



Mr. John William Allen Jr.

October 10, 1926 - January 9, 2019

Chief John William Allen, Jr., age 92, of Chickamauga, Georgia went home to be with The Lord Wednesday – January 9, 2019. John was born in Hamilton County, Tennessee to the late John William Allen, Sr., and Amye Iona Smith Allen. He served his country in the U.S. Navy during World War II and the Korean War. During his service he earned ten Battle Stars, served as Navy Gunners Mate and was honorably discharged as a 2nd Class Petty Officer. After serving his country, he worked for Colonial Bakery for over twenty years. He then served as Chief of Police for the City of Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia for twenty-five years and was the oldest acting Police Chief for the State of Georgia. He served as Assistant Fire Chief and Animal Control Officer in Fort Oglethorpe and a volunteer at the Medal of Honor Museum in Chattanooga, TN. He was of the Baptist faith, a member of the VFW, American Legion Post # 3679, Peace Officers Association of Georgia and National Rifle Association. Sadly, we have lost another great American and World War II Navy veteran. Throughout life's travel we encounter but a few men who stand above most others in character, dedication, loyalty and accomplishments. Such were the traits of the man, John W. Allen, Jr. John passed away surrounded by all his loved ones following the love of his life Joyce Floyd Allen on October 16, 2018. Joyce retired from Hutcheson Medical Center where she was a secretary for the head nurses. She also was a member of the League of Women Voters. Together John & Joyce volunteered many hours in the school system, recreation association and community. They were married for

seventy-two years, which is so rare. Along with his parents and beloved wife Joyce, he is preceded in death by his great-grandson: Lane Vaughn Smith, brothers: Charles Allen, David Allen, Robert Louis Allen, Richard Eugene Allen. He is survived by his daughters: Tona (Harold) Bennett of Rock Spring, GA, Dawn (Henry) Saylor of Chickamauga, GA, son: John W. Allen III "Little John" of Florida, brother: Jeffrey Allen of Cleveland, TN, four granddaughters: Candice (Daniel) Burgan, Amye (Thomas) Smith, Windi Locke, April (David) Alexander, great-grandchildren: Dawson Locke, Will Smith, Madeline Burgan, Grayson Alexander, Ty Smith, Chandler Locke, Carson Alexander, great-great-grandson: Brantley Colt Locke, several nieces and nephews. Funeral services remembering, honoring and celebrating John & Joyce lives will be held at 2:00 p.m. – Thursday – January 24, 2019 at Chattanooga Veterans National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family request memorial donations to be made to Wounded Warriors, Boys Town, Shriners Hospital and/or the Georgia Sheriffs Association. Online guest book at www.wilsonfuneralhome.com. Arrangements by W. L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Homes, Fort Oglethorpe, GA.

Cemetery Details

Chattanooga National Cemetery

Holtzclaw Ave.
Chattanooga, TN

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 24. 2:00 PM (ET)

Chattanooga National Cemetery
Holtzclaw Ave.
Chattanooga, TN

Tribute Wall

BB

“ So sorry for your loss. They were two of the most amazing people we knew. I have a lot of memories because I worked with Joyce at the hospital and I had the privilege of living beside them for 9 years. They were always the same. I remember back in the early 1970's John started walking the city at night up & down Hwy 27. Checking doors & making sure all the store doors were locked. Joyce would not let him go by himself. The day after she would always have to tell me about their Mayberry trip. That women could tell you some funny stories. Rest in Peace

The Blackwell Family

Beverly Blackwell - January 24, 2019 at 08:14 PM

DA

Thank you Beverly.

