



Robert "Bob" Eugene Allen

June 10, 1936 - January 6, 2022

Robert "Bob" Eugene Allen, 85, passed away peacefully at his home in Bluff City, Tennessee, on January 6, 2022. "For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain." Philippians 1:21.

Bob was born on June 10, 1936 in Trafalgar, IN to Roy and Marie Allen. At age 12 when his father tragically died, he began a mature life of serving others. After helping his mother raise his siblings and many foster children and run the family farm, he dedicated his life to Christian ministry and graduated in 1958 from Ozark Bible College. He met Carolyn while on his first international mission trip to Jamaica and Grand Cayman and they married in 1957. He and Carolyn worked together in established and new church ministries in Missouri, Indiana, Florida, and Tennessee. His last full-time ministry was serving as Church Relations Director at Milligan College from 1986-2000. After retirement, "Brother" Bob's 67-year Kingdom career continued in local churches through interim ministries and volunteering at Appalachian Christian Village, Meals on Wheels, and Bristol Regional Medical Center. Bob was recognized for 7 years of service at BRMC, receiving the "Healing Hero Award", and by his alma mater in 1998, receiving the Dean's Outstanding Alumni award. He was a member of Poplar Ridge Christian Church, Piney Flats, TN.

Bob's adventurous spirit that brought him and Carolyn together continued after her death with ministerial service in Austria and Jordan and personal mentorship to missionaries overseas. He enjoyed traveling, hiking, and opening his home to family, friends, and strangers. His children continue to hear stories of his genuine kindness, sincerity, generosity, hospitality, mentorship and selflessness to all he encountered – fulfilling his call to serve God and others.

Bob was preceded in death by his wife of 52 years, Carolyn. He is survived by their children: Dr. Steve Allen and wife, Renee of Temple, TX; Sandy and husband, Brian Faidley of Blountville, TN; Shelley and husband Dr. Ken Greene of Camden, NC. Grandchildren include Chelsea Allen (JR) Pershall, Tad (Kaci) Allen, Dr. Samantha Allen (Chris) Bigott, Laura Faidley (Jeremy) Wainwright, Eric Faidley, Eden Greene (Joshua)

Foote, Emily Greene (Reed) Smith, Elise Greene and Elaina Greene. Great-grandchildren include Carter, Robbie and Elizabeth Pershall; Rosemary, Rex, Raleigh, and Ruby Allen. He is also survived by his siblings Barbara (Dale) Mitchell, Larry Allen, John (Martha) Allen, and Cheryl (Paul) Christen and nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held at Oakley-Cook Funeral Home in Bristol TN on Thursday, January 13, 2022 from 5 pm to 7 pm. A Celebration of Life will be held at Oakley-Cook Funeral Home on Friday, January 14, 2022 at 2 pm, with minister Evan Wolfe officiating, as well as tributes from family and friends. The family will hold a private burial. Pallbearers are Bob's grandsons and grandsons-in-law. The family would like to thank his longtime neighbor and friend Mark Russell, as well as his other wonderful neighbors of Fox Meadows, his fellow volunteers at BRMC, and his friends from the Willing Workers Sunday School Class of Poplar Ridge Christian Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to be made to either Ozark Christian College (1111 North Main Street Road, Joplin, MO 64801) or Camp Allendale (4605 South Allendale Drive, Trafalgar, IN 46181). Camp Allendale is a Christian Church Camp and Retreat Center which was established in 1949 with a donation of half the Allen family farm.

The family respectfully requests that those who attend be conscientious of Covid protocols, including wearing masks.

This obituary was lovingly written by the Allen family.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 13. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Oakley-Cook Funeral Home and Crematory
2223 Volunteer Parkway
Bristol, TN 37620

Celebration of Life

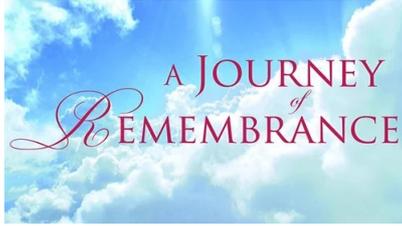
JAN 14. 2:00 PM (ET)

Oakley-Cook Funeral Home and Crematory
2223 Volunteer Parkway
Bristol, TN 37620

Tribute Wall



“ Oakley-Cook Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert "Bob" Eugene Allen



Oakley-Cook Funeral Home - January 13 at 05:38 PM



“ LOVE YOU AND MISS YOU YOU MADE ME A BETTER PERSON!!!RANDY WAZ FROM THE TARPON SPRINGS DAYS.....

