



## Delbert Earl "Pete" Allen

June 28, 1941 - November 25, 2022

Delbert Earl "Pete" Allen, 81, of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, and Sanibel Island, Florida, passed away on November 25, 2022. Pete was born on June 28, 1941, to Delbert and Charlotte Allen in Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Pete married his high school sweetheart, Pat Sykes, on May 27, 1961. Pete and Pat were blessed with three children, David, Doug, and Julie.

Pete began his career at a young age rolling cans at Allen Canning Company's country plant. He owned his first semi-trailer truck at the age of 15 and began hauling product for the family business. Pete was named Owner/President and CEO of Allen Canning Company in 1970 and served in this role until he sold the business and retired in 1999. Pete had a reputation for knowing everyone in the business and all his employees, which he always said were "the best in the business". He handled every acquisition for Allen Canning as it grew from a small regional canner to the largest privately owned food processor in the world. Pete served on the boards of directors of several organizations including as Chairman of the National Food Processors Association, President of the Ozark Food Processors Association, President of Siloam Springs Memorial Hospital Board and Chairman of Arkansas State Bank. He served on the board of World Orphans for many years & was a lifelong member of the First Baptist Church of Siloam Springs. After retiring, Pete enjoyed reading and sitting on the front porch at his ranch with his dog, bird hunting, fishing, and walking the beach on Sanibel Island.

Pete was preceded in death by his parents, Delbert, and Charlotte Allen, and one grandson, Campbell Allen.

He is survived by his wife, Pat, of the home. He is also survived by his children, David Earl Allen of Siloam Springs, AR, Doug and his wife, Michelle Allen of Rogers, AR and Julie and her husband, Les Davis of Siloam Springs, AR. Pete was a proud Papa to twelve grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

A private graveside service is planned at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be made to Dustin's Dream ([www.dustinsdream.net](http://www.dustinsdream.net)), Arkansas Children's Hospital Northwest, or World Orphans ([www.worldorphans.org](http://www.worldorphans.org)). Pete Allen lives on in the hearts and minds of his loving family and friends.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Cherished Memories - All White was purchased for the family of Delbert Earl "Pete" Allen.*



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December 13, 2022 at 04:12 PM



“ *Pat, David, Doug, Julie and grandchildren: I was so sorry to hear of Pete's passing. He and my mom were so close and I always considered him a favorite cousin. My first jobs were at Allen's office and one summer I worked at the front desk in the office. He told me I was the "best receptionist they ever had." Given that I was probably 16 that's doubtful but it was kind and supportive. Pat, thanks to you for your hospitality to John and I whenever we visited Siloam.*  
*Love, Jeannie*

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**Jean Doss-Wedaman** - December 06, 2022 at 01:49 PM



“ *Allen family, Ed & I are so sorry for your loss. Pete was a kind & giving man and our daughter Sarah was 1 of his scholarship recipients. I had the pleasure of working with Pete & Doug at Allen's and will always remember his kindness to others. Prayers for the family.*

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**Debbie Jordan** - December 04, 2022 at 10:02 AM

JR

“ Many decades ago, as a young lawyer, Pete Allen allowed me to represent him; and when Lee and I started our law firm, he became our first client. I couldn't have asked for a better individual to serve. Pete was a legendary business icon. His honesty, sense of humor, and work ethic were inspiring. He was a wise and good man, and I learned much from him. I am forever grateful to Pete and Pat for trusting me, and allowing me to serve them and the family all these years. It's been a blessing, and I will miss seeing him, hearing his stories and laughing at his jokes. It was my honor to have known him and count him as a friend.

