



Mr. Leroy Allen

July 15, 1935 - November 22, 2021

Life Reflections

Leroy Allen was a man universally known and loved for his positive energy and enduring spirit. He was the type of person that “never has a bad day”. His warm personality and engaging style made him someone people always wanted to be around. As a result, he made many friends and got along with everyone, the consummate relationship builder. He was always a very reliable person, often counted on, due to his strong willingness to help others. Another frequently referenced trait was his incredible memory and ability to recall specific details from many years ago. It was so astounding, he would sometimes be called “the encyclopedia”.

In terms of his activities and interest, without question, his favorite pastime was spending time with his family in any way imaginable, with a special sweet spot for his granddaughters. He was tremendously committed to his faith with an unwavering participation and commitment to the church his entire life. Many Pastors knew they could always count on him. LeRoy was also quite the cook with talents in the kitchen and a special flair for preparing fantastic food on the grill. He was a man who thoroughly enjoyed golf, which he played with many friends and his son. He was a big sports fan highlighted by fun times and many stories from his years with the Football Club watching the SC State Bulldogs. He and Dwayne attended many sporting events together highlighted by a Super Bowl, a Final Four and two US Open Golf Tournaments. He also enjoyed traveling and discovering new places. LeRoy was essentially a living

giant who has left a lasting legacy as a Person, Family Man, Father, and Grandfather.

Born in Sumter County, he was a son of the late Johnny "Gus" Allen and Ida Bell Sumpter Allen. Educated in the Sumter County public schools, he was a graduate of Lincoln High School, Class of 1955. Afterwards, he served in the US Army for three years, serving half of that in Korea. After returning he graduated from Denmark Technical College in Denmark S.C. which led to a long successful career as an Electrician. After starting his life and family in Sumter SC he lived in Reston Va for nearly 40 years before for returning to Sumter in 1999. Mr. Allen was a life-long member of Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church and served as a member of the Steward Board, the Lay Organization and the Sons of Allen. While residing in Reston, Va. was also a member of Metropolitan AME Church in Washington DC. He was active in the local communities where he lived and held several roles as a member of the Sumterites.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by first wife Charity Allen, plus two brothers: Johnny Allen, Jr. and Henry Allen.

Survivors are his beloved wife Shirley Allen; his son, Dwayne Allen, Tampa, Fla.; two stepdaughters, Tiffany Dorsey, Covington, GA and Seantell Dorsey, Charleston, SC ; three brothers, Ernest Allen (Roberta), Bayonne, NJ, James Allen, Sumter, SC, and Phillip Allen (Maisy) , Jersey City, NJ ; sister in-laws Gail and Mary Allen both of Sumter, brother-in-law James Singleton, Goldsboro, NC; former daughter-in-law Jennifer Allen, Cincinnati, OH; and granddaughters Lauren Allen, Rockville, MD; Camille Allen, Washington DC; Charli Dorsey , Covington, GA, as well as many relatives and numerous friends including Ann Brewer.

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Previous Events

Funeral Service

NOV 27. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church
471 Lynam Rd
Sumter, , SC 29154

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Leroy Allen*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *Dear Dwayne, our deepest sympathy and prayers are with you and your family. Al will always be remembered for his kind words and loving smile. May God give you peace and comfort during this period of bereavement. Kindly accept sincere condolences from Tony and I. Sandra Campbell*



Sandra Campbell - December 10, 2021 at 10:14 AM

JW

“ To Shirley, Dwayne, and the Allen family: praying that God will continue to bless and strengthen you during your bereavement. Leroy has been a part of my life for as long as I can remember. As children, we attended Green School together and we attended Allen Chapel AME Church together (worship services, Sunday school, and youth activities.) As teens we sang on the junior choir and ushered during services at Allen Chapel. His parents, Mr. Gus and Mrs. Ida, and all of his brothers, are extended family to our family. It has been a blessing to know Leroy and his family. His father was my class leader at Allen Chapel. His first wife, Charity, is my second cousin. Dwayne is my God Son. Leroy's second wife, Shirley, was a brilliant and cherished student in my seventh grade English class many years ago. Shirley's family is also very close to our family. At this time, I am remembering the close relationships between our families over the years, and Leroy's place in those relationships. He was a strong, positive, and enduring influence who has left his Imprint of kindness and Christian service in my heart, as well as in the hearts of many others who knew him. Julia Wells.



Julia Wells - November 29, 2021 at 11:58 AM

BT

“ Dwayne & Family,
I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your dear father, Leroy. May our Great and Mighty God continue to comfort you...
Bill & Maggie Peterson Thomas

Bill & Maggie Peterson Thomas - November 28, 2021 at 03:51 PM

CL

“ *Leroy was a dear friend, travel buddy (with Shirley), and former neighbor. I will miss knowing that he is not in Sumter. My condolences and love to the family.*
Chloteal

CHLOTEAL S LEWIS - November 27, 2021 at 03:13 PM

JC

“ *Dear Dwayne:*

My heartfelt grief is with you now for the passing of a great man, father and friend, Mr. Leroy Allen. I remember our earlier days when our parents had birthday parties for us and we were always together, cousins and friends. Although I cannot be with you now, I am there with you and the family in spirit and thoughtful prayer. Your dad was always cheerful, smiling and could fill the room. Of course we will never forget his big booming voice as that could fill a room with joy and laughter.

I know how incredibly proud he was of you and all your accomplishments both personally and professionally. Keep your head to the sky and know that our God is eternal as the thoughts and memories that you hold in your heart for a great man, father and friend, Mr. Leroy Allen.

Love you Cuz,

*Jennifer Wells China, Ph.D.
Tampa, Florida*

Jennifer Wells China - November 26, 2021 at 06:39 PM