



Loma Otwood Allen Jr.

January 28, 1931 - January 18, 2026

Services for Loma O. Allen Jr., 94, of Tyler will be held on Thursday, February 12, 2026, at 2:00pm, Reception will follow from 3:00pm-5:00pm, at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy, Tyler, TX 75703 with Pastor Warren Ethridge, officiating. Military burial services will be held Friday, February 13, 2026, at 2:00pm at DFW National Cemetery in Dallas, TX under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Mr. Allen passed away Sunday, January 18, 2026, in Tyler.

He was born January 28, 1931, in Goldsboro NC to Myrtle Edgerton Allen and Loma Otwood Allen, Sr. Loma was preceded in death by his mother, Myrtle Edgerton Allen, father, Loma Otwood Allen Sr., and sister Rachel Allen Cooper. He is survived by his loving family, including his wife, Geneva G. Allen; daughter, Korby Allen Duchelle; and son, Kenneth Clark Allen. Loma and Geneva were members of the Woods Baptist Church in Tyler.

Visitation is scheduled from 5:00-7:00pm, Wednesday, February 11, at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway in Tyler.

Among Loma's many life achievements listed below, his self-proclaimed greatest achievement was his 45 year marriage to his wife, Geneva G. Allen, whom he dearly loved.

- 1951 Citadel Military College: Star of the West Medal Winner, Cadet Captain, Distinguished Military Student/Graduate, Bond volunteers, Summerall Guards, American Student Leader, Who's Who in American Colleges & Universities, Editor of The Sphinx, President of the South Carolina Westminster Fellowship Synod, Battery Honor Cadet 1951 ROTC Summer Camp at Fort Bliss, Texas.
- 1952 Citadel Military College graduate: Political Science & International Relations
- 1952 Commissioned ROTC
- 1953-1955 Served in Korean War: Artillery Battery Commander
- 1957 Air Defense Artillery School: Ft Sill, Oklahoma
- 1958 Asst. Operations Officer: Infantry Brigade Artillery Support
- 1961 University of Arizona Graduate: BS Degree Aerospace Engineering
- 1962 R&D Low Altitude Guided Missile Systems: Ft Bliss, TX
- 1964 Command & General Staff College: Ft Leavenworth, KS
- 1966 Studied at Defense Language Institute; Arabic: Monterey, CA
- 1967 Deployed to Saudi Arabia: Hawk Missile System AD Adviser
- 1968 Served in Viet Nam War: Artillery Battalion Commander
- 1970 Artillery Battalion Commander: Merrill Barracks, Nuremberg, Germany
- 1971 US Army War College: Carlisle, PA
- 1972 Shippensburg University: Shippensburg, PA: Master's Degree in Public Administration
- 1973-1977 Deputy Director of Race Relations: Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
- 1974-1977 VP National Alliance of Business: Head of National Jobs For Veterans
- 1978-1992 Director Public Affairs: Continental Telephone (ConTel)
- Served over 25 years in the US Army; achieved the rank of Colonel.
- Instructor of Mathematics, Survey & Practical Astronomy at Artillery & Missile School
- Chief of Research & Analysis Division at Artillery & Missile Center
- Chief of Education Branch of Artillery Career Management Office
- Chief of Unit Training Division ACSFOR

- Director of Equal Opportunity Programs of the Army in the Pentagon
- Awarded Legion of Merit with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters
- Awarded Bronze Star Medal with V device & 2 Oak Leaf Clusters
- Awarded Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster
- Awarded Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster
- Instrumental in separation of Artillery Branch into Air Defense Branch & Field Artillery Branch
- Master Mason at Masonic Lodge; William R. Singleton-Hope-Lebanon Lodge #7 in Washington D.C.
- Member of Dallas Scottish Rite; 32 degree Free Masonry
- Member of Disabled American Veterans: Chapter: Woodrow Wilson #6
- Member Military Officers Assoc. of America: Ark-La-Tex Chapter
- Member Almas Hella Shrine of Garland, TX.
- Member 14th Field Artillery Assoc.
- Member of National Sojourners: Harrisburg Chapter #76
- Member of the American Legion, Post 12, of Tyler, Texas.
- Lifetime member Citadel Alumni Association
- Founding member of the US Army Historical Foundation & National Museum
- Lifetime Member US Army War College Alumni Association & War College Foundation
- VP National Alliance of Businessmen
- Chairman, City of Dallas Manpower Planning Commission
- Chairman, City of Dallas Private Industry Council

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 11. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Service

FEB 12. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tyler, TX 75703
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Graveside Service

FEB 13. 2:00 PM (CT)

DFW National Cemetery
2000 Mountain Creek Pkwy
Dallas, TX 75211

Tribute Wall



“ *Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Loma Otwood Allen Jr.*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - February 10 at 01:44 PM



“ *Uncle Loma lived a remarkable life of service, leadership, and dedication. Reading through his accomplishments is inspiring, but what stood out most to me was his humble and kind demeanor and the deep love he had for his family and for Neva. I'm so grateful I had the opportunity to spend time with him and hear a bit of his story firsthand. His legacy of strength, integrity, and service will continue to live on in all of us. Sending love and prayers to all in our family during this time.*

What a special man.