Randy Waz - June 10 at 08:05 AM



“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Dan Hodge - May 02 at 12:07 PM



“ Bro. Bob was my preacher in my early formative years, and had a huge influence on my life decision to enter the ministry. I will never forget his utter dedication to the preaching of the gospel and his many kindnesses over the years.

Dan Hodge - May 02 at 12:00 PM

KF

So sorry to hear of Bob's passing. All of us kids should get together sometime! I bet Doris and Jack, Carolyn and Bob, and TP and Becky are having a blast in heaven!!!

Kathy Folsom - May 13 at 03:53 PM

SH

“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Bob was such a wonderful man. we really enjoyed getting to know him when he preached at our church. Johnny and Sharon Hutchinson

Sharon Hutchinson - January 16 at 03:52 PM

SP

“ Bob was always a bright spot in my days serving at Milligan -- truly a Barnabas. On my fiftieth birthday, my wife put a small ad in the Johnson City paper announcing it & including my college graduation portrait. Bob saw it and remarked to me, "You were a handsome young buck." Sweet memory!

Steven Preston - January 16 at 10:50 AM

WH

I first met Bob while he and I served on the board of the Southeast Ministers Insurance group - where we worked to secure health insurance for ministers throughout the SE. We became friends and kindred spirits. Then I was privileged to teach Sandy at Atlanta Christian College. I have somewhere the t-shirt Sandy gave me from Tarpon Springs that said "Greek is Fun!" A class motto I still say. Bob was a model of "kingdom people doing kingdom things." Peace and comfort to his family and friends.

wye Huxford - January 19 at 02:11 PM

MR

“ Allen family, we are saddened to hear of Brother Bob's passing. We are also Joyful he's in heaven with Jesus and our Heavenly Father! He was kind, considerate, patient, gentle, strong and the most Christ-like man I've ever known.

We met when he was Pastor at Central Christian Church in Ocala, FL in 1966. We moved to Ocala that summer and mom soon took her 3 boys to Central to visit. My dad was not a Christian and would not go. Brother Bob took an interest in us and began ministering to dad and led him to Christ. It took a while (3 years) but he baptized dad and my grandfather (at age 70) in 1969! Our family hasn't been the same since and I shudder to think what might have been but for the love of Jesus lived out by Bob Allen.

The cool thing is that this scenario played out for hundreds of families throughout his ministries, no matter where he was. Until we get to heaven, we'll never know the extent of how many lives he touched.

God Bless You All,

Mike & Kathie Radcliffe

Mike Radcliffe - January 15 at 08:39 PM

KP

“ Sandy and family,
 I was saddened to hear of the passing of Bob. He was a great friend to my family. When I was diagnosed with cancer in 2019, he was one of the first people I asked to pray for me. I told him "the prayers of a righteous man availeth much (James 5:16). I know he prayed consistently for my healing, and I will always be thankful for his prayers. He even stopped by in Georgia to check on me! I had wanted to visit him in recent years, but Covid hindered my plans. I regret that I didn't get to see him one last time. He had been on my mind recently. Maybe that was God's way of telling me to find out about him. Sandy, I know we have lost track over the years, but I think of your fondly. I didn't know the rest of the family, but I do know you were blessed by having a wonderful Godly father and grandfather. Thank you for sharing him with the rest of us!
 Prayers for you all,
 Kelly Wilkinson Peppers

