



Johnny Joe Allen

September 10, 1940 - December 21, 2017

Johnny Joe Allen was born on September 10, 1940 to parents Daniel Allen, and Mary Buckner Allen, in Camden, NJ... but he got to Texas as quickly as possible. He was 77 years old when he passed on December 21, 2017. He was preceded in death by his older brother, Daniel K Allen.

Johnny is survived by his wife of 49 years, Elaine Hyman Allen, and their two daughters, Marci Henderson, and Mary Keating. Along with son-in-laws, Jon Henderson and Jason Keating. And grandchildren Colton and Morgan Henderson, and Calliope and Penelope Keating, as well as godchildren Lisa Allen Perry and Nic Rady.

John graduated from Lamar high school near his boyhood home in Houston, and from Sam Houston State University in his chosen hometown of Huntsville. He worked for TDC, Travelers Insurance, and became a business owner when he purchased Rainbow Roller Rink in Houston with his partners Dick Phillips, and Tom Olbrych in 1971. They soon grew to 5 rinks throughout the Southwest, including Huntsville and Conroe, which is still family owned and operated.

He was a lifetime member of the Alpha Phi Omega Fraternity and The Knights of Columbus. John loved the outdoor life, hunting, fishing, driving tractors, and classic automobiles. He passed his love for hard work, vintage cars, and helping others along to his children and grandchildren. He helped establish the Walker County 100 Club, and was a founding member of the Walker County Fair Association, and the General Sam Houston Folk Festival.

Johnny was a pillar of his community. He was a father figure to many who passed through the rink in their youth; helping kids to forge their own paths, as he had done for himself and his family for so many years.

He had the "gift of the gab", and always had time for a good story, a bad joke, or a long game of 42. He had his own style of "take charge" attitude, from designing and building his house and roller rink, to planning his daughters weddings.

Johnny was both mentor and friend to other rink owners all around him. He was never one to shun a late night request from a fellow rink owner out of supplies, or a young businessman who needed someone to "tell it like it is." He never seemed to slow down, but was always "going in circles", as he put it. His forward momentum was unparalleled, and in his final days commented that it had been a "wild ride", and that he wouldn't change it for anything."

Family will receive friends from 5:00pm – 7:00pm with Rosary at 7:00pm on Tuesday, December 26, 2017 in Huntsville, TX at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home. Graveside service will be held 11:00am on Wednesday, December 27, 2017 at Elmina Cemetery, New Waverly, TX.

Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **26**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr.
Huntsville, TX 77340
(936) 291-7300
belinda@shmfm.com

Rosary

DEC **26**. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Huntsville, TX 77340
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Graveside Service

DEC **27**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Elmina Cemetery
40 Elmina Rd
New Waverly, TX 77358

Tribute Wall



“ *Johnny Joe Allen*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Dear Elaine,*

I was out of town and did not hear of Johnny's passing until I returned, I was saddened by the news of such a great man. He help mold me(and many others at the rink) to the man I am today. It's funny but every time I hear the Kenny Rogers sing "It's a fine time to leave me Lucille" I still say loose wheel. Y'all are both a big part of my childhood memories and I thank God for letting me share my life with you both.

Bryan Matthys

Bryan Matthys - January 09, 2018 at 09:06 AM

RC

“ Mr. Johnny Allen was one of a kind with a heart of gold. He never had a harsh word for anyone and treated everyone like family. I was impacted richly growing up spending countless hours skating at Rainbow Roller Rink in Huntsville, Texas. We always had a safe place to hang out and just be kids with bonus parents Mr. Johnny & Mrs. Elaine Allen. To Marci and Mary- Margaret, just know that your Dad was one of the best Earth angels and a manly man that the world could use more of. I will always carry him in my heart. The stories and memories will keep him alive and remembered always. Sending lots of love & prayers to all that are blessed to know this wonderful man.



~ love, Ruby

Ruby Wolverton Cowan - December 29, 2017 at 05:54 PM

WH

“ When I met Johnny I was probably around 16 and he was like a grown CRAZY man of 25 or so. I would just stand and listen to him and Dickie tell stories of their experiences. Man did I get a ear full !! I later learned that most of his stories had a little bit of exeration in them. He will be missed by many and that says it all. Good man !!

