



Charles Richard "Rich" Allen Jr.

February 15, 1944 - January 29, 2011

Charles Richard "Rich" Allen Jr, 66, passed from this life on Saturday, January 29, 2011 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He was born on February 15, 1944 in Springfield, Illinois to Charles Richard and Margueritte Evelyn Nuehs Allen. Rich was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corp, member of the Trinity Lutheran Church, and a member of the Blue Knight Law Enforcement Motorcycle Group. He married Helen Joann Ahlstrom on April 14, 1984 in Okmulgee. Rich retired from Okmulgee Memorial Hospital after 22 years of devoted work. His hobbies and loves were many and included model trains, motorcycles, collecting knives, golf, woodworking and volunteering his time at his church as President of the congregation, Elder, Chief Cook on the Men's Fishing Trip and also for the Pastor's Retreat, served as Sheriff's Reserve Commander, volunteer Okmulgee Pecan Festival volunteer, soccer coach, and Boy Scout Troop # 252 Leader. Rich was awarded the Crystal Eagle Award from the ASHA for his excellence in working as a Hospital Engineer. His parents and a brother David Lee Allen preceded him in death.

Survivors include his loving wife Jo of the home, five children Patricia LeBlanc of Okmulgee, Tim Ahlstrom of Okmulgee, Michael Ahlstrom and wife Nichole of Lee Summit, MO, Melissa Simpson of Peoria, AZ, Gregory Allen of Bloomington, IN, a brother Bruce Allen and wife Toni of Okmulgee, a sister Cecilia Gowey and husband Michael of Phoenix, AZ, a sister in law Becky, one nephew, two nieces, three great nieces and 2 great nephews, ten

grandchildren Annabell, Shelbee, Chance, Gary, Tyler, Cody, Asa, Auston, Wyatt and Trinity and a host of friends.

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, February 5, 2011 at 2 pm at the Trinity Lutheran Church with Rev. Myles Schultz officiating.

The family has suggested memorials be made in Rich's name to the Trinity Lutheran Church Building Fund. Condolences may be made at mcclendon-winters.com.

Previous Events

Service

FEB 5. 2:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church
1314 E. 6th Street
Okmulgee, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *Charles Richard "Rich" Allen Jr.*

December 20, 2022 at 11:29 AM



“ *Rich was a wonderful addition to our ASHE family. he brought good insight, a great sense of humor and a get it done perspective. I know you miss him and be assured his ASHE family will have a void . May God bless you and your family with His presence and great memories of Rich.##imported-begin##David Howard##imported-end##*

February 07, 2011 at 01:28 PM



“ *Jo, I am so sorry to hear of Rich's passing, the Lord must have decided he wanted him more than we needed him. I have been so blessed to know him and he was such a wonderful friend. I have many happy memories of being on ASHE committees with Rich and I always loved seeing him and you and Anna, please stay in touch and know that you have my love and prayers always, and if you just want someone to talk to please call me..Love to all of you, Diane 501-413-9354 cell..or hoome is 501-961-9010.##imported-begin##Diane Hughes##imported-end##*

February 07, 2011 at 09:03 AM



“ *To the family iti is hard i understand losing someone you love so dear. My prays are with you. I injoyed working for him at the hospital.##imported-begin##Angela Pike##imported-end##*

February 05, 2011 at 08:58 PM



“ Dear Rich, You will be greatly missed by all, we enjoyed our time we spent together. You had some great and wonderful stories we loved listening to everyone of them. You had such a warm caring heart that always had room for everyone, and the love you showed to your family was bigger then life. Jo you are in our thoughts and prayers and my God bless, we love you.##imported-begin##Dennis, Kenna & Cissy Cumbley##imported-end##

February 05, 2011 at 01:00 PM



“ Jo,
I just heard about Rich's passing.
The world now has a hole in it that was once filled with a fantastic friend.
Please accept my sincere condolences.
He will be greatly missed.
Our prayers are with you and the family.
Randy Dunegan--county #74##imported-begin##Randall Dunegan##imported-end##

February 05, 2011 at 10:17 AM



“ We have all lost a very dear friend with Rich's passing. Having been part of his extended family with ASHE I can only thank those he left behind for sharing him with us. We award the Crystal Eagle infrequently and only to rare and unique individuals that personify ASHE values. Rich lived those values. We will miss his leadership, and we will all miss our friend.##imported-begin##Mark Kenneday##imported-end##

February 04, 2011 at 09:29 PM



“ Jo,
I am so sorry for your lost. God has taken a very special person home to be with him. It will be hard but you have your extended family to help you make it from day to day.
Anita###imported-begin###Anita, Mikey, Noah, and Jace Allen###imported-end##