Kelly Wilkinson Peppers - January 14 at 11:15 AM

RM

“ I had the pleasure of knowing Bob for around 55 years. I met Bob when he came to Blountville Christian Church in 1966. He became a familiar face at my Dad and Mom's home and a dear friend. He preached my Mom's funeral in 2014. In 2018, Kaye and I were looking for a new Church home and walked into West Hills Christian and Bob greeted us as he was serving as Interim Minister. A couple of years later Bob returned for a few months and played a key role in holding the Church together until our new minister could come. Bob was led by Christ and was one of the most Christ-like men I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. Bob and Carolyn's influence on my life as a teenager and throughout my marriage to Kaye are very close to my heart. I appreciate the Love that was shared with my family and although we will miss Bob, we rejoice that he and Carolyn are together in Heaven. Kaye and I send our prayers out for Steven, Sandy, and Shelley and their families as they adjust to this change in their lives. We share many precious memories of Bob and his lovely wife Carolyn.
 Rick and Kaye Malone

Rick and Kaye Malone - January 13 at 11:31 PM



“ 2 files added to the album LifeTributes



Oakley-Cook Funeral Home - January 13 at 05:36 PM



“ *Bob Allen was interim minister at Boones Creek Christian church at a critical point in the history of the church. He provided leadership during a transition period of about a year and a half, 20 years ago. He helped our church heal and catch its breath while the Elders and pulpit committee searched a new minister. His sermons helped the church focus on what was ahead and that we needed to be true our mission of spreading the gospel in our community, nation and world. Thank you Bob for being a steady hand when BCCC needed you most.*

John and Tammie Payne

John Payne - January 13 at 05:36 PM



“ *89 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Oakley-Cook Funeral Home - January 13 at 02:45 PM

ML

“ To Bob's Wonderful Family,
We were so blessed to have Bob as minister at Boones Creek Christian Church in 2001. Bob served as our minister in God's timing, he was such a loving, caring pastor for us. He was a strong preacher- a true man of God. He and Carolyn were such a joy, we miss them but know we will all be reunited because of our Lord Jesus.

Bob showed me the love of Christ, especially when my mom died in October 2001. It was in the early morning hours of a Sunday when mom passed, and Bob came to the hospital immediately when he found out. The funeral home had been contacted and they were sending a vehicle to pickup mom's body. The rest of my family had gone on home and all that were left in mom's room was Bob and myself. I told Bob, "It doesn't make sense, but I just can't bring myself to leave mom's body alone in this hospital room, I need to wait until the men come from the funeral home, then I can leave. Bob, you have to be at church in a few hours- you go on home."

I can still hear Bob's voice as in his caring way he said, "Mike, I don't have anywhere else I need to be. I'm staying here with you as long as we need to stay." He stayed with me the whole time. I will never forget Bob Allen.

In my mind's eye I can hear our Lord Jesus saying to Bob, "Well done good and faithful servant."

Sincerely, Mike Lewis

Mike Lewis - January 13 at 01:21 PM

AW

“ I only knew Bob for a few short years. He was a good friend always thinking of others through his love for christ. We will all miss his smiling face and the love he shared with his ministry for christ. RIP Bob and help prepare a place for your Willing Workers Classmates. Rejoice my friend.

Allen White - January 13 at 10:48 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Eugene Allen.



January 13 at 09:21 AM

MR

“ Many of us go through life and have many acquaintances, but few true friends. Bob and Carol were true friends and the perfect example of Christ love. Their love for Christ was felt anytime you were with them and continues to be shown through Steve, Sandy, Shelly and their families. A wonderful gift my family and I received when God placed us next to one another as neighbors!

Husband, father, grandfather, teacher or friend Bob graciously filled each task with compassion and an obvious love for everyone. Our family talked last night about how we glance next door each time we walk out hoping to see Bob on the porch swing. That was his neighborhood meeting place.

Many have already written great tributes to Bob's impact on their lives. All of us who knew him could write a book of fond memories. To the family I assure you we grieve with you and pray for you. Thank You for the thoughtfulness and way you all have embraced our family over the years. May God Bless you all!

Mark, Peggy, Josie, Adam, Taylor Russell and families

Mark Russell - January 13 at 09:01 AM

LG

“ What a great neighbor and friend Bob was to all of us in Fox Meadows. He will be greatly missed. His Christian walk was clear to anyone who knew him. My sympathy and prayers to the family.

