



Stephen Dewitt Allen

May 17, 1936 - April 15, 2012

Stephen DeWitt Allen was born May 17, 1936 in Lubbock, Texas, the youngest son of Marguerite (Trowbridge) and Judge Robert Jarrett Allen. He passed on peacefully at home on April 15 in God's cocoon of comfort, peace, rest and love, as he described in a dream he had a month before his death at the age of 75.

He married Tommye Jean Wieland, the love of his life and his yellow rose of Texas, on June 22, 1957 in Dumas, Texas. The Allen family moved to Muskogee in 1960 where they made their home and raised their three children.

Steve retired from the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma in 2002 after 42 years of service as the official court reporter, a job he valued highly and in which he excelled. He also established and managed, along with his wife, Allen Reporting Service, a successful private court reporting firm servicing southeastern Oklahoma.

Steve started swimming competitively at the age of 50 and became a champion swimmer, holding many national records in his age group. He was consistently in the top 10 nationally and won over 125 medals, including many gold, in U.S. Masters Swimming, National and World Senior Games, and Senior Olympics.

Steve was a loving and generous husband, father, brother, son and friend. He is survived by his devoted wife of 54 years, Tommye; his sons DeWitt Allen and his life partner Kay Howell of Muskogee, Jon Allen and his wife Jaycee of Chula Vista, California; his daughter, Pamela Allen Becker and her husband Douglas of San Francisco, California; his grandchildren Jesse and Lindsey Allen of Muskogee; Neil, Jarrett, Nathan and Stephen Allen of Chula Vista; and Edan Allen Becker of San Francisco; brothers Robert Allen and his wife Annis of Austin, Texas, and Richard Allen and his wife Keith of Arlington, Texas; his sisters- and brothers-in-law Mary and Harry Drake of Grand Prairie, Texas, and Lou and Corky Dawson of Granbury, Texas, his nieces and nephews, and many other loving relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother Morris Allen.

His life was an inspiration to his family, friends, fellow swimmers, co-workers and business associates. He is a hero to his grandchildren, who know he is watching over them and that he is proud of the unique and caring individuals they have all become.

Steve donated his body to the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. The family requests that memorial contributions be made in Steve's name to the Stephenson Cancer Center at the University of Oklahoma, payable to the OU Foundation, and mailed to Stephenson Cancer Center, PO Box 26901, 6th Floor, Oklahoma City, OK 73126-0901, for rhabdomyosarcoma research.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR **20**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Grace Episcopal Church
218 N. 6th Street
Muskogee, OK 74401

Tribute Wall



“ *Stephen Dewitt Allen*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *Steve was the guy that I admired and looked to as a role model. When ever I pictured what I wanted to be like when I grow up, I always saw Steve. Both he and Tommye had a major impact on me spiritually too. I will always remember them praying for me in the kitchen, walking me into a spirit filled life. He was such an encourager.*

I pray now for special peace for the family.

Ted Aukerman Jr.

Ted Aukerman - April 20, 2012 at 09:41 AM



“ *To the family,
So very sorry for your loss. What a great man your husband, father and proud grandfather was. He always talked about his family in such a positive way! He gave great advice to me on many occasions over the years and was so sweet to my girls. I am sure he will live on in all our hearts and thoughts. He will be missed in the neighborhood especially at Halloween and on a blue sky OU gameday! My thoughts and prayers go out to you.*

God Bless,

Dan Newell and family

Dan Newell - April 20, 2012 at 12:37 AM

RW

“ Growing up next door to your loving family and dear father Steve in the '60s was very special. He gave careful guidance and encouraged our tetherball and basketball competitions and was a steady paternal figure at Grace Church. I will always remember his warmth and smile when David and I would come over. Hugs to Pam, Tommye, and "the boys".

Robert Watson

Robert Watson - April 19, 2012 at 11:11 AM

JB

“ Steve Allen was one of the kindest men I have ever known. He calmed my fears as a young lawyer appearing in front of Judge Seay and he always had a kind word and a smile on his face. I always called him first when I needed a court reporter. I trusted him completely and will miss him greatly. The world, especially this little corner of it, was better for Steve having been here. My thoughts and prayers to his family are for courage and strength, comfort and peace. -- Juliet Brennan

Juliet N. Brennan - April 19, 2012 at 09:12 AM

MS

“ So very sorry to learn of your loss - my family's thoughts and prayers are with you all. Take comfort in the Love shared and the many great memories and fun times you all enjoyed together. Although he is in "God's cocoon of comfort, peace, rest and love," he will be missed by many who celebrate his life and are blessed to have known him.

Matt "chew" Stewart

Matthew Stewart - April 18, 2012 at 10:55 PM

JA

“ 2 files added to the album *Steve and Family*



Jon Allen - April 18, 2012 at 10:43 PM

JC

Tommye. Know you will miss Steve. You were and are a very special couple. I will always remember how surprised when you came to our home when Michael left for heaven. Just a little of how thoughtful a couple you were to us. Thanks for all you have done for our family. Love to you. Jeanne Cannon.

Jeanne Cannon - April 27, 2012 at 09:00 PM

LE

“ To Steve's family:

Although I am no longer a "young" lawyer, I will always appreciate seeing his smiling face when I walked into the courtroom. On many of my first appearances, no matter how well-prepared I was, I arrived with knees trembling in fear that I would somehow not be ready for the Judge's questions. On those occasions, Steve's small talk calmed my fears, made me feel I belonged in federal court, and that I would, in fact, survive to argue another day. I only wish I had known how accomplished a swimmer he was because I would have loved to hear some of those stories from him. Thank you for sharing your husband, father & grandfather with us all these years. We will remember him always.



*Linda A. Epperley
Assistant United States Attorney
(1994-present)*

Linda A. Epperley - April 18, 2012 at 08:49 PM

SH

“ Dear Tommye and family, I wanted to let you know how much Steve influenced my life. I knew that I was always welcomed in your home and he was always kind and nice to me. I enjoyed him and his laugh and smiling face. You all mean so much to me it is hard to say everything I would like to here. I think about you often and wonder how you all are doing. You are not far from my thoughts when I think about my childhood and how much you all were there for me. I have many loving thoughts and times I hold very dear to my heart of fun times together at your home and playing in the neighborhood. Keeping you all in my thoughts and prays. Love you all, Sidney Nelson Hunt

Sidney Nelson Hunt - April 18, 2012 at 01:21 PM

SW

“ *Tommye and family - I remember many things, but a special memory to me is when Steve told me about quitting smoking and how it was a miracle that God made for him. I believed him, but didn't believe it for myself. Several years later, God made that miracle for me. I will never forget that he planted the seed for me. Love him. Thank you all for sharing him with the rest of us. Peace and grace as you grieve and we celebrate his life and his everlasting life with you. Love, Sharee (Stokes) Wells*

Sharee (Stokes) Wells - April 18, 2012 at 08:08 AM