



Dr. Thomas E. Allen Sr.

April 30, 2015

Dr. Thomas E. Allen Sr., 67 of Covington, passed away on Thursday, April 30, 2015, at Emory University Hospital. He was born in Cleveland, Ohio, to the late Charles and Ruth Allen. Dr. Allen attended Tennessee Temple University where he earned a Bachelor's Degree and then went on to attend Southern Bible Institute and Seminary where he earned his Masters and Doctorate in Education. He pastored churches in the Conyers and Covington area for over 40 years and founded Grace Christian Academy in 1980. Dr. Allen shared his love for young people by ministering to them right up to his death.

He is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Emma Allen, of Covington; sons and daughters-in-law Tom Jr. and Beth Allen of McDonough, Tim Sr. and Katrina Allen of Covington; daughter Tamara Allen of Covington; grandchildren Tim Jr., Landon, Taylor, Spencer, Abigail, and Kayden; sister and brother-in-law Sharon and Blaine Lewis; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Dr. Allen will be held Sunday, May 3, 2015, at 2:30 pm at Belmont Baptist Church, 3275 Iris Dr., SE, Conyers, GA., with Rev. Randy Barton officiating. Interment will follow immediately after the service at Lawnwood Memorial Park. The family will receive friends Saturday, May 2, 2015, from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm at Wheeler Funeral Home. In addition to flowers, memorials may be sent in honor of Dr. Thomas E. Allen Sr. to: Save

Our Grace, 1705 Access Rd., Covington, GA., 30014. Condolences may be left at www.wheelerfuneralhome.com. Wheeler Funeral Home and Crematory, 11405 Brown Bridge Rd., Covington, GA (770) 786-7111

Cemetery Details

Lawnwood Memorial Park

1217 Access Road
Covington, GA 30014

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 2. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wheeler Funeral & Cremation Services
11405 Brown Bridge Rd.
Covington, GA 30016
(770) 786-7111
email@wheelerfuneralhome.com
<https://www.wheelerfuneralhome.com/>

Service

MAY 3. 2:30 PM (ET)

Belmont Baptist Church
3275 Iris Dr. SE
Conyers, GA 30013

Tribute Wall

WM

“ *TO THE FAMILY OF DR. TOM ALLEN: I was so sorry to hear the news about Dr. Allen. For many years, his personality and ability to sing for the Lord were such a blessing to all who attended the ACE Student Conventions. Even though his own school was competing against ours, he would still encourage and inspire others to do their best. His love for the Lord came shining through in everything he did. The conventions in the years to come will not be the same without Dr. Allen. His life was truly a great example to follow. He will surely be missed by all. May the family find comfort in knowing that the Lord doesn't make a mistake. We may not understand why, but keep trusting in the Lord's will and direction for your lives. Sometimes words are hard to find to express the deep sorrow I feel for the family. God's GRACE is sufficient for each day. You are in my prayers! From, Mrs. Wanda Marlow, Harvest Time Christian Academy Music Director, Wilkesboro, NC*

Wanda Marlow - May 02, 2015 at 05:56 PM

PJ

“ *His dignity and grace taught lessons to us all. I will miss the good times and good "tunes". His place at CRSC will be hard to fill. I thank God for the legacy and leadership of Dr. Allen.*
- Pastor Tony Jones, Faith Baptist Church & Academy



Pastor Tony Jones - May 02, 2015 at 03:21 PM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Thomas E. Allen Sr..*



May 02, 2015 at 01:43 PM



“ *We appreciate the help Dr. Thomas Allen was in our life, especially to Keeton. He & his family have a special place in our hearts. Our prayers are with his family.*

John & Karen Hughes - May 02, 2015 at 12:14 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Thomas E. Allen Sr..*



May 02, 2015 at 11:56 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Dr. Thomas E. Allen Sr..*



May 02, 2015 at 11:31 AM

MM

“ *What a wonderful cousin Thom was to me..he would always answer my call immediately, whenever I called him. Thom was like a brother to me, always ready to pray with me, offering Godly encouragement. I will be forever grateful for that. We all have an angel in heaven now guiding us through our days. Many Prayers to Emma and his children and grandchildren.*



MARY MERASHOFF - May 02, 2015 at 10:49 AM

PH

“ *Dr. Allen will be greatly missed. A true servant for the Lord. Love to all the family from the Harmons.*