Linda Gronski

Linda Gronski - January 12 at 07:10 PM

TP

“ Brother Bob, was a precious man. I loved to hear him speak! It was such a joy when he spoke on Wednesday nights and had us start with a song. He will be missed for sure, but we will see him later! Love in Christ, Tammy Pierce. Due to COVID exposure, we won't get to be at the service. You have our love and prayers!

Tammy Pierce - January 12 at 04:30 PM

LL

“ Sandy dear, I was sorry to learn of the loss of your father. I will be praying for you as you learn to live on earth without your dad who lived a remarkable life. Love from Lori Morrell Long, Central Point, OR

Lori Long - January 12 at 02:30 PM

KL

“ I grew up going to camp at Camp Allendale. When I started school at Milligan University Bob was my work study supervisor in the church relations office. Bob was one of the best and first examples of a servant leader that I had the opportunity to work with. So, thankful I had the honor of knowing and working with him. We enjoyed sharing many stories of Camp Allendale together during our times working together in the Hyder House offices at Milligan

Kyle Long - January 12 at 11:55 AM



“ To Bob's wonderful family, I offer prayers for comfort as you mourn the loss of a great man. I know that Bob is rejoicing in Heaven, and I can just see his smile and hear that great robust laugh of his. I met him around 20 years ago, and he (and his wife, Carolyn) quickly became among my favorite humans. You were so fortunate to have both of them as parents, grandparents, great grandparents and I will never forget time spent with this lovely couple. Prayers for you, Nina Gouge.

Nina Gouge - January 12 at 11:45 AM

CM

“ Carol Mccracken lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Eugene Allen



carol mccracken - January 12 at 10:50 AM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Eugene Allen.



January 12 at 09:32 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Eugene Allen.



January 11 at 08:51 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Eugene Allen.



January 11 at 08:14 PM

“ For 9 years Mr Bob has been the absolute best neighbor, but he’s also been so much more..
He has been a friend, a confidant, an extra set of hands and ears when times got tough. He has been an encourager, a prayer warrior, and a built in ‘adoptive grandparent,’ as he would refer to Himself. We have loved having him in our lives, and he is truly going to be missed, especially by his two little buddies. ❤️ One of our first visitors when we brought both boys home from the hospital. He was always right on time with the sweetest birthday cards & presents (for both boys, regardless of who’s actual birthday ti was.) If Mr Bob was outside, our boys were with him. Whether he was mowing and One of the boys was walking along with their mower, pulling weeds, fertilizing and watering his flowers, walking to the mail box, stringing beans, swinging on his porch, or just talking across the drive way. Every conversation would start with ‘hello’ and then he would specifically address each of them to make them feel special... and every conversation would end with an ‘I love you.’ When quarantine and covid first started in 2020, our boys would ‘safely’ talk to Mr Bob through the window so we could insure we didn’t get him sick.(talk about tough for two boys who love to hug.) Many mornings he sat on his porch drinking his coffee, and would wait for us to drive by, roll the window down, and start Grae’s day with an ‘I love you have a great day’ on our way to school. He often would walk over to our house and tell me what a good mom I was, and how he loved to hear my conversations with the boys.. he on numerous occasions told me I reminded him of his wife, and although I never met her, I knew that was one of the best complements I would ever recieve. He was my go to for flower advice and just this past year he gave me some iris bulbs that I will forever cherish. He has helped us trim our trees and bushes, because we had no idea what we were doing 😭 and When My father in law got sick he prayed with us, talked with us, and comforted us when he passed. Our last face to face encounter was him saying how happy our Christmas card made him as he opened it, and how he loved seeing our faces smiling back at him. ❤️ I can not even begin to imagine the reunion he and his bride are having, as they sit at Jesus’ feet. He will forever be missed, but I honestly believe we went from having an angel on earth, to having a guardian angel in heaven. ☐

Sending much love and prayers,
The Smotherman Family
Tyler, Courtnie, Graeson & Clayton

Courtnie Smotherman - January 11 at 05:59 PM