Dawn - January 29, 2019 at 02:53 AM

JM

“ Our heart felt prayers and love go out to the Family. John was a dear and precious friend of ours for 52 years. We visited with John and Joyce over the years, as I'm sure many have. We worked many years together in the police and fire departments. I learned a lot from this super hero, and was awed by all the many accomplishments in his life. One being the best at all he attempted. Joyce, the love of his life and soul mate for over 72 years is a miracle in it self. We have lost two very special people and know their family is praising God that they are together again We love their family dearly and pray the God of all comfort, comfort them in this time of lost
Jerry & Sherry Morris

Jerry & Sherry Morris - January 23, 2019 at 03:10 PM

DA

I love yaw. Thank you

Daughter - January 27, 2019 at 04:55 AM

 Rob
Allen

“ *John was a special friend to me and a great uncle. John would tell me stories of the old days, stories he heard from his father and his father's father. But more than that, he would tell me about the great war and his time on the USS Mertz. This was a man who epitomized the Greatest Generation. He fought for kin and country. John truly was a hero and was strong in courage, honor and virtue. He used to proudly show me his collection of model ships, reflecting his love for the US Navy. I have a yard stick and a few pictures of his love of the USS Mertz, his flagship. What an amazing and awesome man! It is so sad to lose such great men as this, but we can honor them with our lives heretofore. May God bless your families and revere his memory with future blessings yet unseen! I will always remember those delightful days talking about our family origins and World War Two! It is so sad to witness the passing of the Greatest Generation, but John Allen and others like him are an inspiration to those of us who have to face the trials of our generation! Bless you all and God's Peace!*

Rob Allen

Rob Allen - January 21, 2019 at 11:29 PM

TA

“ *John was a special friend and a mentor to me when I started my law enforcement career at Ft. Oglethorpe PD in the early 70's. John was the Sgt and worked 2nd shift. I rode many miles with him around Ft. Oglethorpe, and learned how to be a Police Officer.*

Ted Austin - January 17, 2019 at 10:02 AM

DA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Daughter - January 17, 2019 at 09:57 AM

DA

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Daughter - January 17, 2019 at 06:21 AM

DA

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Daughter - January 17, 2019 at 06:07 AM

DA

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Daughter - January 17, 2019 at 05:50 AM

DA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Daughter of John & Joyce Allen - January 16, 2019 at 09:41 PM

DA

You have always been my hero Daddy. You and my Mother were the best parents in the world. Together again. I will see you again. I love you and miss you. Your Child Dawn

Daughter of John & Joyce Allen - January 16, 2019 at 09:50 PM

TB

I agree with my sister. They love each other so much. Our mom went to Jesus very quickly on a beautiful Tuesday morning and when she did our dad told us he really didn't want to be here anymore without Mama. We loved them with all our hearts and told him every day but he wanted to be with the love of his life out beautiful mama. Thank you Lord for our time with both of them. Our reunion will be wonderful when we all get to Heaven.

Tona Allen Bennett - January 16, 2019 at 11:44 PM

DF

I'm so sorry Dawn, you were like me "A Daddy's Girl"! I know how you feel!!! Lots of love and prayers❤️

Danna Ford - January 18, 2019 at 08:13 AM

SW

“ *Steve Wilson lit a candle in memory of Mr. John William Allen Jr.*



Steve Wilson - January 16, 2019 at 07:34 PM

DP

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. I grew up in Fort Oglethorpe and can remember him patrolling by our house he would always wave and talk to us kids. I later had the privilege of serving as a volunteer fireman and later working for him as a police officer. He was always fair and down to earth. Good Man!*

Donny Phillips - January 16, 2019 at 07:09 PM

DH

“ *Debra (Cavender) Harris lit a candle in memory of Mr. John William Allen Jr.*



Debra (Cavender) Harris - January 16, 2019 at 06:57 PM

DH

We grew up in Fort Oglethorpe, while Mr. Allen was Chief of Police, such a very sweet man, remember him well, God Bless!!!!

Debra (Cavender) Harris - January 16, 2019 at 06:59 PM

DH

“ I have known Chief Allen my entire career. I went to work at Ft. Oglethorpe in 1990 for Chief Allen. Chief Allen was a friend who will be missed.

Doug Howell - January 16, 2019 at 05:12 PM

MJ

“ So sorry for your loss! I know they will be greatly missed but it's comforting to know they are together again!

Michelle Jones - January 16, 2019 at 04:33 PM