Walt Hedrick - December 28, 2017 at 10:49 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Johnny Joe Allen.



December 26, 2017 at 06:46 PM

DT

“ Elaine, Marci ad Mary and families. We are so sorry to hear of your loss of Johnny. We are out of town and will not be able to come to visitation or services on Wednesday. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May God hold all of you in his arms. May you have peace and our condolences are with you. We love you. The Taver. Family. Dorothea, Ruth, Rachel and family.

Dorothea Tarver - December 26, 2017 at 04:36 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Johnny Joe Allen.



December 26, 2017 at 01:37 PM



Charlotte Efird

“ Many a fun time at Rainbow Roller Rink in Huntsville.



Charlotte Efird - December 25, 2017 at 08:15 PM

AJ

“ We send our love and prayers. The Jordy's, Carey, Allyson and Bri

Allyson Jordy - December 25, 2017 at 02:46 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Johnny Joe Allen.*



December 25, 2017 at 12:05 PM



“ *Pat & Jerry Goodman lit a candle in memory of Johnny Joe Allen*



pat & Jerry Goodman - December 24, 2017 at 03:43 PM



“ *Elaine and family: We are so sorry, our prayers are with you.*

Phoebe & George Langley - December 24, 2017 at 03:11 PM



“ *Harry J. purchased the Finest Farewell Spray for the family of Johnny Joe Allen.*



Harry J. - December 24, 2017 at 10:41 AM

JM

“ Janet Gokey McGehee lit a candle in memory of Johnny Joe Allen



Janet Gokey McGehee - December 24, 2017 at 08:34 AM

JM

Elaine..so sorry for your loss..have blessed days

Janet Gokey McGehee - December 24, 2017 at 08:34 AM

DN

Elaine, I am so sorry for your loss. I remember what a kind heart and special friend he was to my late husband, Ken Hopkins. Ken would be so thrilled when Johnny would call and pick him up for a ride to his farm. I know Johnny was very good and helped Ken much in prior years. I am thankful for his good deeds. He was a good man. God Bless You and your family, Dorothy Nichols

Dorothy Reader Nichols - February 01, 2018 at 09:31 PM

MM

“ Mary Balzaretti Meier lit a candle in memory of Johnny Joe Allen



Mary Balzaretti Meier - December 23, 2017 at 06:59 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Johnny Joe Allen.*



December 23, 2017 at 06:57 PM



“ *Richard Lee lit a candle in memory of Johnny Joe Allen*



Richard Lee - December 23, 2017 at 06:49 PM



“ *Shana Cross lit a candle in memory of Johnny Joe Allen*



Shana Cross - December 23, 2017 at 12:41 PM



“ *Thank you Johnny for the memories you brought me at Rainbow roller rink in Huntsville as a kid in the early 80s. Always a for us at the rink and never a complaint, even when he had to give us a ride home at closing time when no one showed up to pick me and my little brother up. Thank you Johnny*

Michael Oliver - December 23, 2017 at 12:07 PM

SR

“ *Symantha McMillan Rogers lit a candle in memory of Johnny Joe Allen*



Symantha McMillan Rogers - December 23, 2017 at 08:44 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Johnny Joe Allen.*



December 23, 2017 at 08:44 AM

DL

“ *Dawn Rainey, LVN lit a candle in memory of Johnny Joe Allen*



Dawn Rainey, LVN - December 22, 2017 at 09:03 PM

DL

Lots of love and sympathy for your sweet family. Mr. Johnny was a wonderful person and will be missed.

Dawn Rainey, LVN - December 22, 2017 at 09:04 PM

MW

“ *Sorry for your loss. He was a nice man.* ”



Mellicent Sikes Wiley - December 22, 2017 at 07:09 PM

JC

“ *Joseph Cotton lit a candle in memory of Johnny Joe Allen* ”



joseph cotton - December 22, 2017 at 06:57 PM

MH

“ *M. Hyvl lit a candle in memory of Johnny Joe Allen* ”



M. Hyvl - December 22, 2017 at 05:00 PM