



Allen W. Sylvester, Sr.

August 20, 1946 - February 25, 2022

On February 25, 2022, Allen Sylvester Sr. passed away at the age of 75 while surrounded by family at St. Luke's Hospital after battling COVID yet having survived several battles with cancer.

Allen William Sylvester Sr. was born August 20, 1946 in Huntsville, TX to Allen and Reba Sylvester of Huntsville, TX.

Allen was preceded in death by his father Allen Whitfield Sylvester, his grandson Brennen Charles Rushing, brothers in law Paul Mitchell and Danny Atkinson, and other aunts, uncles and cousins.

Allen is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Noma Sylvester; son Allen Jr and wife Janie Sylvester; daughter Kristi and husband Tim Rushing; grandsons Johnathon Sylvester, Chance Rushing and Andrew Sylvester; granddaughter Alexandria Sylvester, mother Reba Sylvester and sister Susan Mitchell as well as numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Allen attended and graduated from Sam Houston State University with a Bachelor of Business Administration in 1968 and later a Bachelor of Finance in 1971. While attending college, Allen met Miss. Noma Scadden where they fell in love and were married in July of 1966.

Shortly before graduating in 1968, Allen received an "invitation" to join the US Armed Forces so he did, enlisting in the Army Reserve where he served for six years as a Military Policeman.

While in college and the military, Allen began working for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice first as an instructor in the Windham School

District and as a Correctional Officer then as an accountant. After 30+ years, Allen retired as the Chief Financial Officer of the Inmate Trust Fund.

After retiring Allen and Noma traveled across the country and abroad. Allen enjoyed camping, woodworking, gardening and being an all-around handyman helping with projects and repairs around the house as well as friends and family's houses. Allen and Noma would attend functions with grandkids whenever possible.

In lieu of flowers, the family request that if you wish, to make donations to St. Jude Children's Hospital - www.stjude.org or The Good Shepherd Mission - P.O. Box 7281

Huntsville, TX 77340, Ways to Give ' Good Shepherd Mission (thegsmission.org) or a charity of your choice.

Visitation will be held on Friday, March 4, 2022 at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home from 2:00 - 3:00 PM and services will begin at 3:00 PM.

Memorial condolences may be made to the family at www.shmfh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 4. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr
Huntsville

Funeral Service

MAR 4. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr
Huntsville

Tribute Wall



“ *Allen W. Sylvester, Sr.*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Allen's passing. While a student at Huntsville High, I took an Office Education course and began working at my first real job in the Inmate Trust Fund Department with Allen as my Supervisor. How intimidating he was to a then 17-year old but I learned how to conduct business from him in which I continue to apply those lessons of discipline and professionalism in the work place and for that, I'll be forever grateful. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends during this time of loss.*

Nancy Gray-Gajan - March 09, 2022 at 02:58 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Allen W. Sylvester, Sr..*



March 04, 2022 at 08:44 AM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Allen W. Sylvester, Sr..*



March 03, 2022 at 11:15 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Allen W. Sylvester, Sr..*



March 03, 2022 at 10:26 AM



“ *Aunt Noma, Kristi & Tim, Allen & Janie, and all of your family, I am so saddened by Uncle Allen's passing. He was always very good to me and I loved him very much. Aunt Noma, I can't imagine the grief you have. Kristi and Allen, it is hard to lose a parent and I am so sorry. I know from experience that there are no words that make you feel better. Just know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers and I love you all very much.*

Amie Lane - March 03, 2022 at 05:29 AM



“ *Noma and family I'm so sorry to hear about the loss after Allen. I just talked to him at H-E-B a few months ago and he told me he had been battling cancer. I ask about you and told him to tell you hello. We had a nice visit.
God be with you during this time Noma.*

carolyn cooksey hanselman - March 02, 2022 at 04:11 PM

RC

“ I first met Allen when I enlisted in the 317th Military Police Platoon in Huntsville. He was already enlisted when I joined and was one of two I met the first day that took time to fill me in on SOP and made me feel welcome. He was a very dedicated soldier and did his job extremely well, he always had your back. Allen was proud to have served our country. After he discharged I later learned he was instrumental in my promotion to platoon SGT. I will always be thankful and proud to have served with SGT. Sylvester.

