



Dorace Ann Allen

July 26, 1934 - January 14, 2023

Dorace Ann Raney Allen, 88, passed away peacefully on January 14, 2023 after failing health and a sudden fall. She was born July 26, 1934 on the family farm north of Mt. Pleasant, Texas to the late Inez Perkins Raney and T.O. (Buck) Raney. The oldest of four children, Dorace was gregarious and hard-working. Her formative years were spent on the farm helping with farm chores, riding horses, sewing, playing piano and enjoying the company of family and friends. Early on she was church pianist, and music became a life passion. In June of 1950 she enrolled in East Texas State Teachers College in Commerce, Texas to fulfill her dream of being a teacher. She completed her Bachelor's degree in Education and later a Master's degree in Supervision from the University of Houston in Clear Lake. While in Commerce, she met and married Joseph Wyatt Allen in 1953.

After college, she and Joe moved around on his tour of duty with the air force. After military duty, the couple moved to Mt. Pleasant, Texas. They both taught school until a visit with friends in Lake Jackson, Texas prompted Joe to apply for a position at Dow Chemical Company in 1959. They made Lake Jackson home raising four children with Joe working at Dow and Dorace teaching school for BISD. She enjoyed 30 successful years teaching at Elizabeth Ney Elementary. She loved to work with and encouraged her students and stayed in touch with many of them. Dorace was an active member of First Christian Church. She served as organist, pianist, teacher and member of the church

board. She joined Alpha Delta Kappa and served as president of two chapters as well as other positions. She and Joe enjoyed reading, being with family, traveling and for a few years, Square Dancing. They were married 61 years.

In 2017 Dorace moved to The Carriage Inn in Lake Jackson and in 2021 moved to The Hamptons Assisted Living Community in Tyler, Texas to be near family. Wherever she lived, she made friends easily, found a place to serve, blessed others with her piano playing and was much beloved. Her tenacity and heart-warming nature will be dearly missed.

Dorace is predeceased by her husband, Joseph Wyatt Allen

Survivors are children, Myra Robison (Mike) of Tyler, Jay Allen of Lake Jackson, Betty Sterling (Dr. Jim) of College Station and Nancy Allen of Tyler; siblings, Richard Raney (Doylene) of Leander, Vera Woffard (Dr. Jerry) of Midlothian and Don Raney (Tricia) of Parker; grandchildren, Jessica Dowell (Austin) of Bullard, John Robison (Megan) of Poynor, Emily Welch (Tanner) of Bullard, Jonathan Sterling (E-shyh) of Seattle, WA, and Elizabeth Seidenberg (John) of Westminster, CO; 10 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

The family want to thank the staff at Hospice of East Texas and the staff at The Hamptons Assisted Living Community for their kindness and compassionate care.

Services will be held on Friday, January 20, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. at Stewart Family Funeral Home in Tyler, Texas. Visitation will start one hour prior to service at the funeral home. Graveside services will be held on Saturday, January 21, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. at Chapelwood Memorial Gardens in Texarkana, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the church or charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 20. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Service

JAN 20. 2:00 PM (CT)

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7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
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Graveside Service

JAN 21. 1:00 PM (CT)

Chapelwood Memorial Gardens
1001 N. Kings Highway
Texarkana, TX 75501

Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dorace Ann Allen



Stewart Family Funeral Home - January 17, 2023 at 04:06 PM

SW

Dorace was such a beautiful lady, inside and out. The faith and love she had radiated through and around her. She was one of the sweetest, kindest, thoughtful, and most loving women I ever had the pleasure of knowing. She loved her family and friends very much, as she did them. Dorace will truly be so missed, she definitely was a gift from heaven on earth.

*Sincerely,
Sherry Williams*

Sherry Williams - January 18, 2023 at 02:05 PM

SL

“ *Debbie and I send our condolences to the family. Dorace was a dear family friend and was my mom's best friend for many years. She was very loyal to my mom even when mom was struggling with dementia We will remember her as a kind, gentle, and loving person. RIP sweet Dorace. You will be missed.*

Steve Lepper

Steve Lepper - January 22, 2023 at 08:02 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Dorace Ann Allen.*



January 19, 2023 at 01:29 PM



“ *Creekside Prayer Group purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Dorace Ann Allen.*



Creekside Prayer Group - January 19, 2023 at 11:55 AM



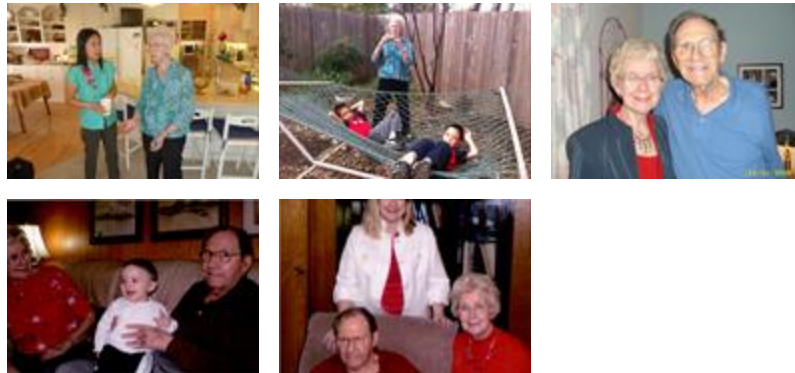
“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dorace Ann Allen.*



January 19, 2023 at 11:44 AM

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“ 16 files added to the album Dorace



Kris Raney - January 18, 2023 at 10:46 PM

HP

“ Dorace was a treasure. I loved the songs she played at church. She knew the song I loved and played it often. She was the organist at my wedding. Such an amazing woman.

Heather Parrott - January 18, 2023 at 08:30 PM

FF

“ from the Richard & Doylene Raney family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Dorace Ann Allen.



from the Richard & Doylene Raney family - January 18, 2023 at 06:47 PM

CC

“ *Dorace was such a warm, lovely woman. I knew her as a child as Jay’s mom at church, and through the school district as an adult. Never ran into her that she wasn’t cheerful, sweet, and full of laughter. So sorry her bright spirit has left this world.*

Cathy Crabtree - January 18, 2023 at 08:31 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Dorace Ann Allen.*



January 17, 2023 at 09:15 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Dorace Ann Allen.*



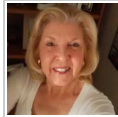
January 17, 2023 at 07:17 PM



“ 136 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - January 17, 2023 at 04:04 PM



One of the sweetest ladies I have ever known. These pictures and memories show just how beautiful a lady she was. Only met her a few times but those few times were a sheer pleasure. You will be missed beautiful lady. Love and prayers to family, especially Emily, Tanner & girls and her Dad, Jay.

Mary Sargent - January 18, 2023 at 10:16 AM