



John Marvin Allen

August 6, 1940 - January 26, 2017

Beloved husband, father, grandfather, and Republican, John M. Allen, died January 26, 2017 in Walnut Ridge, Arkansas, at the age of 76.

John was born in Hoxie, Arkansas on August 6, 1940 to the late Thomas and Juanita (Moore) Allen. He graduated from Hoxie High School, served a 6 month tour with the Arkansas National Guard, and attended Arkansas College and Arkansas State University. John married Elaine (Marine) Allen on May 23, 1963; they were married 53 years and had three children: Andy, Andrea, and Matt.

A devoted Republican, John served as Chairman of the Lawrence County Republican Committee for 16 years, 4 years as the 1st District Chairman of the Republican Party of Arkansas and delegate to the Republican National Convention 6 times. He also served as Arkansas Co-Chairman of the 1980 Reagan for President Campaign, President-Elect George H.W. Bush's Steering Committee, and Campaign Manager for a Gubernatorial Campaign and Congressional Campaign.

John also served our nation, state and community as State Director, USDA-Rural Development; Director, Arkansas Assessment Coordination Department; Member, The National Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Regulatory Review Panel commissioned by Congress; Chairman, Arkansas Transportation Commission; Board Member, Northeast Arkansas Intermodal Authority; Board Chairman, Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce; Alderman, Hoxie City Council; President, Walnut Ridge Jaycees; President,

East Lawrence County Lions Club, and Board Member, The Children's Shelter. John owned Twin City Agency (Real Estate and Insurance) as well as The Capitol Restaurant in Walnut Ridge.

He is survived by his wife, Elaine Allen of Hoxie, Arkansas; three children, Andy Allen, Andrea Allen, (both of Jonesboro) and Matt (Chrissy) Allen of Rogers, Arkansas. He has three grandchildren; Anna, Hayden and Ella. Also, surviving is his brother, Tom Allen of Hoxie, brother-in-law, Ralph (Carol) Marine of Mount Airy, Maryland, two aunts, Jeannie (Moore Smith) of Hoxie and Jimmie (Moore) Long of Jonesboro, and many other family members. John was a life-long member of Hoxie United Methodist Church where he served as a Lay Leader, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and member of the Board.

A Celebration of Life will be held at First United Methodist Church in Hoxie on Monday, January 30th at 4:00 P.M.

Memorials may be made to The Children's Shelter, 107 Benson Drive, Walnut Ridge, Arkansas 72476, or the Hoxie First United Methodist Church, 318 SW Broad Street, Hoxie, Arkansas 72433.

Online Registry www.bryanfh.com

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN **30**. 4:00 PM (CT)

Hoxie United Methodist Church
318 SW Broad
Hoxie, AR 72433

Tribute Wall

DE

“ *Denise lit a candle in memory of John Marvin Allen*



Denise - February 04, 2017 at 04:34 PM



John and Elaine made such a positive impact in my life and I will never forget all the good times, the laughs we shared Love Eternal. :

Kenny Binkley - February 04, 2017 at 04:43 PM

BA

“ *I returned to Arkansas too late to come see my friend, mentor and counselor. He led me through many tough times and was a good friend, even if only for a little while. My deepest condolences to the Allen family. Love and best wishes from a different branch on the Allen tree.*

Bob Allen - February 02, 2017 at 05:54 PM

DH

“ *The Allen family were the best next door neighbors my parents ever had. Thank you for becoming part of our family and creating many loving memories. Doug and Janie (Huddleston) Hester.*



Doug & Janie Hester - January 30, 2017 at 10:58 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of John Marvin Allen.



January 30, 2017 at 10:54 AM



“ *NEA Political Animals purchased the America the Beautiful* for the family of John Marvin Allen.



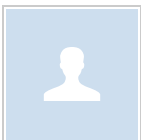
NEA Political Animals - January 30, 2017 at 10:19 AM



“ *Craighead Co. Republican Committee purchased the Beautiful in Blue* for the family of John Marvin Allen.



Craighead Co. Republican Committee - January 30, 2017 at 09:25 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of John Marvin Allen.



January 30, 2017 at 09:21 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of John Marvin Allen.



January 30, 2017 at 09:17 AM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet* was purchased for the family of John Marvin Allen.



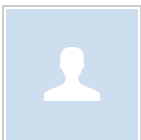
January 29, 2017 at 07:38 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of John Marvin Allen.



January 29, 2017 at 11:24 AM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet* was purchased for the family of John Marvin Allen.



January 28, 2017 at 10:43 PM

JS

“ John was a true friend. He helped so many people. He helped me when I was not aware at the time. he never said anything and I found out later from another person. John, you will be missed.

Joe Smith - January 28, 2017 at 04:53 PM

MM

“ Elaine, Andrea and family, I'm saddened to learn of John's passing. I pray that God will comfort you and bring you peace. I think of you often, and will continue to hold you up in prayer.

Miriam Morehead
Little Rock, AR

Miriam Morehead - January 28, 2017 at 04:51 PM

JM

“ I was honored to work with John at the Arkansas Transportation Commission and he became a dear friend. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Joanne Moren - January 28, 2017 at 02:04 PM

JB

“ As the years go by, I sometimes reflect on those who had the most influence in making me the person I am today. That includes Mother, Dad, certain school teachers, and a few friends. My now departed friend John Allen is on that list, and I will be forever grateful he was a part of my life.

John E. Boyce - January 28, 2017 at 08:14 AM

MH

“ *Melvyn & Phyllis Huddleston purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of John Marvin Allen.*



Melvyn & Phyllis Huddleston - January 28, 2017 at 12:22 AM



“ *Summer's Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Marvin Allen.*



January 28, 2017 at 12:18 AM

MH

“ *Good neighbors are a blessing, and my parents were truly blessed to have the Allen family as neighbors. You are missed, John Allen, soar with the angels and say hello to my parents in Heaven.*



Melvyn E. Huddleston

Melvyn E. Huddleston - January 27, 2017 at 10:55 PM

TL

“ *Tammy Glenn Lpn lit a candle in memory of John Marvin Allen*



Tammy Glenn lpn - January 27, 2017 at 09:59 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Marvin Allen.*



January 27, 2017 at 06:35 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Marvin Allen.*



January 27, 2017 at 04:37 PM