

Rev. Richard J. Allen

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Allen, Rev. Richard J. age 64, died Aug. 22, 2007, at home following a long illness. Born in IL to the late Jane Margaret and Oscar Allen. He was a graduate of St. Bernard's Seminary in Rochester, NY, where he was awarded his master of divinity degree. He was ordained to the priesthood May 30, 1970, for service in the Diocese of St. Petersburg and served the parishes of St. John Vianney, St. Pete Beach; St. Mary, St. Petersburg; St. Vincent de Paul, Holiday; Cathedral of the Epiphany, Venice; St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Spring Hill; Good Shepherd, Tampa; and St. Matthew, Largo. Father Allen was a licensed Florida mental health therapist. Survivors include a brother, Thomas J. Allen and his wife, Judy; stepsister, Nancy Harwood Bulk; nephew, Thomas J. Allen II; nieces, Rebecca D. Harman and Lynn A. Rose. Reception of the body and visitation will take place Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2007, beginning at 9:30 am, at Light of Christ Catholic Church, 2176 Marilyn Street, Clearwater. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 am. Burial will follow at Sylvan Abbey Memorial Park, Clearwater. Moss Feaster Funeral Home Belcher Road Chapel Clearwater, FL 562-2070

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June 25, 2013

6-25-2013 Father Allen please help Mary Ann and Bob, they are so lost without their beloved Son, Jim. I know He is in Heaven with you and GOD. Please give them the peace they need to know that Jim is in Heaven with you and GOD. I remember the time we all went out for our Red hat lunch. We had so much fun. I miss you too. Love, Mary Louise from Michigan.

Mary Louise Charters

June 25, 2013

Father Allen is still in our hearts every Sunday at Mass when we speak his words "On my mind, on my lips and in my heart, to help us lead this Christian life." He taught us all so much about the word of God and we miss him in our lives but continue to pray for him.

Frank and Peg McDowell

June 24, 2013

You will always be missed by Tj n me.

Judy Allen

June 23, 2013

June 23, 2013

Dear Fr. Allen, It's been several years since you've left this earth but your memory is still clear and vivid to all who loved and admired you. That sure does include me. I remember well all the good times that you shared with me and all the things that you taught me along the way. I thank you and admire you for each and every one. I still miss you and wish that we would have been able to spend more time together but I know that you were suffering and it was time for God to grant you peace and rest and take you home with Him so that you could share in the richness of His Glory and the promises of everlasting joy and peace with no pain and suffering.

This past year we have lost our dear son, Jim, in a car accident. You and he had so much fun together and enjoyed each others' company so well. I am hoping that you & he have connected in Heaven and that you can continue the good times, bantering back and forth and playing your games of one up-man-ship with each other. You were such a wonderful mentor to Jim on earth and I am hoping and praying that you will continue to take him under your wing and show him the ropes up in Heaven as well. Have fun together and enjoy yourselves until I get up there to enjoy the fruits of our Heavenly Father with you.

As I ask Jim, I will also ask of you to please keep Bob & I in your prayers and a watchful eye over us.

To all your family that are left here, I hope and pray that they are well and have resolved losing you to your great reward in Heaven.

Until we meet again, my Dear One, may we keep on dancing!!

My Love & Prayers go out to you now & Always...Your Good Buddy....Marianne

November 15, 2012

May your words be on my mind, quick to my lips to help me lead a life for Christ!

September 24, 2007

Old Friend, Back in the 1970's we spent a lot of time together, not so much in recent years, but you will be sorely missed. Best wishes on your journey.

Lee Millard

September 23, 2007

Brother, over 64 years together, now you are only in my heart. From my first and someday my only real playmate me the cowboy and you always the padre, to the best man at our wedding. I have so many loving memories of you and you will be missed so much at all the family holidays that we always spent together. Thank you for sharing with me the way to the oneness blessing, now I pray for your help in reaching it's potential. Until we meet again you will always be in my heart and on my mind. love you T.J.

