



## Bergquist Childress

April 7, 2013

Bergquist Benton “Berk” Childress, 83, of Swearingen died Sunday, April 7. He passed away peacefully at home in the company of his wife of 60 years, Florine.

A dedicated Christian who served the local church as a deacon and an architect, as well as in many other capacities during his life, Berk was born in Marshall County and lived in Alabama nearly all his life. He devoted his entire career to working for our nation’s defense. He served in the U.S. Army from 1951-1953 and in the Ready Reserve until 1956. He worked as a technical illustrator for the U.S. Army from 1960 until his 1988 retirement. A gifted woodworker whose artistic eye lives on, Berk leaves behind beautiful handcrafted cabinetry and wooden furniture, and many fond memories of his years playing with the Golden Reflections Ukulele Band.

He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Florine Childress of Swearingen; sons, Kent Childress of Huntsville and Richard Childress of Grant; daughter, Cathryn Childress Ams and husband Kevin of Grant; and grandchildren, Kari and Ariel Childress of Huntsville; Ben Ams and wife Katie of Madison; Andrew Ams of Huntsville; and Heather and Whitney Ams of Grant. He was preceded in death by his father, T.R. Childress, in 1992, and his mother, Iva Childress, in 1999.

Visitation will be from 9 to 11 a.m. Friday, April 12, at Agape Baptist Church in Scottsboro. Services will follow at 11 a.m. Scottsboro Funeral Home is assisting the family.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Berk's name may be made to Campers on Mission at <http://campersonmission.com> or Gideons International at <http://www.gideons.org>.

# Previous Events

## Service

APR 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

Agape Baptist Church  
78 Dick Hayes Rd.  
Scottsboro, AL 35769

## Visitation

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Bergquist Childress*

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