



## Robert Bryan Warden

April 4, 1954 - May 14, 2022

Robert Bryan Warden, 68, of Hoxie, passed away Saturday, May 14, 2022, in the NEA Baptist Hospital in Jonesboro, Arkansas.

He was born April 4th, 1954, in Walnut Ridge, to the late Robert F. Warden and Edith Sue Bryan. He attended Walnut Ridge Elementary and Middle School and graduated from Castle Heights Military Academy in Lebanon, Tennessee. He continued his education at John A. Gupton Mortuary College in Nashville, Tennessee to become a third generation Mortician in the family for the Bryan Funeral Home in Hoxie. He was united in marriage to Gayla Ann Ellis on December 28, 1973.

Robert was a businessman, instructor, and talker. He had a quick wit, sharp humor, and a free opinion to give. He had a natural talent to learn and do just about anything he pursued. He was the owner and operator of the Bryan Funeral Home in Hoxie, the H & W Annex of Lawrence Memorial Park, the Warden Mini Storage, the former "Attic Arms and Alley Arms" gun shops, and head photographer and editor at Warden Photo. He was the Coroner for a decade for the citizens of Lawrence County. He was an 8th Degree Black Belt in the Tang Soo Do Karate system, a former chairman of the Hoxie Housing Board, and a former Deputy Reserve Officer for Lawrence County Sheriff's office. He was also a licensed Pilot, Scuba Diver, and Extra Class Ham Radio Operator "N5TUR".

Robert enjoyed the outdoors, especially hunting and fishing, water skiing, and snow skiing. He knew code on computers and always had his T.V. on

watching cartoons. He loved his pets and his toys, shooting guns, flying low in his airplane, going fast in his Challenger, and driving probably over a million miles on his motorcycles throughout his life as he traveled across the United States. He was active in the community with many charity events and yearly volunteered to be Santa Claus for a local church. He was a member of the Lawrence County Radio Club, Lions Club, Bikers for Bikers, and the First Baptist Church in Walnut Ridge.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents; parents; and his uncle, Jack Warden.

Survivors include his wife of 48 years, Gayla Warden; one daughter, Amanda M. Warden Klipfel and Jason; one son, Robert Christopher Warden and Crystal; two grandsons, River Alexander and Maximus Bryan Warden; a sister, Jackie Cox and JR; six nieces and nephews; and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral Services will be Wednesday, May 18, 2022, at 2 P.M. in the Bryan Chapel with Bro. Jake Guenrich officiating. Pallbearers will be Chris Warden, Jason Klipfel, Blake and Brett Cox, David Abbott, and Bobby Gardner.

Honorary pallbearers are Junior Moody and Jack Dunham; and the late Tom Sturch and Paul Long. Interment will follow in the Lawrence Memorial Park.

Visitation will be Tuesday evening from 6 P.M. till 8 P.M. in the Bryan Chapel.

# Cemetery Details

## Lawrence Memorial Park

Colonial Dr.  
Walnut Ridge, AR 72476

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 17. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bryan Funeral Home  
415 NW Texas St.  
Hoxie, AR 72433

## Funeral Service

MAY 18. 2:00 PM (CT)

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415 NW Texas St.  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Bryan Warden*

January 29, 2023 at 08:29 AM



“ *So sorry for your tremendous loss. Keeping y'all in our thoughts and prayers. Jeff and Kellie Yates*

**Gary Kearby** - May 17, 2022 at 07:57 PM



“ *Keeping the family in our prayers. Alex and Lynda Latham*

**Gary Kearby** - May 17, 2022 at 07:55 PM



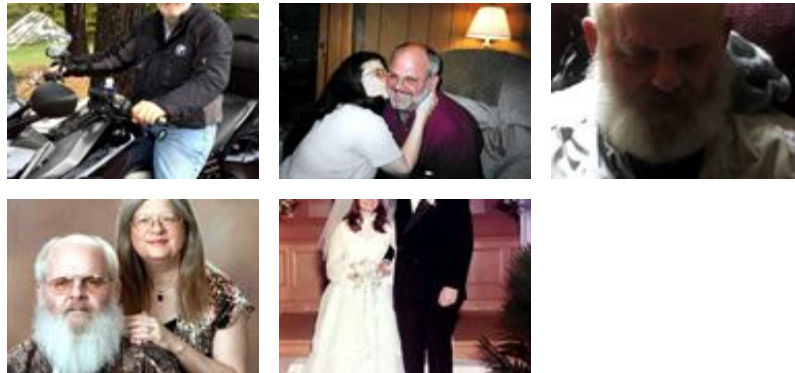
“ *We will keep your family in our prayers Gary and Pat Kearby*



**Gary Kearby** - May 17, 2022 at 05:15 PM



“ 185 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



**Bryan Funeral Home** - May 17, 2022 at 02:44 PM

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“ *The Melton and Matthews families purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert Bryan Warden.*



**The Melton and Matthews families** - May 17, 2022 at 10:00 AM

MW

“ *My last motorcycle ride with my sweet daddy (Paul Long) was with Robert Warden. We drove to Cave City and stopped at the gas station for a break. Daddy was too weak for me to ride on the back with him, so Robert drove me home. A memory I will cherish forever ❤️ when my dad passed away Robert, Gayla, and their son were so good to me and my family. I am forever grateful and appreciative.*

**Meagan Long Williams** - May 16, 2022 at 09:46 PM

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“ I have never met Bryan but his daughter is strong and amazing and I wish to send the entire family our sympathy and much hugs and kisses from New York.



Gina Orosz - May 16, 2022 at 08:18 PM

TF

“ I remember Robert in high school he was a very caring person. R.I.P Robert...prayers for his family.

Tammy Adams Finley - May 16, 2022 at 04:43 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert Bryan Warden.



May 16, 2022 at 07:17 AM

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“ Gayla, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Robert was a good man and he will be missed.

DIANA Gaines Neldon - May 16, 2022 at 06:08 AM

SE

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Gayla and your family RIP Robert. May God be with you and your family in your time of need from the Eaves and Ferguson families

Sherry Eaves - May 15, 2022 at 10:05 PM

PT

*So sorry for your loss prayers for all*

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**Paula Tribble** - May 15, 2022 at 11:22 PM

SF

*Gayla, so sorry for your loss. Take it one day at a time!*

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**Starr Fogle** - May 16, 2022 at 05:43 PM