T.J. Allen

September 23, 2007

My favorite brother-in-law you are truly missed, the laughter, the smile and your candid ways at all our family gatherings. Once there were 4 of us then 3 now 2, until we meet again my brother you will be deeply loved and

missed.(as you always said)love, from your not only but favorite sister-in-law Judy

Judy Allen

September 20, 2007

My heart goes out to all of us who are saddened by the earthly loss of one of the most wonderful persons I have ever known. He has been my mentor, advisor, counselor, pastor but most of all, my dear FRIEND! The selfishness in me misses him and wishes so much that he were here to share in all the joking, bantering, laughter and fun (especially all the times at Steak and Shake trying to get one-upsmanship on one each other). But the selfLESSness that he so adeptly helped me to search for in myself is so very elated for him that he is truly happy now up there in Heaven having those deep conversations with all those great minds like Plato, Shakespeare, Einstein and so many others. I hope that someday I can just listen in on some of those conversations but mostly to be in his presence again listening to his laughter, wit and knowledge with our Heavenly Father and all the Angels and other Saints.

Jim

September 15, 2007

your seat will always be at our family table

September 14, 2007

Our sincerest sympathy goes out to our Dearest good Buddy's Family and Friends. But our happiness for him to be out of pain and to have reached his goal of the happiness of his true reward in Heaven overrides the sorrow we feel.

To anyone who was fortunate to have known our Dear Fr. Allen -- if for a short period of time or for much longer -- we are all blessed because of it. Each one of us learned, loved & laughed so much more because he truly gave himself to everyone he touched.

A kinder, more spiritual, more giving, more caring or more loving person would be hard to find.

He certainly made this world a better place because he was in it. What more would God ask from any of us?!

We can now all pray TO him instead of FOR him as I know that he is up there just a aingin', swingin' and swayin' with everyone and waiting for us to join him someday.

God Loves You because you sure know that I do!

Marianne & Bob Murray

September 13, 2007

When I first met Fr.Allen,he was joy and love and laughter, qualities that I did not expect from a priest. He showed me that Priests are "human" too, and taught me a lot about his religion and the love of God. This was in the days of the Clearwater Free Clinic..the 70's. What life embracing, fun times we all shared. His laughter and smile I shall never forget; the old school bus in the yard at Clearwater; always good food; playing the congo drums ; tolerance, love, radiant light. These are my very fond memories of a man who made the world a better place and left his joy and love on all he touched.

Connie Neilson

September 12, 2007

To the family of Father Allen (Dickers)

I use that name with so much care and love. Father Allen was the one that brought me back to the faith and in so many ways taught me patience for those things I can not change.

I know you are dancing with the Angels and you will be in my thoughts for the rest of my life. I can only hope that you and your parrish will meet again some day in the land of the peace.

God you Father Allen and family.

September 12, 2007

If kindness is the Key to Heaven, then you are in the Door and sitting at Table with the Lord.

Fr. Terry Fleming

September 11, 2007

Dear Family of Fr. Allen,

St. Matthews was not same after his leaving us. He truly made the Word of God come to life. I will never forget his anointings after the masses. And how he loved to 'Drench' the congregation with Holy water using the leafiest branch. I am proud to have known him.

william Slatc

September 11, 2007

I will never forget your purple shirt and red hat when we went to lunch with Marianne, Bob and Mary Joyce. You will always be one of my Red Hat Angels!!!! Love,from MICHIGAN Mary Louise

Mary Louise Charters

September 10, 2007

To My Best Friend,

Words can not express what you and your friendship has meant to me. You were always there for My Family and I. We will miss hearing you say that you are "Fat & Sassy" and "You are too Good to Me". We know that you are up there smiling down upon us. You will be greatly missed by everyone who knew and loved you.

Love Always,

Mary, Brandi & Randy Compton

September 8, 2007

Dear Dick

What you did for my children will never be forgotten The help you gave Karen and I kept us sane. Karen will miss what she calls your comforting voice and I will miss your advice and love for all. Please take care of Deanna and Tilly. All our love

Edward DeSimone

September 5, 2007

Dick will truly be missed. He was a gentle man and always smiling. We all loved to visit with him during our stay in Florida. God Bless.

John, Maria, Michael and Stephanie Alfred

September 4, 2007

"Ya knows I love ya!" See you in the "beyond" & I remember you told me I am on your Dance Card & Dance we shall! Beyond - Donna

Donna Surina

September 4, 2007

September 4, 2007

Uncle,

There will be no one like you. You were the best uncle and friend. I as well as my family will miss you everyday. Thank you for always being there. Now you are home with Nan.

