



Don Allen

March 2, 1945 - December 2, 2005

Don Allen, 60-year-old resident of West Siloam Springs, Oklahoma, died Friday, December 2, 2005, at his home. Born March 2, 1945, in Gravette, Arkansas, he was the son of Harvey Allen and Cora Odessa Fouty Allen. Don had lived in West Siloam for over 30 years where he owned and operated the Black Hawk Lounge. Don enjoyed work and spending time with his grandkids. Don was veteran of the Vietnam era. He was a member of the Gravette Masonic Lodge. Don was preceded in death by his parents; 2 brothers, Loyd and Robert Allen; and 2 sisters, Maxine Duncan and Geraldine Digiacomo. Survivors include his wife Donna Allen of the home; 2 sons, Craig Allen and wife Rhonda of Greenville, South Carolina; Lyndal Allen and wife Dawn of Houston, Texas; 3 daughters, Tressy Siers and husband Marty of Colcord, Oklahoma; Tammy Brown and husband Fred of Stilwell, Oklahoma; Julie Alexander and husband Rusty of Pea Ridge, Arkansas; 16 grandchildren; 1 brother, Leonard Allen of Gravette, Arkansas; and 1 sister, Ruby Rowland of Neosho, Missouri. Visitation will be 6:00 to 8:00 pm Tuesday, December 6, 2005, at Wasson Funeral Home, Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Funeral services will be 2:00 pm Wednesday, December 7, at Wasson Memorial Chapel, Siloam Springs, with Pastor Gary Riley officiating. Burial will follow in Decatur Cemetery, Decatur, Arkansas.

Tribute Wall

“ I read about the death of Don Allen in the newspaper and I just wanted to express my deepest sympathy to you and your family.

From time to time we all have to face the cruel reality of death, but there's always questions when someone dies. How can I live with my grief? What can others do to help me cope? How can I help others who are grieving? Will I ever see my loved ones again and where, and principally what does the bible say about a sure hope for the dead? These are good questions and the bible gives practical advice and answers to all of them.

Coping with death can be a hard experience. Counselors say the same thing the bible's inspired wisdom says. They say that we should express our grief, not repress it. There are many reactions to death, numbness, disbelief, guilt and maybe anger. People mean well, but don't let them dictate how you should act or feel. Different people handle their grief in different ways. Talking about your feelings to a true friend who will listen patiently and sympathetically can bring a measure of relief. Remembering that we cannot prevent "time and unforeseen occurrence" from befalling those we love will also help. (Ecclesiastes 9:11)

More than anything else, a relationship with God can help you to cope with the death of someone you love. Do not under estimate the value of prayer. The bible urges us to: "Throw your burden upon God himself, and he himself will sustain you." (Psalm 55:22). If talking out your feelings with a sympathetic friend can help, how much more will pouring out your heart to God. God's Holy Spirit can equip you with "power beyond what is normal" to go from one day to the next. Divine help does not eliminate the pain, but it can make it easier to bear. That does not mean that you will no longer cry or will forget Mr. Allen, but you can recover and as you do, what you have experienced can make you more understanding and sympathetic in helping others to cope with a similar loss.

The Christian bible writer Paul expressed his confident hope when

he said: ?I believe all the things set forth in the Law and written in the Prophets; and I have hope toward God, which hope these men themselves also entertain that there is going to be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous.? (Acts 24:14, 15) Paul could be sure of that because he had been taught by Jesus Christ, whom himself had been raised from the dead. (Acts 9:3-19) Because of this, all who have lost a love one can have the solid hope of seeing their loved ones alive again on earth.

The scriptures indicate that it is possible to be reunited with your dead loved ones in the near future. Jesus promised that millions now dead will live again on this earth and have the prospect of remaining on it forever under peaceful, paradise conditions. (Luke 23:43: John 3:16; 17:3; and also compare Psalm 37:29 and Matthew 5:5)

I sincerely hope I was able to help in some way. May God help you through this difficult period of your life.

Linda - September 19, 2012 at 11:32 AM

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“ we will miss him.

Bill and Corinne Yetter - September 19, 2012 at 11:32 AM

SF

“ SO SORRY TO HEAR OF YOUR LOSS, HE WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED BY ALL.
A GREAT MAN!!

Sandra Fowler-Felkins - September 19, 2012 at 11:32 AM

CP

“ Donna,

So sorry to hear about Don. We extend our deepest sympathy in this time of sorry. Will miss a true friend from Gravette.

Charles

Charles Pepmiller - September 19, 2012 at 11:32 AM

BH

“ *So sorry to hear of Don's passing. He was truly grand person. May God be with you all.*

BJ and Mitch Hill - September 19, 2012 at 11:32 AM

DR

“ *Don was a great guy and was to good for his own good sometimes. He never met a stranger. He will be deeply missed.*

Don & Jo Roberts - September 19, 2012 at 11:32 AM

CK

“ *Don was a very caring person for all his family and friends and will be missed by all.*

Clara Kinzey - September 19, 2012 at 11:32 AM

TR

“ *Don was one of a kind and will be truly missed!*

Teresa Reynolds - September 19, 2012 at 11:32 AM