Allen Ray Callahan

October 4, 1954 - January 19, 2026

Allen Ray Callahan, 71, of Nuyaka, Oklahoma, was born on October 4, 1954, in Sallisaw, Oklahoma, to Bill Ray and Maedean (Payne) Callahan. He passed away peacefully at his home on January 19, 2026, surrounded by his loving family.

Allen attended school in Beggs and graduated from Atoka High School. He continued his education at Northeastern State University, where he earned a degree in Education. On July 31, 1982, he married the love of his life, Renee Creason, beginning a marriage that spanned 43 years.

Allen devoted his entire professional career to Schulter Public Schools, where he both began and retired after 42 years of service. During his distinguished career, he served as a History Teacher, Principal, and ultimately Superintendent. Allen had a deep passion for education and for shaping young minds. His love of teaching extended beyond the classroom, as he was always eager to teach and guide his own children and grandchildren at home.

Allen possessed a lifelong commitment to learning. At the age of 48, he began pursuing his master’s degree in education, driven by a sincere desire for continued personal and professional growth. He consistently devoted time to reading books and articles, always seeking to expand his knowledge.

In addition to education, Allen had a lifelong passion for agriculture. In his earlier years, he could often be found planting or harvesting crops. He would also plant several acres of vegetables that the entire family helped tend, and during the summers, the Callahan family could be found in downtown Beggs

selling a truckload of corn, tomatoes, and watermelons. In later years, Allen continued this tradition by maintaining a large garden, always producing more than enough to share with family and friends.

Allen also greatly enjoyed raising cattle. Much of his time was spent tending to his cow herd, fixing fences, or completing whatever task needed attention. Before his retirement, Allen and Renee could be found feeding cattle late into the night after attending basketball games, school board meetings, or other school activities.

Family was at the heart of Allen's life. He took great joy in attending his children's and grandchildren's activities, including roundup club playdays, livestock shows, ball games, and countless other events.

Allen attended First Baptist Church of Beggs and lived his life guided by strong faith.

Allen is preceded in death by his parents. Those left to cherish his memory include his wife of 43 years, Renee Callahan; one daughter, Ginger Morris and husband Drew of Nuyaka; two sons, Brice Callahan and wife Stephanie of Mason, Paton Callahan and wife Ashleigh of Twin Hills; and his beloved grandchildren: Dallas Collins Jr. and wife Leslie, Luke, Levi, and Lane Morris; Kayleigh, Maddie, Abby, Calvin, Coy, and Samantha Callahan. He is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and extended family who were dear to him, as well as many close friends.

"Serving as pallbearers will be Brice Callahan, Paton Callahan, Drew Morris, Dallas Collins Jr., Chris Creason, and Jay Fox."

Mr. Callahan will be remembered for his unwavering dedication to education and his deep devotion to family and community.

Viewing will take place Wednesday, January 21, 2026, from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM at the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home Chapel in Beggs, Oklahoma. Funeral service will be held 11:00 AM, Thursday, January 22, 2026, at First Baptist Church Beggs. Interment will follow at Beggs Cemetery.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home

of Beggs, Oklahoma. Memories, condolences, photos and videos may be shared with the family on Allen's Tribute Page of our website. www.mcclendon-winters.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **21**. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - Beggs
205 West Main
PO Box 750 (for mail)
Beggs, OK 74421
(918) 267-4444
info@mcclendon-winters.com
https://www.mcclendon-winters.com

Funeral Service

JAN **22**. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Beggs
110 W. 5th ST.
Beggs, OK 74421

Committal Service

JAN **22**. 12:30 PM (CT)

Beggs Cemetery
West Hwy 16
Beggs, OK

Tribute Wall

VW

Like many before me, Mr. Callahan made a difference! The impact he made on his students is indescribable. My children have heard me, on countless occasions, talk about how much I looked up to him. His loss is just as impactful! Prayers for the family and may he RIP.

Vicky (Boren) Warren - January 22 at 12:21 PM

KH

Mr. Callahan made a long-lasting impact on my life and my education. I will forever be grateful for his words of wisdom and confidence in me. So sorry to hear of his passing. My condolences to his family.

-Kirby Hewett II - Class of '02

Kirby Hewett - January 21 at 07:13 PM

BS

Mr. Callahan loved and cared for each student and showed his support throughout his career. The impact he made on many students will never be forgotten. I personally will never forget the impact he had on my life. He was a great person and will be missed dearly. My thoughts go out to his family and friends.

Bailey Shepherd - January 21 at 12:08 PM

138 files added to the album LifeTributes

McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - January 21 at 11:57 AM

TM

Mr Callahan was my husband ernie morgans teacher my kids ej and Whitney morgans principal and superintendent at Schulter school ...he was a wonderful man we loved and appreciated him and his wife Renae very much ...we was very sad to hear of his passing .our thoughts and prayers go out to his family...with love ...Tracie morgan .

Tracie morgan - January 21 at 09:50 PM

Lisa Mildon lit a candle in memory of Allen Ray Callahan

Lisa Mildon - January 21 at 10:38 AM

I have such fond memories sitting in his class. He ignited a love of history and social studies while remaining a true educator. I hope he and his family know how many lives and minds he blessed and inspired.

Lisa Mildon - January 21 at 10:37 AM

DG

Allen and his family were a honest, hard working team. We felt their willingness to anonymously help those in need, sharing fruits of labor & gifts of knowledge. An example of "Good Folks" & a legacy passed on. He will be missed by many! Our Prayers -

Dick & Byrl Gaden - January 21 at 10:33 AM

AN

I have very fond memories of Mr, Callahan. One of my favorite teachers for sure, made learning fun. I haven't seen him in about 20 years but his passing is unshakable. Regret not saying hi the random times I would come to town. Rest in peace.

Anonymous - January 21 at 12:50 AM

CC

Allen was a good man I was honored to call him friend

Clay Copenhaver - January 20 at 10:40 PM

NP

Theres to many memories of this man. I live my life by using life values he taught to me and my peers in school and outside of school. The very best teacher i ever had. Made me fall in love with History, and our relationship grew beyond that. I considered him a mentor and a true friend. After Schulter you could catch him at local auctions drinking his coffee. You will always be remembered. Prayers to the family, who i consider my family as well.

Nicholas Pollard - January 20 at 09:02 PM

CN

Was my absolute fa favrite teachee he will be missed

connie nunn - January 20 at 10:13 PM

B“

Also I remember our “senior skip day” class of ‘09 at schulter he told us if we didn’t show up we couldn’t graduate, well he played a well played joke on us we all showed up, he said ok yall can leave, I still tell my son that story and he will never forget it

Billie Boatright “McGuire” - January 20 at 08:59 PM