February 04, 2011 at 09:08 PM



“ *Rich was an inspiration to me as a new hospital facilities manager. I could tell that he had a deep passion for his career and his family. My deepest condolences to the family. May God bless you and keep you!###imported-begin###Richard Pettijohn###imported-end##*

February 04, 2011 at 06:41 PM



“ *Jo and Family,*
We were so sorry to hear of your loss. Pleas know that you have our heart felt sympathy.
Our Love and Prayers are with you,
Beverly and Cleo Miller###imported-begin###Beverly and Cleo Miller###imported-end##

February 04, 2011 at 05:53 PM



“ Dear Jo,
We are mourning with you. Memories of Trinity Lutheran, working and worshiping with Rich and you and the other great members of the congregation are very precious to us. We will never forget the farewell given to us Laborers by your congregation, MC'd by Rich. May God be your comfort through our loving Lord and Savior Jesus. Pastor Jim and Mona Mueller##imported-begin##Pastor Jim and Mona Mueller##imported-end##

February 04, 2011 at 05:30 PM



“ Sorry to hear about Rich's passing. I know he did great work and that was recognized through the Crystal Eagle Award. ASHE President 1995##imported-begin##Tim Peglow##imported-end##

February 04, 2011 at 05:29 PM



“ Dear Jo and family, I am so very sad for your loss. I enjoyed working with Rich at OMH and we appreciated him as a neighbor when you lived at the lake. He was a good man and he will be missed.
Charlie and Teresa Dildine##imported-begin##Teresa Dildine##imported-end##

February 04, 2011 at 11:53 AM



“ Jo, I have thought of Rich often, many memories are those while in a unit listening to his voice take control over the radio. I remember his laugh, always makes me smile. He will be greatly missed by all the knew him.##imported-begin##Ron Cates##imported-end##

February 04, 2011 at 10:45 AM



“ Allen Family - Although I knew Rich a short time, he was truly an inspiration to me. I was a young facility director in Enid and Rich was ALWAYS someone I could contact for help. I appreciated his knowledge and more importantly, I appreciated his ability to pass his knowledge to me and others. The one thing I will always remember Rich for was his zest for life! I enjoyed him and Jo playing cards at our association meetings. He will always be an inspiration to anyone who had the opportunity to meet him either professionally or personally. I'm glad God gave me the opportunity to know your husband-father. God be with you all.##imported-begin##Steven Gulick##imported-end##

February 04, 2011 at 10:32 AM



“ Rich was a great friend and wonderful person. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Steven Taylor##imported-end##

February 04, 2011 at 10:25 AM



“ Rich was such a genuinely nice person. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Sharon Autrey - ASHE##imported-end##

February 04, 2011 at 08:54 AM



“ Dear Jo and family,

Rich and I quickly became friends when he transferred to Pleasant Plains High, which as I recall was during our junior year. We had lots of laughs together doing the things small town boys did in the early 60's-cruising in his dad's 48 Cadillac, our trip to the Future Teachers of America state convention, his joining the percussion section of the band our senior year (a story in and of itself), decorating the gym for our prom, and on and on. We lost touch when he joined the Marines, but re-established it 6 years later when he moved to Phoenix, and at class reunions-what a great time we had sharing a table at our last reunion in 2003 when Rich, Dave Barnett, Bill Kinner, and I and our wives closed the place down at something like 2 a.m. Rich will truly be missed by many. Please know that I'll be lifting his family up in prayer during this time.##imported-begin##Bob Reynolds##imported-end##

February 04, 2011 at 12:21 AM



“ Reflecting on one of the best lessons Rich and Jo taught us, which is to take the time to go visit and be with our friends and family each chance we get. Sometimes life seems to get busy, but in truth we should follow his example and make time for those "in person" visits, they sustain us, comfort us and become our treasured memories through which our loved ones live on.##imported-begin##Sheila Cox##imported-end##

February 03, 2011 at 08:32 PM



“ *What wonderful memories we have of visiting with Rich in Bethalto! He and Jo came in Finez's last days to offer comfort, support and loving memory- making at a time when Buz and Savannah needed them more than they could know. Then returning again after Finez left this world, so helpful each and every day he and Jo were here in Illinois. Always a smile, a laugh, and ready to help with any project big or small, a great idea man who could find the best suggestion for making a task a little easier. Surely God must have a "to do" list waiting and Rich will have the best solutions. Katie and I will miss playing games, having a cup of coffee and a donut, and laughing with him, so we look forward to Jo heading our way when the snow melts. Love and blessings to all in Rich's family, we were so lucky to have know him.##imported-begin##Sheila Cox ##imported-end##*

