



Mr. Donald Michael Allen

April 28, 1943 - May 11, 2020

Donald Michael Allen, 77, of Columbia, died Monday, May 11, 2020. Born on April 28, 1943, in Miami, Florida, he was a son of the late Joseph Emmett and Thelma Pope Allen. Mr. Allen was a US Navy veteran that honorably served his country during the Vietnam era. He was a graduate of Spring Hill College and earned graduate credits from the University of Tennessee. Prior to his retirement, he was employed for many years in telecommunication sales. A lifelong devout Catholic, he was a member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church. Mr. Allen was a loving husband, father, grandfather “Grand Pa”, and uncle. In his youth, he was a baseball pitcher and enjoyed participating in various sports, including, golf, tennis, and ping pong. He always kept abreast of current politics and enjoyed watching college sports.

Survivors include his wife, Teresa Hannah Allen; son, Michael Edward Allen (Edinia) of Knoxville, TN; granddaughter, Savannah Rose Allen of Knoxville, TN; sister, Martha Doerr of Dania Beach, FL; as well as his niece, Candace Doerr of Dania Beach, FL. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Samantha Ariel Allen and his brother, Jack Allen.

A Mass of Christian Burial by invitation only for Mr. Allen will be celebrated at 10 o'clock, Wednesday, May 20th at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with Father Alexander McDonald officiating. Final Commendation and Farewell Prayers will be held privately at Fort Jackson National Cemetery. Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road Chapel, is assisting the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St John Neumann Catholic Church, 100 Polo Road, Columbia, SC 29223.

Events

MAY **Funeral Mass** 10:00AM
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St John Neumann Catholic Church
US

Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Shives Funeral Home - May 19, 2020 at 04:31 PM



“ Terry. May you be embraced and held by the angels.

Sukari



Sukari Salone - June 28, 2020 at 11:08 AM



“ Terry I am so sorry for the loss of your husband. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Jeanie Rose



jeanie Rose - June 05, 2020 at 09:01 AM



“ Thank you so much Jeanie!

Terry Allen - June 07, 2020 at 12:52 PM



“ Virginia lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Michael Allen



Virginia - May 28, 2020 at 07:39 PM



“ Sending love and prayers to Terry, Mike and their families. Rest in peace Don.

Virginia - May 28, 2020 at 07:42 PM



“ Terry Allen lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Michael Allen



Terry Allen - May 26, 2020 at 10:22 PM



“ On this Memorial Day like none other before, I miss you more than words can say my darling husband. I miss your smile, your laugh, even your snore! Fly with the angels my dearest Don. Fly on Eagles Wings! I love you!

Terry Allen - May 25, 2020 at 11:23 AM



“ I will remember Don Allen as my fellow Miami Hurricane fan in Franklin, NC. We had to stick together being so far from Miami. Don was always friendly and quick to strike up a conversation about sports, especially UM football. Sundays following mass during football season, we were certain to banter over highlights from the prior day's UM game. I played sports and since Don had a son, I was often be the center of his generosity, wisdom and kind conversations. My grandfather, Mr. Barfield, managed the St. Francis softball team that Don pitched for multiple seasons. I was the bat boy, many of evenings in the dugout talking sports. I will never forget the Christmas Don and my mom, Dyann, ventured out onto a rare patch of thick ice that had froze over on a slow bend in Cartoogechaye Creek. I thought for sure a rescue mission was moments away, thankfully the crisis was averted.

Don and Terry were close church family members that our family, Barfields and Jonas, loved having over for holidays, meals and church events. Our deepest sympathies go out to Terry, Mike and family. May God bring you peace and comfort. Rest in peace good sir.

Gabe Jonas - May 20, 2020 at 09:01 PM



“ Michael Allen lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Michael Allen



Michael Allen - May 20, 2020 at 09:17 AM



“ My Dad was kind, loving, but stern, in a good way. My fondest memories are playing catch with baseballs, footballs, and frizbees. Listening to UT football games on the radio with him. He taught me how to hit a baseball, math homework, took me to my first football game at Neyland stadium. The list goes on. In adulthood, he gave me advice on many things, including ideas for raising Savannah. We spent just about every weekend ribbing each other's college sports teams on the phone for many years. i will miss those conversations the most. God speed Dad.

Michael Allen - May 20, 2020 at 09:16 AM



“Gone from your sight Mrs. Terry, but never from your heart. My thoughts and feelings are with you during this difficult time.



Bridget Henderson - May 19, 2020 at 04:01 PM



“Jennifer Dowden lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Michael Allen



Jennifer Dowden - May 18, 2020 at 03:44 PM



“I was a friend of Don's from the 5th grade through 9th grade at Holy Family Catholic School in North Miami and also attended Archbishop Curley High School with him. Don's father was very active as a scoutmaster and we went on many camping trips together. We also went fishing at spur canal number 4 and enjoyed other adventures such as bowling and cruising in a stick shift car Don had access to. I have only good memories of my friendship with Don. Now, as I approach the end of my own life, I reflect on the many happy memories of the past knowing Don and look forward very much to the greater joys in the eternal life to come thanks to our beloved Savior Jesus Christ. My Jesus I trust in you.

john herzog - May 16, 2020 at 12:16 PM



“ Karen Rachal lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Michael Allen



Karen Rachal - May 15, 2020 at 09:26 AM



“ Don was everything we all aspire to be. Faith-filled, intelligent, accepting, humble, hard working, and with a huge heart that made us feel like we were at home. I was fortunate to call him friend.

Jeanne Siegers - May 14, 2020 at 04:01 PM