Willy Hess - February 15 at 11:17 AM



“ *Willy Tammie William purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Loma Otwood Allen Jr..*



Willy Tammie William - February 11 at 11:10 PM

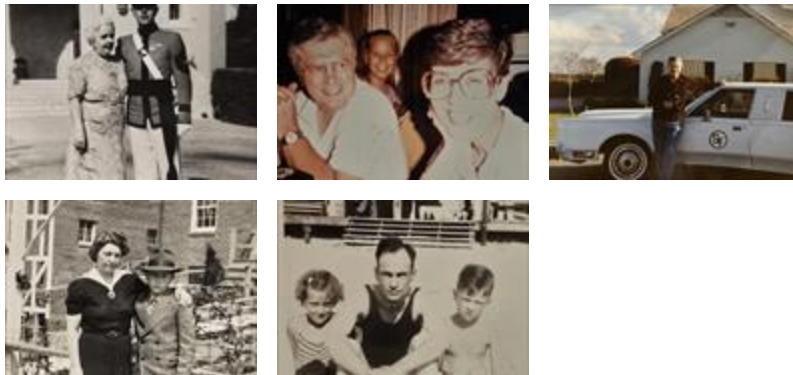
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“ Willy Tammie William planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Loma Otwood Allen Jr..

Willy Tammie William - February 11 at 11:10 PM

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“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



Tammie - February 11 at 11:04 PM

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“ *"Uncle Loma Allen was more than just a decorated soldier to us; he was a steady, reliable presence who always knew how to lead the way. He brought the same organized and disciplined approach from being in the Army home to our family, and we all looked up to him for it. Even with all his medals and accomplishments, he was a down-to-earth man who showed us what it meant to live with real honor. He was a strong, brave person we could always count on, and we're going to miss his wise advice and his calm way of handling whatever life threw at him. Rest easy, Uncle; we've got it from here."*

Tammie - February 11 at 10:47 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Tina Allen - February 10 at 09:40 PM

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“ *Dad, I will miss you so much. You have shown me such love and support over the last 39 years. One of the greatest gifts you gave me, besides your love, is your son. Ken is so much like you, how lucky am I. You have always been there for your family and your friends. One of the things you loved most was your family. I remember the day when you pulled me aside and said going forward, I want you to call me Dad, because are my daughter. That meant the world to me. Thank you for all the wonderful memories, all the love, all the support and your guidance. You have lived such an amazing life and have accomplished so much. I am so proud of who you are, Thank you for your Service Colonel Allen. I'll miss you and I love you, Tina Allen*

Tina Allen - February 10 at 09:35 PM

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Tina Allen - February 10 at 09:37 PM



“ 83 files added to the album Life Tributes



Stewart Family Funeral Home - February 10 at 12:39 PM

TH

“ *Such a wonderful person. Tom and Theresa Harman*

Theresa Harman - February 06 at 04:20 PM

MF

“ *My condolences to the family of Loma Allen...thank you for your service to our country...God Bless you...thank you for your wonderful son Ken ..he is a great person an a wonderful husband to my daughter Tina...Tina loves you an Neva.. she talks about the love you both show her... prayers for all your family...RIP 🙏🙏🙏❤️*
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Mike & Barbara Fisher - February 03 at 03:45 PM

GE

“ Uncle Loma ... seems surreal that you gained your wings, and are now praising Jesus along with Mother, Daddy, Ernie, Memaw, Pepaw, Aunt Alice, Uncle Don and many other family members on the Allen side and Gullatt side of our family. I know you wouldn't change this, but goodness, you are missed every day.

I was extremely blessed to have you in my life for the last 46 years, give or take. You listened to me, advised me, offered a shoulder to cry on when I needed it, and loved Chelsea and me, unconditionally. You will be fondly remembered and your presence will be greatly missed as we try and adjust to our lives without you. You are the kindest, most giving and accepting, gentleman I have ever known. Another person commented on your positivity, and I want to second their opinion! You are the epitome of a positive role model to my family and me. Such a blessing to all of us, sir.

One of my earliest memories of you once you married Neva and joined our family, is sailing on the Chesapeake Bay with you, your brother-in-law, Ernie, and Aunt Nenie. Recent memories include visiting with you every day these last months on the phone and in person.

You, Uncle Loma, are a giant of a man, our hero ... to Ken, Tina, Chelsea, my Mother and Daddy, my brothers and their families, my cousins and their families, our precious Aunt Nenie, and me 📍 We love you, always have and always will, until we see you again 💕💕



Gayle Epperson - February 02 at 07:30 PM

MK

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Michael Katzman - January 27 at 04:03 PM

JS

“ What an amazing life story! We met Neva and Loma when we moved next door to them 5 years ago. He was always so sweet, always had a positive attitude, and made sure to ask about our family. We couldn't have asked for a better neighbor! Praying for God's comfort and peace for your family during this difficult time.
Robert and Jana Smith

jana smith - January 26 at 10:58 PM

KG

“ I met Loma and his lovely wife a few years ago and I instantly knew he was the most interesting man I had ever met. Also, I totally charmer. It's no wonder he was able to get NeNe to marry him and make a life. I encouraged him to record his memoir so his family could pass it down. He was a great man. The world lost one of the good ones when he passed.

keena smotherman greyling - January 22 at 11:10 PM



“ Thank you for always being there, Unc! We will forever treasure our memories with you. You are already missed so much! See you when we get there. May you rest in eternal peace.



Candi-David Gullatt - January 22 at 10:58 PM



“ We will love and miss you beyond words Uncle Loma! Give Mumsie a hug from all of us ❤️



April Gullatt - January 21 at 06:46 PM