February 03, 2011 at 08:20 PM



“ *There are not enough words to express the honor it has been to have had Rich in my life. Rich made our lives brighter and filled with a joy that only he could bring. I am so thankful that he was able to be with you all the years that he was, tho they were all too short. I felt him to be a brother that God blessed me with these past years. Thank you for sharing this wonderful human being with the rest of the world. There are many words that describe the make-up of this unique man: kind, giving, loving, spiritual, loyal, funny, devoted, but most important a gift from God. All my love and prayers to you, Jo - Buz##imported-begin##Buezetta (Buz) LeBlanc##imported-end##*

February 03, 2011 at 08:06 PM



“ Jo and Family, We are truly saddened by Rich's passing. It happened much to soon for all that knew and loved him. Find peace in remembering his love for our Lord and knowing he has reached the BEST place to be! We are praying that you all find comfort from the Great Comforter and your precious memories. Love, thoughts and prayers to you all. In Christ, Ingrid, Ray and Family.##imported-begin##Raymond and Ingrid Cline##imported-end##

February 03, 2011 at 01:58 PM



“ Tim, Wyatt and Family,
On behalf of your fellow National Jr. BullRiders, you are in our thoughts and prayers. We will be thinking of you and your family on Saturday.

Your BullRiding Family##imported-begin##PAUL & CONNIE MENDELL##imported-end##

February 02, 2011 at 10:00 PM



“ What can we possibly say about our friend with the big voice and an even bigger heart. We will miss our card playing and Mexican Train buddy. Rich, thank you for the good times with the Lutheran Man's Group. You will truly be missed. We love you Jo. Marlene and Whitey.##imported-begin##Marlene and Whitey Streng##imported-end##

February 02, 2011 at 07:14 PM



“ We were so very surprised and saddened to learn of the passing of Rich. Many, many fond and fun memories of good times we have shared. We are so grateful to have had him in our lives from time to time. It will be different to not have his smile, laugh and pleasant ways to be enjoyed by all. We do not understand these things but must stay grounded in our faith and be assured that someday we will all be together forever, and forever!###imported-begin###Frank and Bonnie Whipps and Granny Bel###imported-end##

February 02, 2011 at 02:19 PM



“ I didn't know him, but I have heard he was a great man. I am close with Nichole and Mike's family and my thoughts and prayers are with you all.###imported-begin###Carley McMeins###imported-end##

February 02, 2011 at 12:54 PM



“ Jo and Greg; my heart-felt sympathy is with you. Rich was a great guy and your Indiana friends are better for having known him. Take comfort in the good memories and love that he left as his legacy. Sincerely, Karen Neal###imported-begin###Karen Neal###imported-end##

February 02, 2011 at 12:22 PM



“ Jo, we were very sorry to hear of Rich's passing. I so enjoyed you all not only as neighbors, but also as good friends. Rich will be greatly missed & there is a void in my heart today. You & your family will continue to be in our prayers. Steve Riddle & Deborah Tidwell###imported-begin###Steve Riddle###imported-end##

February 02, 2011 at 11:56 AM



“ We are so very sorry to hear of Richs passing, and so grateful that we had the opportunity of knowing him. We know God will carry you and yours through this most difficult time and the days to come. You're in our thoughts and prayers. Let us know if we can help in any way.##imported-begin##Cara & Terry Reed##imported-end##

February 02, 2011 at 10:12 AM



“ My sincere sympathy on the loss of your loved one.##imported-begin##Jeneane Campbell##imported-end##

February 02, 2011 at 02:17 AM



“ Jo, I was so sorry to hear of Rich,s death. He was one of my favorite persons @ OMH. You have my deepest sympathy. He was so helpful to me while Robert was Ill. Love, Caryl. TaylorS##imported-begin##Caryl Taylor##imported-end##

February 01, 2011 at 06:30 PM



“ *Blessed be God...Father of mercies,
and the God of all comfort,who comforts
us in all our tribulation.
2Corinthians 1:3&4*

With sympathy,love and prayers during this time.