*Joseph Reece, RMP LLP*

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**Joseph Reece** - December 02, 2022 at 12:06 PM

RH

“ I was able to reconnect with Pete Allen when I began working at FBC Siloam. He shared numerous stories of his father and my granddad working together at Allen's! What great memories he brought me! I loved our conversations and his wisdom! He blessed my heart! Prayers for you all! Rita (Curran) Hopkins

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**Rita Hopkins** - December 01, 2022 at 09:30 PM

JN

“ The Neff family sends their sympathy to the family of Pete Allen. All of us were fortunate to have worked for him at various times. Joyce, John, and Paul David Neff

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**Joyce Lee Neff** - December 01, 2022 at 12:24 PM

CB

“ Was sorry to hear about Pete. May God Bless you all.



Cindy Long Boling - December 01, 2022 at 05:51 AM

DO

“ Pete was one of the best people I ever met. Working for him you felt like you were important. I remember he and his Dad coming to Springdale plant and how genuine they both were.

Dorothy - November 30, 2022 at 06:51 PM

TF

“ Tammi Foscue purchased the Springtime Wishes for the family of Delbert Earl "Pete" Allen.



Tammi Foscue - November 29, 2022 at 07:46 PM

TH

“ Our love to you, Pat, and all the family. May God bless and comfort you. Your loving cousin and wife, Royce and Tommie Heller (Butch)

Tommie Heller - November 29, 2022 at 07:11 PM

EN

“ We are so sadden by Pete’s passing 😞 He was a wonderful friend to everyone ✨ Heart of good inside and out, may peace be your’s as you have passed on to Heaven ✨ Prayers for Pat and the family 🙏 The Neufeld family



Elizabeth Neufeld - November 29, 2022 at 05:03 PM

JS

“ Pat, I am sorry for your loss. Your Cousin Joe Sykes



Joe Sykes - November 29, 2022 at 03:17 PM

LG

“ Lynne Glass lit a candle in memory of Delbert Allen



Lynne Glass - November 29, 2022 at 11:08 AM

DC

“ So thankful for Pete's life and the role he played in our life. Our heart now has a huge hole that will never be filled this side of Heaven! We love you, our Allen family! Praying for you!

Don and Deondra Chamberlain - November 28, 2022 at 11:45 PM

LS

“ *Leasa Souza lit a candle in memory of  
Delbert Allen*



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**Leasa Souza** - November 28, 2022 at 10:43 PM

PP

“ *My thoughts & prayers for all the families!  
May you rest in peace Pete!*



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**Paula (Frazier) Peters** - November 28, 2022 at 10:43 PM

RG

“ To the entire Allen family, I respectfully offer my condolences for your loss. I was given a chance to work for Allen Canning Company and was known as the "Mailman" in the late 1980's after being given the job of mail carrier. I worked for Allen's for 10 years and truly enjoyed that period of my life. Pete always expressed his appreciation for my efforts, and I'm pretty sure he did the same for everyone he encountered that worked for the company. I didn't fully understand the great opportunity I received at that time, but have since realized that Allen Canning Company was instrumental in leading to the events that propelled me to where I am in my life today. I'm very grateful to have had the privilege of working with a group of people that understood the value of teaching a good work ethic and instilling integrity into every aspect of one's life.

God bless you!

Ron "Mailman" Garner

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Ron Garner - November 28, 2022 at 07:46 PM

LH

“ David and family...we are so sorry for your loss. May your memories and God's love bring you peace, comfort and strength at this difficult time.



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Larry & Lana Hurt - November 28, 2022 at 06:57 PM

BM

“ *I am so sorry for your loss! He was a really good man! You are all in my thoughts and prayers!!*



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**Bevra Mickel** - November 28, 2022 at 05:21 PM

CW

“ *Working for Allen's was the best job Kay West ever had..praying for you..Caroliene West and girls*

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**caroliene west** - November 28, 2022 at 03:25 PM

LR

“ *Liz Reading lit a candle in memory of Delbert Allen*



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**Liz Reading** - November 28, 2022 at 03:19 PM

LM

“ *Love and prayers to you all. You have lots of memories to cherish and that is priceless.*  
*James & Linda Melton*

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**Linda Melton** - November 28, 2022 at 02:55 PM