Lynne-Ann Rose

September 3, 2007

Dear TJ and Judy,

I got to know Dick when I came to visit you. It was always a pleasure talking to him. He had such a wonderful sense of "yuma" I know he will be missed by you both.

Stay well,

Barbara Badarak

September 2, 2007

DYANN BERTRAND

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TO MY GREAT FRIEND,ADVISOR,FAMILY TO ME,YOU ARE AND ALWAYS,BE IN MY HEART AND MOST IMPORTANTLY...IN MY MIND.....AND MY SOUL!!!! TO T.J. AND MY OTHER BEST FRIEND JUDY ALLEN THANK YOU,FOR BEING YOU,AND MY FAMILY!!!!!!!!!! BLESS YOU!!!! I LUV YA!!!!!! DYANN. P.S. HEY THERE DICK ,SEE YA WHEN THE TIME COMES!!!!!!PUT IN A GOOD WORD FOR ME,OK PEARLY GATES AND ALL!!!!!!!!!! I WILL NEED IT...LOL REMEMBER YOU FOREVER. XXOO THE READHEAD ONE..

DYANN BERTRAND

August 30, 2007

Dear Father Richard,

What a difference you made in our lives and in so many others. We hear your voice joining in at every Mass we attend and so you are always with us. We will never forget what you meant to us and one day look forward to greeting your smiling face and joyous spirit again.

Love,
Paula and Scottie

Paula Wagoner

August 29, 2007

Dick, You will be greatly missed. A true prince and lover of life.

Greg Ryan

August 29, 2007

When I was 15, I would go to mass twice on Sundays and sit in the front row if Fr. Allen was saying the masses just so I could listen to his homilies. Many of the life lessons I use today, I learned in those Sunday masses. He was able to make even a teenager pay attention and think about what he was preaching.

Fr. Allen wasn't only a great priest, he was a great man, he gave genuine heartfelt advice even if it wasn't exactly what you wanted to hear. He was funny, caring and brutally honest. All the traits you would want in a friend.

When I think back on Fr. Allen now, I see his bright beautiful smile and it makes me smile. He had a great smile. Of course I am sad he is gone, but I'm glad he is not suffering.

It was a blessing getting to know you Fr. Allen and I am sure one day in heaven I will see you again so don't forget to save me a seat in the front row.

August 29, 2007

Tom and Dickie Brotherly Love

August 29, 2007

FR RICHARD ALLEN

August 28, 2007

My beloved friend, Dick,
Anyone who knew you would know love. For certainly you were love. You, more than any other person, helped me to earn my wing. Yes, I know I have one wing, and as you have told me I must earn the other on my own. You have have left your imprint on my heart and my soul. I will never get over the impact of losing you, but because of you I have the strength to carry on. I must say you do everything with a flare!!! I remember the phone call about a month ago when you said "you loved me, and you were under "Hospice Care" and that they say you had 3 or 4 months. Well leave it to you to go out with a bang. You had class and nobility besides a loving, kind and caring heart. I will always pray for you and pray because of you. I can not wait to meet you again! I know that Dude and BW were waiting on Rainbow's Bridge to help you cross, I hope you saw my beloved "Chaos" there too. Your beloved "brat friend" Mary Angiollo

Mary Angiollo

August 28, 2007

A wonderful man who helped my family in so many ways through counselling, emotional support, and faith, Father Allen will always be remembered and missed. He gave each mass so much life and meaning like nothing I have experienced since. He blessed my eldest son and even my cat one time! I will forever hold a special place in my heart for him. God Bless You Always, Father Allen!

Kimberly Prawl-Kunze

August 28, 2007

Father Allen was my friend. He was a my mentor. He was my guide through troubled times. but above all of this Father Allen was a man of

god. He taught me, and many others, that god was in all of us. He showed us that we were all part of God's creation.

I will miss him but only because knowing him these 20 years was not enough. I have no doubt he is in heaven right now, breaking the rules and spreading his love.

I will miss you my friend, until we meet again.

Eddie Schneider

August 28, 2007

Father Allen truly understood his role as priest. He followed in the footsteps of Christ, looked back and invited all he encountered to join the dance. It was always important to him to look beyond the surface to the heart and soul of a person.

He reminded us that in all situations joy could be found somewhere. He danced down the aisle on a Christmas Eve never letting on to the community that his dog had died that day.

My children would be a little less today if Fr. Allen had not been there for them in some really difficult times. He is family.

