



James Benton Allen, Sr.

February 24, 1936 - September 28, 2019

James Benton Allen, Sr., age 83, of Clinton, was born February 24, 1936 in Jerusalem, the 2nd of eight children, passed from this life September 28, 2019 at Perry County Nursing and Rehab Center.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Andy and Marylou Allen; two sisters: Lola Ulrey and Judy Freeman; and great grandson, Stone Martin.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years: Geraldine Wilson Allen; five children: J. Benton (Susie) Allen, Jr. of Gilbert, Sonja Allen (Tom) Drew of Clinton; J. Dean (Kendra) Allen of Rangely, Colorado, Katrina Allen (Harrell) Hosman of Greenbrier, and Kandi Allen (Jeff Matthews) of Conway; along with 14 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by four sisters: Mary Ann Fowler, Evelyn Baxley, Rita Gipson, and Gloria Seward; and one brother: Paul David Allen.

Benton was a Christian and a lifelong educator having gained a Bachelor of Arts and Master's Degree in Education from Harding University and University of Arkansas. He began his career as an English teacher then later Superintendent and Adult Basic Education Supervisor for GED programs in the State. He was a member of the Church of Christ and loved A Capella singing. He especially loved to lead singing. He loved his heritage, where he grew up and his family background, always talking about Granny's Hollow, Pleasant View Community near Jerusalem. He was known at the nursing home as "Benton from Clinton". Pallbearers are grandsons: Bo Allen, Josh Allen, Jared McCormac, Ryan Lewis, Gavin Drew, Drew Canterbury, Dalton

Dembowski, and James Benton Allen, III. The family wants to give a special thank you to Perry County Nursing and Rehab Center staff.

Funeral service will be 11:00 a.m. Thursday, October 3, 2019 at Jerusalem Church of Christ with Benton Allen, Jr. and Dean Allen officiating. Burial will be at Cedar Creek Cemetery. Family will receive friends one hour prior to the funeral service at the church.

Cemetery Details

Cedar Creek Cemetery

Jerusalem, AR

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Jerusalem Church of Christ
463 AR - 124
Jerusalem, AR 72080

Funeral Service

OCT 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *James Benton Allen, Sr.*

January 30, 2023 at 02:08 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers for you all.*

Shirley Frye - October 04, 2019 at 02:29 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James Benton Allen, Sr..*



October 02, 2019 at 02:29 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James Benton Allen, Sr..*



October 02, 2019 at 11:01 AM

GF

“ Greg and Jennifer Freeman Family purchased the Fairest of All for the family of James Benton Allen, Sr..



Greg and Jennifer Freeman Family - October 02, 2019 at 12:16 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of James Benton Allen, Sr..



October 01, 2019 at 11:01 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of James Benton Allen, Sr..



October 01, 2019 at 01:33 PM

TS

“ The Conway OB-GYN Clinic Physicans and Staff purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James Benton Allen, Sr..



The Conway OB-GYN Clinic Physicans and Staff - October 01, 2019 at 12:31 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Benton Allen, Sr..*



September 30, 2019 at 09:31 PM



“ *The Hennermans purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of James Benton Allen, Sr..*



The Hennermans - September 30, 2019 at 01:42 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of James Benton Allen, Sr..*



September 30, 2019 at 12:34 PM



“ *Loved when he came up to his parents old home place and would stop by and visit with us and share a little bit of history.*

Kay "Wiley" Eastridge - September 30, 2019 at 11:13 AM



“ *So sorry to hear prayers to all the family he was a great man*

Reba Rooney - September 30, 2019 at 10:32 AM

PW

“ *My mom Pauline Clark Litland worked in Patti Cobb cafeteria with him during her only year there. She spoke fondly of the good times they had. Prayers for the family, especially for my friend Sonja.*

paula litland walker - September 29, 2019 at 11:07 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of James Benton Allen, Sr..*



September 29, 2019 at 10:20 PM

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“ *My thoughts and prayers are with each and every one of you! Hold onto your memories until we see him in Heaven! What a Day That Will Be!*

Nel Fastenau - September 29, 2019 at 09:24 PM