



Allen Kimbrough

March 2, 1953 - October 17, 2022

Allen Wayne Kimbrough, age 69, of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, died at his home on October 17, 2022. Allen was born March 2, 1953, in Childress, Texas. While a teenager, he began lifelong practices of cultivating friends in many communities and being involved in church life. He served as President of the Youth Council of the North Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church. He graduated from Siloam Springs High School, then enrolled at John Brown University. He transferred to Hendrix College, where he received a bachelor's degree in English with honors in 1975. While at Hendrix, Allen sang in the Hendrix College Choir and continued the training which made him an accomplished pianist and organist. Following graduation from Hendrix, he received his J.D. degree with honors in 1978 from Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, where he was a Hatton Sumners Scholar and a member of Order of the Coif.

Allen began the private practice of law in Dallas, Texas. He was an active member of the Texas Bar Association, the Young Lawyers Division of the American Bar Association, and the American Bar Association. He was active in Church of the Incarnation in Dallas, where he served as Assistant Organist and sang in the choir. Allen was active in several arts organizations in Dallas, helping the Dallas Symphony with the opening of its new concert hall in 1989.

Allen was a member of the American Bar Association Board of Governors

from 1984–87. He later served as Executive Director of the Nevada Bar Association and then Executive Director of the Maricopa County Bar Association in Phoenix, Arizona. He retired in 2020 and moved from his home in Nevada to Siloam Springs, Arkansas, where he continued to be an ardent Razorback fan. He became active in the community, serving on the board of the Siloam Springs Museum and being a member of the vestry and choir of Grace Episcopal Church.

Allen was preceded in death by his mother Dr. Brownie Mitchell Kimbrough and his father Wade Elvin Kimbrough. He is survived by his former spouse Meredythe Kimbrough of Dallas, Texas, cousins, and dear friends.

A memorial service will be held on November 11, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. CT at Grace Episcopal Church in Siloam Springs, Arkansas with Reverend Stanley A. McKinnon officiating with a reception following the service. Arrangements are under the direction of Wasson Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to Hendrix College, 1600 Washington Avenue, Conway, AR 72032, or Grace Episcopal Church, P. O. Box 767, Siloam Springs, AR 72761.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

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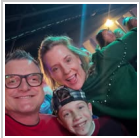
Grace Episcopal Church
617 N. Mt. Olive
Siloam Springs, AR 72761

Tribute Wall

MR

“ Sorry to hear of Allen's passing. I worked with him when he was the Executive Director of the Maricopa County Bar Association. I am a former President of the Paralegal Division. He always treated paralegals with the utmost respect and dignity, and it was appreciated. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Monica Rapps - December 08, 2023 at 04:04 PM



“ I met Allen in Las Vegas, many years ago and am heartbroken of his passing. He was a wonderful man and I just wish I would have stayed in touch when he moved to Phoenix and Arkansas, I always thought about him but didnt make the call. I wish now I had, as I was going to today and found out of his passing. I will miss you Allen, we sure had some great times, and I am better for your friendship! Peace and Light to you always..Joel Jarvis

Joel Jarvis - November 16, 2023 at 01:58 PM

“ I had the privilege and high honor of serving as Allen’s best man in his wedding to dear Meredythe, one of the better souls ever to walk this planet. I was among the many who were disappointed that marriage did not work out like we all had hoped and dreamed it would.

As careers and other personal attachments and arrangements took precedence in our still overly ambitious and ridiculously busy lives, we lost touch there for a while, and next thing I knew Allen had left the high end law firm world of Dallas for being the ED of various bar associations out west. Somewhere in there he explained to me in person over lunch and drinks how he knew he was gay and why he needed to be honest with himself and others about who he really was, all this time and forever. Who doesn’t need that? I would note it is much harder for some than others, in this world we have made. I admired his courage, even as I worried about his safety in that dangerous age of AIDS we all recall.

And then, in retrospect, in no time at all, we approached semi-retirement age, and Kathy Hyatt Pierce had the brilliant inspiration and unique grace to convince Allen to come home to NW Arkansas and Siloam Springs. I am quite sure that was among the better moves he ever made.

We reconnected in these last few years in three ways. One, a good friend of mine from Virginia, a physician and rather learned man, confessed to me one day quite sheepishly that he had never read Faulkner. I laughed and said, you know, neither did I, but I know a guy who did! And I did not have to do more than simply ask to get Allen to co-lead us, along with my oldest daughter Hailey, who wrote a thesis on Faulkner’s South vs. Toni Morrison’s South while at Reed College. So though 40 years apart and having never met, Allen and Hailey led us in a Faulkner reading club that attracted another literature-curious Virginia doc we knew well. Hailey more than held her own with these four old white Southern guys talking about how Faulkner’s writing reminded us of people and situations we actually knew or lived through, or heard relatives talk about, but Allen was in his element, reading criticism to prepare, listening to our sophomoric interpretations and questions with patience and

wisdom, and thoroughly loving reliving the learning and growth and rewarding hard work that Faulkner forces on his readers. We read all the major and most of the minor novels, in the order Allen selected, and we were getting ready for continuing the club with different authors when we got the sad news of Allen's passing. We will now continue club meetings, with bourbon, in his honor. The second way we reconnected lately was, after George Spencer's celebration of life in February of 2018, David Young organized a zoom meeting for those who also loved George and wanted to join in more regular conversations to strengthen our own frayed ties together, and of course Allen loved what became weekly zoom calls as much or more than the rest of us, which included Steve Loyd, Tommy Howard, Mac Norton, and George's brother Matt. Allen loved people so much, and loved sharing ideas, and when you combined people he liked and respected with ideas and observations, on events past and present, including, often, Razorback sports, or his latest Oaklawn Outing with Kathy Hyatt Pierce, or his latest boat ride with Janet James Robb, well these were the things Allen loved to share with all. (pt 2 of 3) Len Nichols

Len Nichols - November 11, 2022 at 06:09 PM

FS

“ *From Len Nichols and Nora Super purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Allen Kimbrough.*



From Len Nichols and Nora Super - November 09, 2022 at 09:46 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Yellow and White was purchased for the family of Allen Kimbrough.*



November 08, 2022 at 10:47 AM



“ *Cheryl Burns lit a candle in memory of Allen Kimbrough*



Cheryl Anne Burns - November 02, 2022 at 01:12 PM



“ *He was a man, take him for all in all, I shall not look upon his like again. - William Shakespeare*

Stephen Zack - November 02, 2022 at 12:37 PM



“ *White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Allen Kimbrough.*



November 02, 2022 at 12:36 PM

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Watkins

“ Allen was one of my dearest friends in the world, going back nearly four decades. He was a smart, talented, kind, and thoughtful person, with a great sense of humor. He loved his friends, and we all loved him back.

Allen brought light when there was darkness. He brought peace when there was conflict. He brought comfort when there was pain. He was my brother and I will miss him dearly.

Godspeed my dear Allen.

*David Watkins, Sr.
Jackson, Mississippi*

W David Watkins - October 31, 2022 at 02:33 PM

 JB

I am so sorry to hear about Allen's passing. I met him when he was ED of MCBA. He was always kind and cheerful. He always had a warm embrace to say hello. I am so sad that we have lost a really good man. I send condolences to his family and friends.

Jennifer Barnes - November 07, 2022 at 05:48 PM

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David Watkins - October 31, 2022 at 11:55 AM