



Joyce Elaine Allen

February 12, 1939 - December 9, 2020

Princeton – Joyce E. (Carlson) Allen, 81, passed away on Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at the St. Anthony's Medical Center in Rockford, IL., surrounded by her loving family.

Joyce was born on February 12, 1939 in Princeton, IL. to the late Gilbert and Norma (Polson) Carlson. She was a graduate of Princeton High School, Class of 1958. She met John "Fred" Allen after he returned from serving in the United States Air Force. They married on May 12, 1968 at the Evangelical Covenant Church in Princeton, IL.

She worked as a bookkeeper for Bureau Services for over 25 years. She also worked for Walmart in the garden center for 23 years before retirement. She was a member of the Evangelical Covenant Church, Quilters Guild, Garden Club, Pink Ribbon Club, Princeton Women's Bowling Association as well as the Princeton Bowlers Hall of Fame and a longtime volunteer with the Bureau County 4-H and the Princeton Moose Lodge.

Joyce loved to garden, vegetables or flowers, she could grow anything. Always serving her family fresh vegetables with their meals and beautiful flowers, inside and out, including her dinner plate dahlias. She loved to cook and bake. Some of the family favorites were her pumpkin bars, Swedish lutefisk or oyster pudding. One of her favorite hobbies was bowling.

Something the entire family did together. One night while the family was at Crown Lanes bowling, their home burnt to the ground. They rebuilt in the same location. Grateful no one was injured, but saddened by all the family photos lost. She was an amazing quilter and made many beautiful quilts. She loved going to the Big Apple with Fred. Something they enjoyed for many, many years. She loved going to her children's and grandchildren's extracurricular activities, from sports, to plays or concerts, she very rarely missed one. Her all-time favorite thing to do was spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She is survived by her four children, Randy (Shannon) Allen of Kasbeer, IL, Ricky (Laura) Allen of Princeton, IL, Sherry (Joe Nicoli) Allen of Hennepin, IL and Shelly (Adam) Miller of Princeton, IL.; eleven grandchildren, Kaylene Allen, Garrett Allen, Johnathon Allen, Nathan Allen, Emma Nicoli, Colton Nicoli, Jenna Nicoli, Levi Nicoli, Haley (Devin) Teske, Kayla Miller and Blake Miller; three great grandchildren, Ariella Teske, Carson Nolte and Haddie Teske.

Joyce lost her loving husband of 52 years, John Fred Allen, who passed away on Friday, December 11, 2020. Fred was unaware of his beloveds passing, due to his own health condition. "To have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part." She is also preceded by her parents, Gilbert and Norma Carlson, one sister, Lois R. Johnson, one brother, Melvin Carlson.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Bureau County 4-H.

A Joint Visitation will be held for Fred and Joyce Allen on Saturday, December 19, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments. Mask required and capacity restrictions will apply.

A Joint Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, December 19, 2020, at Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments at 1:00 p.m. Officiated by Pastor Dereck C. Boggs. This service will be recorded and available for viewing at a later date. Restrictions will apply, due to the current pandemic and the services will be limited to immediate family members only.

Graveside services to follow at Oakland Cemetery, Princeton, IL. For both Joyce and Fred Allen. Military Rites will be accorded for Fred. The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to their family, friends and community to the outpouring of love, compassion and kindness.

Online memorials and condolences may be left at www.norbergfh.com (the guestbook and memorial drop box will be available after 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 16, 2020 at Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments.

Arrangements by Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments.

Cemetery Details

Oakland Cemetery

Park Avenue
Princeton, IL 61356

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 19. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Norberg Memorial Home, Inc.
701 E. Thompson Street
Princeton, IL 61356

Graveside Service

DEC 19. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

Oakland Cemetery
Park Avenue
Princeton, IL 61356

Tribute Wall

JR

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Joseph Rainford - December 21, 2020 at 03:58 PM

DD

“ I am so so sorry for the loss of both your parents.
They were special, I have fond memories of living in the brick home beside them when you kids were little.
I also always enjoyed the many visits from your family at the Illinois State Fair each year.
Cherish your memories, lean on each other when times are tough.
Great family.
Sincerely, Dave Deters

Dave Deters - December 19, 2020 at 10:23 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joyce Elaine Allen.



December 19, 2020 at 02:14 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Joyce Elaine Allen.*



December 18, 2020 at 04:40 PM



“ *Joyce and Fred were such wonderful people. Jerry and I enjoyed talking to both of them whenever we would see them .I especially spent many times with Joyce, at the beauty shop, and we both belonged to the same quilt guild many years ago. She was a good friend and we are so sorry for your loss.*
Jane and Jerry Isaacson

Jerry and Jane Isaacson - December 18, 2020 at 12:47 PM



“ *I worked with Joyce for several years at Wal-Mart. She was always a joy to be around. I saw Joyce and her husband a couple weeks ago and we had a very nice visit. My heart goes out to their loving family during this very difficult time. Praying for peace and comfort for all of you.*

peggie morgan - December 16, 2020 at 01:40 AM



So sorry for your losses. Both wonderful people and they remain together as apparently God intended.

You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

*Sincerely,
Anne Panzica*

Anne Panzica - December 16, 2020 at 02:07 PM

LH

“ We are so saddened to hear this tragic news. Your parents were such great people, all about their families and volunteering in the community. They will be missed by many. Don and Linda Hildebrand

linda Hildebrand - December 15, 2020 at 07:12 PM

MH

“ Joyce always had a smile on her face. Prayers for the family. 🙏🙏
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Mary and Dick Hartmann - December 15, 2020 at 06:47 PM

BD

“ Condolences to the family



Barry Dugosh - December 15, 2020 at 04:52 PM

JD

*I enjoyed working with Joyce at Walmart! Condolences to the family !
Judy Driscoll*

Judy Driscoll - December 16, 2020 at 11:12 AM

DZ

“ Joyce was truly a wonderful women. She always went out of her way to have a few words with me and she would give me a sly little smile every time I asked her “how are you doing today young lady”. My condolences to you all of you guys.

Daniel Z - December 15, 2020 at 04:37 PM

KW

“Joyce will be greatly missed. She was a loving and caring person to all. She was a beautiful seamstress as I well know. She had altered my wedding dress so that my daughter could get married in it 25 yrs later. She was also my trainer when I first started for Walmart on overnight receiving. I will miss not seeing her smiling face when shopping there. RIP JOYCE 🥹🥹”

Kathy Walowski - December 15, 2020 at 02:55 PM