Fr. Allen taught me so many of the skills I use in my ministry today. He will never be forgotten. Fr. Allen did love Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Those of us who shared in his life know that his favorite picture of her was Our Lady of the Ways.

I know that you are happy Father, but allow us to be sad for a while as we celebrate your life but are missing your presence among us.

Jeanne Schneider

August 28, 2007

I shall remember forever not only your generous heart but your great wit. I shall also treasure forever your answer to the question, "How are you?" with your answer being, " fat and sassy". I would not have wanted any other answer than that one. God has brought many wonderful people into my life, and you my friend, are indeed one of them. I shall miss hearing your voice and seeing your smiling face.

Love,
Mary-Beth

Mary-Beth Hempfling

August 28, 2007

Working for Fr. Allen was interesting to say the least, but I was always assured of a wonderful smile from a generous man whose love for the Lord was as big as his heart! You will be missed Papa-San.

Donna Day

August 27, 2007

When we first heard that you would be our new Pastor at St. Matthew, we have to admit...your reputation preceded you and we were a little nervous! However, within minutes of meeting you, we knew that we had not only a new pastor but a life-long friend dance into our world.

From books (Borders will never be the same without you!), to music (we'll never hear another blues rift without thinking of you!), to food (you've got to be kidding...fried shrimp heads?), to our shared faith - we thank you that our life journey has forever been changed and colored by all that you taught us.

Your presence in our lives has been one of our greatest gifts from God. Your love modeled Jesus for us, your support modeled friendship for us, and your laughter modeled life for us.

We will honor and cherish our memories of you forever....the man....the priest....the legend!

You will always be in our hearts & prayers until we meet again.

We love you,

Ron & Ruth Appel

August 27, 2007

Quote by Teresa of Avila - may be copyrighted so I won't submit that. I'll just say through Father Allen's eyes, Christ's compassion and love looked out on the world. I, unmistakably experienced that. Also Father Allen opened his hands to all - the emphasis he placed on family and community, his wonderful sermons, his speaking out in defense of justice and right - his whole ministry was about opening Christ's hands to all. I'll always treasure the difference he made in my life. God has taken him home and He knows best, but I still wish Father Allen could have stayed with us longer.

Max Felling

August 27, 2007

You are now blessing all of us from heaven just as you blessed us while you were here! You made a difference in our lives and we THANK YOU. We will never forget you and will pray for you always. Love, Allan & Anne Thompson, Charles & Mary Webster, Spring Hill, Fl.

August 27, 2007

Fr. Allen gave us pre-cana counseling and we were saddened when he hurt himself right before the wedding so he couldn't perform the ceremony. My husband and I learned a lot from him as his counseling honest and useful. At St. Matthews I always admired his homilies. They made you think about your faith that it should be active. And I can see him dancing at the Easter vigil mass. Fr. Allen, I know you are dancing with the Lord and his angels today. Rest in peace

Sarah and Laszlo Varga

August 27, 2007

Becky, I am saddened to hear of the loss of your uncle. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Trese Zint-Siek

August 26, 2007

Fr. Allen, after you baptized our daughter, I don't think you knew how you continued to give us renewed faith and help, in turn with our autistic son. Thanks for all the sign language lessons.. you were missed when you left St. Matthew's in largo. you will continue to be missed..

Roseanne, Glen, Christian,& Sarah Hardy

August 26, 2007

Fr. Dick Allen was an amazing person. His love of life and of the Lord radiated from him and embraced all who knew him.

I have many fond memories of Fr. Allen throughout my life. He was a source of joy, comfort and wisdom. For many years, he was like a member of my own family. I remember when my house burnt down, Fr. Allen was there to comfort my family and teach important lessons about charity and life.

I am sure that the Lord has welcomed him home and he is dancing in the aisles of heaven today.

I hope his family finds comfort knowing that his life and actions touched many people in this community, and many lives (mine included) were made better by knowing this great man.