Phyllis Harmin - May 02, 2015 at 09:18 AM

JS

“ *Brad and I will be for ever grateful for the care and compassion and support that Dr. Allen and his wonderful family showed our family while our children attended GCA and while we trained for mission work!!! You will be missed, BUT what a wonderful celebration that you are in the presence of the Almighty sovereign Lord!! We love y'all and continuing to pray the precious Allen family!!!
Love,
Brad and Jenny Surfus*

Jenny Surfus - May 02, 2015 at 09:07 AM



“ *Basket of Joy was purchased for the family of Dr. Thomas E. Allen Sr..*



May 02, 2015 at 08:27 AM



“ *So very sorry to hear of the loss of Dr Thomas Allen. May the wonderful memories be forever in the hearts of his family and friends. Rest In Peace Dr Allen.*

Gina - May 01, 2015 at 08:37 PM

GC

“ Dear Emma,

Just got a call from Fred Choate with the sad news. It seems like a lifetime ago and at the same time like only a few weeks ago that I was calling your husband "Thom Tumb," praying for Thom, Jr., going to the mountains in "Old Bertha," and working with him on those wretched antique buses! Of course, Laura and I lost touch with you all after your move to Conyers and our move from GA, and it's good to hear of your and Thom's continued ministry and faithfulness, but the occasion is all too sad.

We're praying for you and your family for the strength and comfort only our Heavenly Father can provide at this time. He will get you through this untimely (in our way of looking at it) separation, but at least we sorrow not, even as others who have no hope.

If you get the chance, don't hesitate to visit us in here in Orlando (we're in the phone book).

With our love and deepest sympathy,

Gale and Laura

Gale & Laura Callaghan - May 01, 2015 at 08:16 PM

KG

“ *our sincere sympathy for you loss. Sister Anne and Sister Kelly Guess*

KellyDee Guess - May 01, 2015 at 08:06 PM

CH

“ *Mrs. Emma, we are praying for you and your family. May God comfort you during this time. C.J. and Trinty Heard*

CJ Heard - May 01, 2015 at 07:23 PM

CW

“ Emma all of ya'll are in our prayers I pray you will feel the love and opeace of God now more than ever before.

carla woods - May 01, 2015 at 07:08 PM

CF

“ We loved those times we spent with you at ISC. I know Bruce will be eager to have a nice long visit with Thom. He admired him a lot.

I also know what you are going through right now. There is no easy way to be severed apart after 47 years of a good marriage. But God is amazing. And your family and friends will be wonderful.

Carol Flett

Carol Flett - May 01, 2015 at 06:51 PM

RB

“ I just met Dr. Allen last year when I talked to him about my Grandson (Brandon McCormick) going to GCA. You could tell immediately how much he loved the Lord, and the passion he had for the children. His passing is a great loss for all who knew him. We are praying for your family. Ruth Bedard and family.

Ruth Bedard - May 01, 2015 at 05:40 PM

TR

“ The Collins, Mike, Shelia, Kristi and Robin purchased the Garden of Serenity Bouquet for the family of Dr. Thomas E. Allen Sr..



The Collins, Mike, Shelia, Kristi and Robin - May 01, 2015 at 04:04 PM

HF

“ Dr. Allen will be remembered by us all as a true servant of the Lord and the community, bringing the most precious gift to our most precious members: educating our children. And you know? He was a really nice man, too! We'll miss him. I, Helmut, hope I can help fill a portion of one of his shoes. Perhaps all together, the community can continue his legacy.

-Helmut & Michelle Forren

Uncle & Aunt to students Erik & Lukas Forren

Helmut & Michelle Forren - May 01, 2015 at 03:42 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dr. Thomas E. Allen Sr..



May 01, 2015 at 03:06 PM

JC

“ Jerry Yandell Truett McConnell College purchased the Basket of Joy for the family of Dr. Thomas E. Allen Sr..



