



## Donald William Allen

September 3, 1942 - October 15, 2024

Donald William Allen, 82, a longtime Miami resident passed away at his home surrounded by his family on Tuesday, October 15, 2024. Don was born on September 3, 1942, in Joplin, Missouri to William Grant and Mary Margaret (Russell) Allen. Don married the love of his life on August 30, 1961, in Muskogee, Oklahoma Sharron Cantrell. Don attained his bachelor's in education, he taught at Miami Public Schools until his retirement. Don also was a pilot and sold insurance with Bob Garwood. Most recently Don was a real estate agent with David Davis. He and Sheri were members at First Christian Church. Don was a member of the Miami Masonic Lodge, was a 32nd Degree Mason, a member of the Adkar Shriners, and the Scottish Rite Consistory in Tulsa. Preceding Don in passing was his parents William and Mary Allen, his son Ryan Allen, a grandson Grant Ryan Jackson, and Brother Ron Allen.

Those who will share Don's memory are his wife of sixty-three years, Sheri Allen, his daughters Kelly Wright and her husband Robert , Lorry Jackson and her husband Dusty, his grand children Kylee Boyd and her husband Jordan, Hilary Chase, Hunter Wright and his wife Alyssa and Lily Ryan Jackson, his great grandchildren, Eli Bunch, Luke Chase, Norah Chase, Nova Boyd and Ella Boyd, a brother CB Russell and nieces Brooke and Lindsey.

Don's Celebration of Life will be 4:00 PM on Saturday, October 19, 2024, at First Christian Church in Miami with his grandson Minister Hunter Wright and Minister Leon Weece officiating. Services have been placed in the care of Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Miami.

The family has asked that in lieu of flowers that memorial contributions be made to First Christian Church in Miami.

Friends and family may send the family notes of encouragement by viewing Don's Tribute Page at [www.brown-winters.com](http://www.brown-winters.com).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

OCT 19. 4:00 PM (CT)

First Christian Church of Miami  
2424 North Main  
Miami, OK 74354  
(918) 542-9816  
<http://www.fccmiamiok.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Donald William Allen.* ”



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October 18, 2024 at 08:11 AM



“ *I was glad to have known Don for several years. I was glad to have worked with him in the school district. I was glad to have him as a friend, but more glad to call him my friend. You'll be missed, Odis England.* ”

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**Connie JO England** - October 17, 2024 at 06:01 PM

CR

“ I was fortunate to have Mary Margaret and Bill Allen as my Aunt and Uncle. Aunt Margaret was one of 3 sisters to my father. When times were tough for me as a 15 year old they took me into their home and treated me like their son. I had met Don before but did not get to know him until I moved to Miami. Don treated me with open arms, helped me get some summer jobs while in High School and later a job at The Hub, a men' clothing store. He got me a job during the summers with a beer distribution company and for a 16 year old that was a lot of fun.

He came to my football games and always encouraged me to do the best I could. Over time we did become very close and I truly thought of him as my brother. Over time we did not see each other very often, but we did talk on the phone regularly.

There is an old saying. " Do not put off till tomorrow things you can do today; for we know not what tomorrow has in store for us." We often talked on the phone and talked about us coming to Miami or Don and Sherri coming to Yukon Oklahoma. I truly regret not getting in the car and going to Miami to see Don, Sherri and all the cousins I have there. I know Don is in Heaven and look forward to seeing him when I arrive. May God bless you, Sherri and all of your family.

C. B. Russell

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C.B. Russell - October 17, 2024 at 04:59 PM

MP

Don was a sweet sweet man! So sorry he has had to suffer! No more suffering! Love to u Sherri and ur children and grandchildren!  
Margie Panter

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margie Panter - October 19, 2024 at 12:19 PM

W8

“ Wardog Class of 83 planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald William Allen.

Wardog Class of 83 - October 17, 2024 at 04:11 PM

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“ Wardog Class of 83 purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Donald William Allen.



Wardog Class of 83 - October 17, 2024 at 04:11 PM

JB

“ Jimmie Bond lit a candle in memory of Donald William Allen



Jimmie Bond - October 17, 2024 at 11:08 AM

RC

He was a super great man who will be greatly missed prayers for his family

Rob Childers - October 18, 2024 at 10:45 AM