*We will miss the man who never needed a
microphone.*

*With each new day...may peace find a place in your
heart.##imported-begin##marianne doss##imported-end##*

February 01, 2011 at 05:26 PM



“ *To My Father-in-Law, Rich, you will always be in my mind and heart
now and always. You showed us all how to love, live, laugh and
forgive. Our Lord awaits you in his heavenly kingdom. God grant
you Peace and forever ending life. Love, John.*

*MSG John Joseph Julian (ARNG, Ret.)##imported-begin##John
Joseph Julian##imported-end##*

February 01, 2011 at 04:00 PM



“ Dearest Rich

How very very much you are going to be missed by all who loved you. You had a heart of gold and never saw a stranger. I was so happy that you and Jo were here last year. Sherry and I enjoyed that visit so much. You and Jo make a perfect couple and I could see how happy you were. I will always be grateful for that time. My thoughts go back to when we were kids and spent so much time together. Mom and Dad and Ebbie and Dickie would play cards and us kids would run around like little devils. Those wonderful times and will provide me with so many warm memories for as long as I live. Jo, my sympathies go out to you, the kids and all the family. Rich has you all in his arms now. May God Bless you and help you through this difficult time. Love to all Becky##imported-begin##Becky Pezod (cousin)##imported-end##

February 01, 2011 at 02:56 PM



“ Jo and Family, Our prayers are with you during this sad time. We will always remember Rich's warm and booming voice, and appreciate his strong guiding presence in our congregation. He was a blessing to many and we will miss him. Judy and Jerry Thorman##imported-begin##Judy and Jerry Thorman##imported-end##

February 01, 2011 at 01:20 PM



“ My Dear Brother! I will miss you more than anyone could know or understand. The greatest asset that you had was your heart, your love for Jo and all the kids and empathy you showed to all. My I see you in the Glories of Heaven at the time of God's calling. I know you can hear me when I talk to you, so please take care of Mom.##imported-begin##Bruce Allen##imported-end##

February 01, 2011 at 01:07 PM



“ *My deepest sympathies and condolences to the Allen family. May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ comfort you in your grief.##imported-begin##Brian Wilcox##imported-end##*

February 01, 2011 at 02:16 AM



“ *My DEAR SWEET BROTHER!!!
I will always miss you immensely. You were always there for me no matter what or how many miles were between us, I knew all I had to do was call and you would be there! God always has a bigger plan and it's not our place to question what or why! I am comforted in knowing we will be together again.*

To you Jo, when my brother marries you is when he started to live. You made him so happy and for that I thank you.##imported-begin##Cecilia Gowey##imported-end##

February 01, 2011 at 12:47 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear about Rich. For the past 18 years I had the privilege to sit behind Rich at church. He was one of the nicest people I had ever met. I know that he is in a better place now, but I will still miss sitting behind him.*

Brock##imported-begin##Brock Colombin##imported-end##

January 31, 2011 at 10:59 PM



“ You are all in our prayers. God be with you in this time of need. May you allow yourself to mourn and in time heal. Please let us know if we can do anything to help. Ege and Kate have been praying for Wyatt's heart.

Much Love,

The DeBocks##imported-begin##Dawn, Devin, Ege and Kate
DeBock##imported-end##

January 31, 2011 at 10:01 PM



“ Jo, may the Lord bless you and keep you and your family.##imported-begin##Jerry & Jeannie Remington##imported-end##

January 31, 2011 at 07:21 PM



“ Dear DAd,
I will miss you more than words can say my short time with you was not enough we had so many things still to do and say to eachother and hugs to give and get and train sets to build and golf games to play I longed to see you on a daily basis and im heart broken knowing it will be along time yet for me to be able to do thous things with you again! Im the Proudest son In the world to have had such an amazing father,mentor and friend in my life and Im proud to call myself an ALLEN and follow in your footsteps and carry on our name and over joyed that I had such a heavy heart to call you on thursday night and speak with you and hear your voice and share my joys of new employment and special someone in my life before I lost you just hours later, part of me wants to think you hung around in life to make sure I was going to be ok and my life was going to be great I will always hold that phone conversation closest to my heart and im at peace knowing your in the most amazing place ever now! Say hi to uncle dave and mom and grandma for me and always know You will be sorely missed and thought about daily! WITH ALL MY LOVE YOUR PROUD SON!
Gregory Roy Allen###imported-begin##Gregory Roy Allen###imported-end##

January 31, 2011 at 07:02 PM



“ Jo and Family - You are in our thoughts and prayers. We will miss Rich! It will seem so different not to have him sitting at the end of the long conference table for Council. He now is experiencing seeing our Savior - we are still waiting for that joyous reunion.
Yours in Christ,
Bob and Marilyn###imported-begin##Bob and Marilyn Franklin###imported-end##

January 31, 2011 at 05:32 PM



“ Jo, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

We are thankful for the time we got to have with Rich. He was a wonderful man and will be missed GREATLY!##imported-begin##Darrin Roesner Family##imported-end##

January 31, 2011 at 04:16 PM



“ we have your family in our thoughts and prayers . Rich will be truly missed.##imported-begin##Leslie & Clayton Dodge##imported-end##