Jerry Yandell Truett McConnell College - May 01, 2015 at 02:58 PM

DD

“ *Dr. Ed DeLong lit a candle in memory of Dr. Thomas E. Allen Sr.*



Dr. Ed DeLong - May 01, 2015 at 01:19 PM

BE

“ *Brenda Eubanks lit a candle in memory of Dr. Thomas E. Allen Sr.*



Brenda Eubanks - May 01, 2015 at 01:14 PM

BE

“ *God is good, Jesus is Savior. He is at peace with them both. Brenda Eubanks.*

Brenda Eubanks - May 01, 2015 at 01:12 PM

ED

“ When I look at his photo, I see a wonderful pastor, friend, teacher and counselor. Most of all, I see my friend for a good many years. He was fun and could be serious. He was a substitute father to Katrina. Though I will miss him, yet I would not call him back to this earth. In some ways, I am jealous that he is in the presence of our Lord Jesus and is fellowshiping with those who has gone before, especially, Gloria. I know that his family is at peace.

Ed DeLong

From my friend, Brenda Eubanks. I feel your suffering and want to convey my condolences. Heaven is a much happier place for the angels are rejoicing. Although I don't know you, I do know you from what Ed has told me. My heart is with you.

Ed DeLong - May 01, 2015 at 01:03 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Thomas E. Allen Sr..*



May 01, 2015 at 12:57 PM

AO

“ *There is no way our family and our church can forget the love of God from Dr Allen, family and the church. May the Lord encourage all the Allen's family, Church and the school. We will really miss him but we will meet in Heaven soon. Rest in Christ.*

Michael, Esther, ,Victoria, ,Victor and Christain Olufowote, New Trinity Assemblies.



Ayoola M. Olufowote - May 01, 2015 at 12:40 PM



“ *Fruit Abounds was purchased for the family of Dr. Thomas E. Allen Sr..*



May 01, 2015 at 12:06 PM



“ *Dawn Maddox lit a candle in memory of Dr. Thomas E. Allen Sr.*



Dawn Maddox - May 01, 2015 at 10:12 AM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Thomas E. Allen Sr..*



May 01, 2015 at 09:43 AM



“ *Your friends at Inertial Aerospace Services-Ohio purchased the Quiet Expressions for the family of Dr. Thomas E. Allen Sr..*



Your friends at Inertial Aerospace Services-Ohio - May 01, 2015 at 08:20 AM

AT

“ *Andrea Thomas lit a candle in memory of Dr. Thomas E. Allen Sr.*



andrea thomas - May 01, 2015 at 07:56 AM

CB

“ *Candace And Bryan Bevil lit a candle in memory of Dr. Thomas E. Allen Sr.*



Candace and Bryan Bevil - May 01, 2015 at 06:57 AM

RC

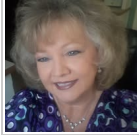
“ *We are so sorry for your loss. We are sending love and prayers for your family. Danny & Rebecca Crider*

Rebecca Crider - May 01, 2015 at 03:37 AM

JA

“ *He was a good man and raised a good family. He will live on in the lives of those He left behind. Until we meet again.
Pastor Joe Arthur, Harvest Baptist Tabernacle*

joe arthur - May 01, 2015 at 01:00 AM



“ Dear Allen family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Adams life will be forever changed just by having the blessed privilege of being taught by Dr. Allen. Our hearts will be forever grateful. Heaven has gained a precious saint. We love you all.



Elaine Worthy Guyton - April 30, 2015 at 09:24 PM

BB

“ Barbara Bankston lit a candle in memory of Dr. Thomas E. Allen Sr.



Barbara Bankston - April 30, 2015 at 09:16 PM

SK

“ They say cousins are among our first friends I remember sharing many good times as children. Loved you then and love you still. Go with God.



Sue Knoppe - April 30, 2015 at 08:56 PM

KC

“ God calls loved ones home, yet our pain he can feel,
He always knows best, He can comfort and heal;
Remember my friend weeping lasts for the night,
We'll see them again, they're only gone from our sight.

Only gone from our sight to the beauties of heaven,
Only gone from our sight to a city so bright;
Where the flowers of God are blooming forever,
Keep looking beyond, they're only gone from our sight.

Our Lord went away; they heard his reply,
You will soon be indued with power from on high;
Sweet peace I will send to make burdens light,
He said, "Tarry here, I'm only gone from your sight".

Only gone from our sight to the beauties of Heaven,
Only gone from our sight to a city so bright;
Where the flowers of God are blooming forever,
Keep looking beyond, they're only gone from our sight.

Where the flowers of God are blooming forever,
Keep looking beyond, they're only gone from our sight.

Kristi Collins - April 30, 2015 at 08:52 PM

KC

“ Kristi Collins sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr.
Thomas E. Allen Sr.



