



Jerry Lynn "Poppy" Allen

May 19, 1944 - April 22, 2021

RICHMOND, Ind. – Jerry Lynn “Poppy” Allen, age 76, passed to his eternal life with Jesus Christ after a brief illness Thursday, April 22, 2021, at Reid Health.

Born May 19, 1944, in Van Buren, Indiana, to Dorrell C. and Ruth Marceil Harvey Allen, Jerry was the oldest of eight children. Upon graduating from high school, he attended Ball State University, where he earned a bachelor’s degree in education. Jerry later obtained his master’s from Ball State University and an administrator’s license.

He married Peggy Jane Wardwell August 27, 1966, in Marion, Indiana. A year later, they moved to Centerville, Indiana, where Jerry began a long career in education with Centerville-Abington Community Schools. He began his career as a junior high science teacher. Jerry also coached girls’ basketball and taught driver’s education. Later, he became the first Technology Coordinator for the school system. Jerry also served for two years as the first assistant principal at Centerville-Abington Elementary. He served briefly as interim principal at Rose Hamilton Elementary. Jerry was an adjunct professor at IU East for 20 years, where he taught computer education. While maintaining a full-time teaching career, Jerry also farmed for several years. He also served two years as a Wayne County Sheriff Reserve Deputy.

Throughout his time in education, Jerry impacted so many lives through his selfless devotion, commitment, and willingness to help in any way. He retired from Centerville-Abington Community Schools after 37 years of service, in 2004. Jerry then went to work for the technology consulting firm, AdTec. He retired from AdTec at the age of 70.

The most important thing in Jerry’s life was the desire to serve the Lord. In that service, he provided his family with immense love, guidance, and support. Jerry was a founding member of Hodgin Road Christian Church, where he later served as a deacon and then an elder. His church family was just as dear to him as his own family.

Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Peggy Allen; daughters, Amy (Thomas) Ashley and

Anne (Joseph) Elstro; grandchildren, Brittanni (Dustin) Elliott, Jakob Ryan, and Conner Elstro; great-granddaughter, Taryn Elliott; sisters, Janet Sheetz and Joyce (Gary) Frederick; brothers, Jene (Sarah) Allen, Jan (Gay) Allen, and Joe (Yvonne) Allen; sister-in-law, Margaret Wardwell; and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Dena and Thomas Wardwell; brothers, Jerald Allen and Jim (Cheryl) Allen; brothers-in-law, David Sheetz and Edward Wardwell; and nephew, Scott Allen.

Jerry's family would like to thank the hospice doctors, nurses, and nursing care assistants who helped provide tender and compassionate care to Jerry during such a difficult time. Special thanks are given to Dr. Mo; Dr. DeSantis; Amy, RN; Valerie, RN; Meagan, RN; Paula, NCA; and Jerry's granddaughter, Brittanni, RN.

A private funeral service for Jerry Lynn "Poppy" Allen will be conducted by Pastor Mike Smith and Pastor Derek Trenum. A celebration of Jerry's life will be planned for the summer. Burial will be in Crown Hill Cemetery. Arrangements are being handled by Doan & Mills Funeral Home, 790 National Road West, Richmond.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Hodgin Road Christian Church, 4050 Hodgin Road, Richmond, IN 47374 or your charity of choice.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the guest book at www.doanmillsfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery

Crown Hill Cemetery

407 Short Street

Centerville, IN, 47330

Comments



“ Our prayers are with your family. Pastor Tony Miner, Central Christian Church of Van Buren

Tony Miner - May 05, 2021 at 06:33 PM



“ Dear Allen Family-With sorrow, I read of Jerry's passing. I remember him to be a serious and dedicated husband, father, sibling and educator. He sure has had a busy life, making his time on earth fulfilling. So endearing to be called "Poppy", sounds like he was highly loved and respected by his grandchildren. I'm sending my love and prayers to all of you as you grieve the loss of your precious Jerry. Linda Hillsamer

Linda Hillsamer - April 29, 2021 at 01:19 PM



“ There are many memories I hold of Uncle Jerry, but these stand out the most:

1. He was faithful the God. He lived his faith.
2. He was an encourager to me as I pursued my path of education.
3. He always had a smile and enjoyed life.

He was a quiet man, and always loving. I look forward to seeing him again in heaven some day. I loved him very much. He is truly missed.

Stacy Allen Dyer - April 29, 2021 at 08:20 AM



“ I have many memories of Amy in second grade, Peg working as a reading tutor in our building, Jerry as our wonderful assistant principal & tech guy, and Ann & her family living up the road from us. We'll keep you all in our thoughts & prayers in the coming days.

Noble & Jane Fink Jackson

jane jackson - April 27, 2021 at 11:49 AM



“ Anne, Joe and Conner...thinking of all of you in this difficult moment. Please do not hesitate to reach out if anything is needed. Your family is always there for others. Now, it's our turn to give back. God be with you all.

Scott Bevington - April 26, 2021 at 09:35 PM



“ I am so sorry to learn of Jerry's passing. I will share with Will, I think he will remember Jerry. I am sure he would like to share thoughts if he could remember them, but that time no longer exists. Please accept our sympathy. Mary Jo and Will Jacobs

Mary Jo Jacobs - April 26, 2021 at 09:11 PM



“ Peggy and family,
I was so sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. We had many hours of "computer tutoring" while at Centerville Elem. "It's not the computer...it's the operator" he would always tell me and we'd start again. Such a patient man. He certainly loved his family. Hoping your tears soon turn to wonderful memories.
Diana Weatherly

diana kay weatherly - April 26, 2021 at 05:15 PM



“ Jerry you will be missed by many !! And I'm so sorry to you Family for I know you will miss him the most !! His Friends and Church Family will miss him also ! We will miss his smiling face coming into Church ! Blessings to you all

judy - April 26, 2021 at 03:20 PM



“ I'm sorry to hear the passing of Jerry. May God lay His hands of comfort and peace upon you at this most difficult time and rejoice in the many memories of Jerry. Mike Coffin.

Mike Coffin - April 26, 2021 at 07:47 AM



“ Jerry was the sweetest and kindest man on my journey though life. You will be sadly missed.
My condolences to the family.

cheryl schuck - April 25, 2021 at 03:50 PM



“ Peggy and family we are so sorry for your loss and pray for all of you.
Barbara (Allen) and Kevin Rupley

Barbara - April 25, 2021 at 11:55 AM



“ They say you only have a handful of true friends in a lifetime. I can say without any hesitation that Jerry Allen was at the top of my list. He was a very special friend. Jan and I send our prayers and condolences to the entire family. He will be truly missed. Enjoy being in the presence of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Jerry. See you when I get there.

Bob and Jan Malott - April 24, 2021 at 04:59 PM



“ My sincere condolence to Peggy and the family. May the Lord be with you.

Bonnie Kerlin Kellogg - April 27, 2021 at 09:18 PM



“ had him in 7th grade. loved his class. he was a great teacher. god bless the family

kim jenkins - April 24, 2021 at 10:35 AM



“ Keeping you in my prayers and thoughts at this difficult time.

Dee Wuerch - April 24, 2021 at 09:14 AM



“ Was his asst. for several years while he was a part time asst principal in the annex & tech person. He was always very appreciative of any help I could help with. Prayers to the family.

Wanda McConaha - April 23, 2021 at 10:24 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Bob Clark and the Staff of Doan & Mills - April 23, 2021 at 05:03 PM