Rick Crow - March 02, 2022 at 01:17 PM

BC

“ You have my deepest sympathy. Wishing you peace, comfort, and courage at this time of sorrow.

Bridgette (Neeley) Clay - March 01, 2022 at 02:23 PM

MM

“ I'm so very sorry to hear of the passing of Allen. He was such a good man and I know that he loved his family so very much, especially his Noma! You are all in my prayers.

Melinda McElligott - March 01, 2022 at 12:03 PM



“ I was saddened at Allen's passing. I worked with Allen for many years at TDCJ. He was very knowledgeable and always offering to help other divisions when we had special circumstances come up. Sending sincere condolences to Allen's family.
Jamie Brinegar, Huntsville

Jamie Sue Brinegar - March 01, 2022 at 10:41 AM

RK

“ *Ramona Ready Koch lit a candle in memory of Allen W. Sylvester, Sr.*



Ramona Ready Koch - March 01, 2022 at 12:29 AM

MA

“ *Allen was my friend, he was also my boss at Inmate Trust Fund until he retired. I had the pleasure of knowing him, learning from him and knowing his family. He will be missed.*

Mary Pegoda Alford - February 28, 2022 at 08:15 PM

RM

“ *Allen was a very special man. Loved his Noma and family so much. I know you will all miss him. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.*



Rhonda Mauldin - February 28, 2022 at 07:32 PM

DN

“ *Dorothy Nichols lit a candle in memory of Allen W. Sylvester, Sr.*



Dorothy Nichols - February 27, 2022 at 11:10 PM



“ *Thressa Skidmore lit a candle in memory of Allen W. Sylvester, Sr.*



Thressa Skidmore - February 27, 2022 at 09:17 PM

JB

“ *Martha and I send our condolences. Norma, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. May God grant you peace.*

Jim and Martha Bush

Jim Bush - February 27, 2022 at 08:35 AM

JP

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Allen. I knew Allen for many years as we worked together at TDC. I know Allen will be missed. Rest In Peace my Friend!*



Jerry Peterson - February 27, 2022 at 08:33 AM

MW

“ I’m so sorry for your loss. Your family is in my prayers. I have been blessed to work with Allen at TDCJ Inmate Trust Fund (bank for all the inmates in the TX prison system) and then later Noma at TDCJ HR Headquarters Department. I have been blessed to know their children & see them grow up, get married & have children. Allen & Noma have always been there for my family in the good times & in the times of tragedy. I have always appreciated them not only as co-workers but also as friends.



Mellicent Wiley - February 27, 2022 at 07:52 AM

CS

Allen was my nephew; however, we were more like a sister and brother. We had fun together growing up and as adults. Allen reminded me of my dad, his Poppa... you always knew where you stood with him. He helped so many people as an adult. He took people to the hospital, grocery store or anywhere they needed. He provided finances to those in need whether it be family, friend or stranger. If Allen was your friend, you are blessed. I believe Allen was prepared to leave this world when the one who made him said, "It's time to come home." This world is not our home; we are only passing through. We love you Allen. And, he would say back, "Me, too!"

Catherine Sanders - February 28, 2022 at 10:39 PM

BF

“ Betty (Tolar) Flowers lit a candle in memory of Allen W. Sylvester, Sr.



Betty (Tolar) Flowers - February 27, 2022 at 03:10 AM

CM

“ 🙏❤️ *To Noma and family.*



Claudia Morgan-Gray - February 27, 2022 at 12:42 AM

JC

“ *Prayers to family!*



Jeanette Starns Collard - February 26, 2022 at 08:20 PM

MH

“ *M. Hyvl sent a virtual gift in memory of Allen W. Sylvester, Sr.*



M. Hyvl - February 26, 2022 at 06:36 PM

SC

“ *Praying for you Noma and the family. Much love your way.*



Shana Cross - February 26, 2022 at 06:12 PM

SG

“ *Sheila Gaskins lit a candle in memory of Allen W. Sylvester, Sr.*



Sheila Gaskins - February 26, 2022 at 06:09 PM