Kristi Collins - April 30, 2015 at 08:47 PM



“ I so enjoyed every year judging Male and Female Poetry Recitation with Bro. Allen at ISC...What a great encourager he was to those young people. A great servant of the Lord, who will be missed. Mark and Ellen Munshausen

MarknEllen Munshausen - April 30, 2015 at 08:43 PM

SH

“ Shawnbankston lit a candle in memory of Dr. Thomas E. Allen Sr.



shawnbankston - April 30, 2015 at 08:12 PM

MS

“ We are praying for you and your family. So sorry for your lose. May God wrap you in his arms and hold you tight. We love you all. Jimmy, Millie and Shannon Steedley.

Millie Steedley - April 30, 2015 at 07:51 PM

KA

“ Kathey Abernathy lit a candle in memory of Dr. Thomas E. Allen Sr.



kathey abernathy - April 30, 2015 at 07:30 PM

MC

“ *Martha Carr lit a candle in memory of Dr. Thomas E. Allen Sr.*



Martha Carr - April 30, 2015 at 07:05 PM

DB

“ *The Bingham family will always be so grateful for Dr. Allen and his ministry at Grace. What a legacy he leaves and big shoes to fill. We are praying for all of the family and rejoicing with Dr. Allen as he spends eternity with the God he loved and served.*

donna bingham - April 30, 2015 at 07:00 PM

PJ

“ *I had not seen my cousin Thom for a lot of years until last year at his mothers funeral. I was with my new wife whom he had never met and my said she felt so welcome by him and his wife at the reception. My feeling is that this is how he treated his church family and people he just met. We all lost a very special person and GOD got an advocate for every one he knew. I know how I feel as I write this of great sorrow and loss we are feeling but rest assured that we will join him in GOD's loving embrace sometime in the future. This is from the rest of the cousins that could not make the funeral and wish you all the best and ask you to remember all the fun times first then the sorrowful times to help you make it through these times and that he is watching you forever. GOD BLESS.
Paul E Jenne Jr. and all the rest of your cousins.*

Paul E Jenne Jr - April 30, 2015 at 06:46 PM

BB

“ *Though my heart is saddened @ Dr. Allen's unexpected loss, I know he's rejoicing with Jesus now. He was a man that leaves a Godly legacy beyond measure!!!! I want to send my prayers & condolences to his family!!!*

Barbara Bankston - April 30, 2015 at 06:34 PM

EM

“ *Eddie Martinez lit a candle in memory of Dr. Thomas E. Allen Sr.*



Eddie Martinez - April 30, 2015 at 06:33 PM

LM

“ *Lillian Martinez lit a candle in memory of Dr. Thomas E. Allen Sr.*



Lillian Martinez - April 30, 2015 at 06:30 PM

CW

“ *Carolyn West lit a candle in memory of Dr. Thomas E. Allen Sr.*



Carolyn West - April 30, 2015 at 06:26 PM

CW

You will be missed more then these words can say.

Carolyn West - April 30, 2015 at 06:27 PM

SH

“ *Our family will always remember how excited he would get about his students playing the handchimes at Internationals!! He was a wonderful man with a contagious smile!! He will be greatly missed!!*
Rawley & Sharan Huskey

Sharan Huskey - April 30, 2015 at 06:12 PM

DP

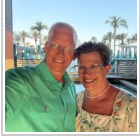
“ *Brother Thom has done 5 funerals in my family . He and his family have been there for me and my family through it all . It has been a pleasure having him as my pastor since 95. My heart breaks for his family the long hard road they will have to face but everyone knows he loved the LORD and that's where he is .. I love all of y'all I'm so sorry*

DeeDee Shaw Pannell - April 30, 2015 at 05:48 PM

AH

“ *What a terrible loss for all of you. I'm so very sorry.*
Sincerely,
Ann Hoffman

ann hoffman - April 30, 2015 at 05:43 PM



“ I loved Bro. Allen!!! I loved his voice! But most of all...I have always admired how much he loved his family. Also...his love for all the school kids. He was an AWESOME administrator, who was "right there" helping and cheering the students on. He is leaving behind an incredible legacy. I will never forget him and his love for the Lord and the ministry. He will be greatly missed....but Heaven is so much sweeter!! It's not good-bye, but we'll see ya later, Bro. Allen!!!

Shannon Fralic - April 30, 2015 at 05:37 PM