January 31, 2011 at 03:58 PM



“ Jo ~ I knew Rich long before becoming a member of Trinity Lutheran. He was the 'tour guide' of OMH during my volunteer time in the 80s and then again during my LPN school year. He always made a great impression. His voice and serious nature that he gave with his duties made me be a very nervous and 'perfect' worker... for fear of having to meet Rich again. lol. Little did I know; big teddy bear was more his way. He sure did have me fooled. Then in '07 when coming to Trinity, I was given the opportunity to have him as my elder. What an honor. Rich will be missed by many, in many ways. Love you all.##imported-begin##Angela McDowell & Eric##imported-end##

January 31, 2011 at 03:50 PM



“ Rich will be missed by everyone he touched. He was a wonderful person.##imported-begin##Dan & Janet Colombin##imported-end##

January 31, 2011 at 03:36 PM



“ Jo and family,

It came too early, as I suppose it always does. I know the good Lord has a special place in Heaven for Rich ... and he deserves it. Ellen, Mom and I will miss him sitting behind us.

*Our love and prayers,
Carlisle and Ellen##imported-begin##Carlisle Mabrey III##imported-end##*

January 31, 2011 at 03:30 PM



“ No words can express the sorrow of your passing. Your humor, laughter and smile will be surely missed.##imported-begin##Becky Allen##imported-end##

January 31, 2011 at 03:19 PM



“ Jo & family, Rich will be missed by so many who knew him. You are in my prayers.##imported-begin##Becky Kirkbride##imported-end##

January 31, 2011 at 02:11 PM



“ Rich, you will be greatly missed. Your friendship and willingness to help those in need were overwhelming. Rest in peace dear Brother in Christ.##imported-begin##MaryEllen Poulin##imported-end##

January 31, 2011 at 01:52 PM



“ Rich was always so friendly and happy made a newcomer feel welcome, I will miss his strong voice and laugh.##imported-begin##Barbara Frazier##imported-end##

January 31, 2011 at 01:44 PM



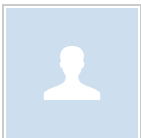
“ Jo and family, we love you very much and already miss Rich, our big, gruff, gentle hearted teddy bear. He was a man you could always count on to do what he said he would do and even more. We are so thankful for the support he gave us during the years we have been at Trinity and I thank him for the support he was to Myles, as his friend and in the Ministry. We thank you too Jo.##imported-begin##Sharon Schultz##imported-end##

January 31, 2011 at 01:24 PM



“ Beloved friend Rich will be (is) missed. I'm honored to have been called his friend and it has been and even greater honor to be his pastor.##imported-begin##Rev. Myles R. Schultz##imported-end##

January 31, 2011 at 12:44 PM



“ Sorry for your loss.Jo and family you are in our thoughts and prayers. Darrin##imported-begin##Nutrition & Food Services Department (OMH)##imported-end##

January 31, 2011 at 12:01 PM



“ *Jo and Family*

I am so sorry to hear about Rich. He was such a loving, wonderful person. He would give you the shirt off his back if you needed it. Our prayers and thoughts are with you all.

Anita and Darryl Raley###imported-begin##Anita and Darryl Raley###imported-end##

January 31, 2011 at 10:38 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my prayers.###imported-begin##EVA COLLINS###imported-end##*

January 31, 2011 at 10:08 AM



“ *Jo*
Rich will be missed. Everytime I met Rich I was greeted with a smile and a great big HELLO. Rich was a friend.###imported-begin##Tom Hart###imported-end##

January 31, 2011 at 12:05 AM



“ *It was my pleasure to get to know Rich and Jo while I worked at Trinity Lutheran Church. Rich honored God by his tireless dedication to the TLC Church Family. He was a joy to work with and leaves such a legacy. My prayers are with Jo, his Family, and TLC members.###imported-begin##Sherry Frame###imported-end##*

January 30, 2011 at 11:45 PM



“ Jo & Family,
We heard this morning of Rich's passing, what a shock. We are so sorry for your loss. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Ron, Connie, Lindsey and Casey Goedecke###imported-begin###Ron and Connie Goedecke###imported-end###

January 30, 2011 at 08:33 PM



“ Jo & family, your family is in our prayers. We are going to miss Rich very much. We was always there with a smile on his face and firm handshake wanting to know how you where doing.

We loved & will miss Rich greatly and know that we love you Jo and if you need anything please let us know.

Your Brother & Sister in Christ,
Brenda & Danny Colombin###imported-begin###Danny & Brenda Colombin###imported-end###

January 30, 2011 at 04:25 PM