know he’s at peace now.

Jordan Wright - September 17, 2020 at 11:49 PM

KH

“ Andy (with Marcus) hired me for my current position. A job I adore, and it has everything to do with the precious faculty, staff and students I'm blessed to work with. He was always so gentle and kind. Multiple times, if we would be working on the computer together he would come and kneel beside my desk. A funny story was when he got his hearing aids. He was always very open and indicated he had hearing loss for higher pitches, and since most of his students are women, he thought he should be able to hear them. His adjustment period to the hearing aids was challenging, as he noted the many background sounds he hadn't been hearing, and that he would easily jump out of his skin when people came in his office and started talking, as it was so loud. As he was telling me this, his back was to the door in my office, someone walked by and greeted us all (a little loud so we would all hear) and he proceed to jump! :) He was such a blessing to me, and he will be deeply missed. I'm so grateful for the hope we have in heaven! See you later, Andy!

Karen Hotchkiss - September 14, 2020 at 08:29 AM

BC

“ Such a wonderful, inspirational man with a life full of service to the Lord. What a great rejoicing in Heaven is taking place. Much love to you all. Love, Boz

Bobbi Lynn Clayton - September 12, 2020 at 12:01 PM

FM

“ I'm thanking the Lord today as I remember how he used Andy at a very pivotal moment in our lives. We were just finishing our SIL schooling in Dallas in the mid 1980s and had been assigned to a language allocation on the southern most atoll of the Caroline Islands called Kapingamarangi. As I recall Andy, who was the Pacific area director at the time, just happened to be in town so someone arranged for us to meet with him. I don't remember his exact words but they were something like, "there's no way in the world I'm going to send a completely inexperienced couple to a remote location like that". I don't think it's an overstatement to say that the Lord used Andy to save our lives (at least in the sense of our lives as Bible translators). Thank you Lord for the gift of your faithful servant Andy.
Fred & Fran Madden

Fred Madden - September 11, 2020 at 11:29 AM

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“ Have very fond memories of Andy and Sherry Gallman as they were the very first missionaries the New Horizons Class of the First United Methodist Church of Duncanville, Texas sponsored. Remember in particular when we took up a collection for the Gallman's in class one Sunday morning (don't remember the exact amount). When it got to them in the field, it was the exact amount needed to put in a water well for the local community. Their prayers were answered.
Andy has made his flight to Heaven and our prayers are for Sherry and family. God is loving and good.
New Horizons Sunday School Class.....

Don Deffebach - September 11, 2020 at 10:48 AM