Allyson Schneider

August 26, 2007

Dear "Dickers" You have always been a special part of our lives. You will be greatly missed by all that loved you. You were a wonderful friend and confidante. Everytime we eat Sushi we will be thinking of you and all the laughs we have had through the last 25 years. Our hearts are broken, but we know that you are in a better place and you will not suffer any more pain. You are gone...but you will never be forgotten. You made such an impact on so many lives. You were a loving, caring, kind and considerate person. You are with God now and I know you will shine that beautiful smile down to all those that loved you. You are forever in our prayers.
Barbara & Richie Ramsauer

BARBARA RAMSAUER

August 26, 2007

Brothers forever

August 26, 2007

head of the table

August 26, 2007

good times with family and friends

August 26, 2007

Dick, dear friend, go "Into the Mystic" where you will be greeted with much love but missed greatly here on earth. You touched my heart, soul and spirituality deeply. I will love you always and keep you and those who loved you in my thoughts and prayers. We mourn your presence in our lives but know you are dancing with joy as you continue to watch over us!

Namaste dear Dick!

XO

Kim Ann Callan

August 26, 2007

There will never be enough colorful words to describe you and the love you gave so freely. You were very loved by your family and we sorry for our

loss, but happy that you are home and no longer suffering. God bless, and
indeed, sweet rest.

Cindy and Craig Koppen

August 26, 2007

A friend that has passed, but will always be remembered.

Dr. John and Helen Conklin

August 25, 2007

Fr. Allen dancing down the aisle at the children's Christmas Mass with all
the kids and the banners they made

Carrying my youngest daughter around the church in his arms while
giving his homily

All the kids around the altar at all his Masses.

His speaking was passionate, eloquent and spellbinding. The feeling of
loss when he was transferred from St. Francis Cabrini. The "teddy bear"
will never be forgotten! God bless and sweet rest.

Bernadette Gawerecki

August 25, 2007

life will never be the same again. u will be deeply missed by one and all.

kenneth huber

August 25, 2007

WE ENJOYED FATHER ALLEN VERY MUCH WHILE WE WERE IN LARGO

AT ST. MATTHEW'S. OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH HIM AND THE FAMILY. I DON'T UNDERSTAND MUCH SIGNING BUT ENJOYED HIM SIGNING THE MASS AS HE CELEBRATED IT.

JOE AND ROSETTA SPAZIANO

August 25, 2007

Father Allen was such a special man and I am sorry to hear of his passing. Our family missed him greatly when he left St. Matthew's and I will miss just knowing he is among us. Rest in peace.

Lisa Sullivan

August 25, 2007

What can I say except a great man has gone home. He will be missed.

Anne Ryan

August 25, 2007

Father Allen was the best homilist I've heard in the Catholic church. I was proud to bring people to St. Matthews just to hear Father Allen preach. He was totally gentle and forgiving to everyone. This is truly one person God will welcome to his kingdom. My wife and I were fortunate to enjoy his company the past few years, we will miss him greatly.

Joseph & Lillian Laukaitis

August 25, 2007

We extend our condolences to Father Allen's family and friends. He was a very special part of our family having married us 22 years ago, baptized our son, buried Mom and ministered to our hearts at many a mass and confession. He had such a wonderful relationship with the Lord and was able to share the Lord's words in such a way that the common man could understand it and relate to it in this day and age. He had a gift for teaching and healing and his hugs always made everything better for you. He will forever be in our hearts and our prayers. He will always be loved and remembered. Welcome home Father Allen.

Frank and Peg McDowell

August 25, 2007

Fr Allen was a wonderful spiritual teacher...he presided over the Pre Cana class my husband & I took at St Frances almost 12 yrs ago & we were sorry to see him move on to another parish before he was able to celebrate our wedding mass. We are happily married for 10 yrs now but still use his teachings to strengthen our union...our favorite has always been his "sexy roommates" example! I take comfort in knowing that he is now with our God. My sympathies to his family.

Marikay Morel

August 25, 2007

Fr. Allen was a special person. He was a wonderful pastor at St. Matthew and we really missed him. We admired him for his caring for the downtrodden. Rest in peace.

Paul and Linda Coe

August 25, 2007

Richard was a bright, humorous, loving man. He was an intelligent student, always stimulating others to think critically, to reach further, to dream again. He assisted me in the marriage ceremony of my youngest son to his wife, and celebrated the births of their children. The thread of his presence in all of the Fears' family lives is a precious one. We celebrate his contributions to the lives of thousands of others with his special spirit and loving energy.

Sherry Fears

August 25, 2007

Dick, you will be greatly missed. Like a bright shining star, you returned to the Fathers House. May God reward you with the Beatific Vision you believed in and labored for.

Edward Lamp

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