



Richard Douglas Allen

February 7, 1942 - March 26, 2015

Richard Douglas Allen of Montgomery, Texas (formerly of Alpine, Texas) peacefully passed away in his Bentwater home on Thursday, March 26. He was born and raised in Houston, attended Bellaire High School and the University of Houston. He obtained his real estate license in 1963 and partnered with his father in their commercial and industrial real estate firm, Allen & Allen Associates. In 1967, he established a printing and awards business, Club House Supply Company, in southwest Houston.

In 1977, he relocated his family to Alpine, Texas and embarked upon a new frontier of business in the Big Bend National Park region in the desert mountains of far West Texas. He single-handedly designed and built a retail log cabin complex known as Apache Trading Post. In 1983, Allen married Charlotte Waguespack from New Orleans who later managed the Trading Post for 30 years. Allen and his wife shared an avid interest in promotion and tourism development of the Davis Mountains/Big Bend region.

Allen recognized the economic opportunities in Alpine and through his real estate firm Allen Realty, increased the job market in home construction and broadened the city's tax base through annexation of over 125 acres. He brought many new businesses to Alpine. Allen was referred to as a "visionary" and developed nine master planned residential subdivisions. He designed and sold energy efficient "SmartHomes" with his partner/contractor Kim Langridge.

Allen's philanthropic passions included the Scottish Rite, the Shriners, Alpine Rotary Club (past president), Houston Junior Chamber of Commerce, Alpine Chamber of Commerce (board member & ambassador), Economic Focus, Big Bend Area Travel Association, Big Bend Area Travel Magazine (2 year co-editor) Brewster County Republican Party Chairman, various real estate affiliations and many other community organizations.

His pastimes included flying airplanes through the mountain skies, radio control airplanes, rock hunting, lapidary and designing beautiful pieces of jewelry. Caring for his beloved brood of burros brought him many years of contentment.

He touched the hearts of many disabled children through his many activities as "Mr. Lucky", a Shrine Clown and in the role of the Ronald McDonald of Texas.

He and his wife moved to Montgomery last May to be closer to his wonderful extended family.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Duncan Gordon Allen and Neta Norman Allen. He is survived by his wife Charlotte Allen of Montgomery; his daughter Tamara Allen Couey, husband Douglas of Montgomery; son Russell Scott Allen, wife Tonya of Lindale; grandson Matthew Couey, wife Sarah of Spring; grandson Richard Blake Couey of Montgomery; great grandchildren Xander Couey and Kaylan Couey of Spring; his sister Barbara Gail Miller of Henderson and nephew Jeffrey Zandi, wife Willa and great nephew Lawson Zandi of Coppell.

A celebration of life service will be held on Sunday, April 12 at 3 pm at North Shore Church (Bentwater) in Montgomery, officiated by Pastor Lee Rushing. A service will also be held in Alpine, Texas at Holy Cross Church at a later time to be announced. In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests donations

to be made to: The Wild Burro Protection League-Todd Mission Rescue of Plantersville, Texas - www.tmrrescue.com or Rachel Waller's Wild for Life Foundation, Alpine, Texas www.wildforlifefoundation.org

You may leave written condolences at www.shmfh.com.

Previous Events

Funeral services

APR **12**. 3:00 PM (CT)

North Shore Church
18501 W FM 1097
Montgomery, TX 77356

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Douglas Allen*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Charlotte, I was in shock when I read the Obits this morning. I am so sorry for your loss. I remember one of the last time I talked with Richard and you were getting ready to leave Alpine, he was always such a sweet man to me, through the years when I lived in Alpine and after I left, whenever I came into town no matter he would always greet me with such a big smile and helped me anyway he could. He was always such a great man to me and I always remember him. My heartfelt condolences to you.*

Gloria J Gallego - May 14, 2015 at 08:41 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Richard Douglas Allen.*



April 09, 2015 at 02:40 PM



“ *Charlotte: We were so sorry to hear about Richard's passing. Our prayers go out to you and the family for the strength and healing during your time of loss. May God's loving arms embrace you and grace you with His Holy Spirit. With our deepest sympathy: Scott and Karen (Alpine)*

Karen Williams - April 09, 2015 at 08:06 AM

CR

“ Dear Charlotte, I am deeply saddened by the news of your loss. I pray that God will grant you the strength needed to get through this moment in your life. My most sincere condolences to you and your family.



Ctynthia Ruiz - April 07, 2015 at 09:52 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Douglas Allen.



April 03, 2015 at 03:12 PM

JC

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to Tami, Doug and the rest of the Allen family. We were so sorry to hear the news about Richard. My dad, Billy, spoke fondly of him and often shared stories of his trips to Alpine, where they attended air shows together. We remember Richard being such a kind and thoughtful person. He will be missed.

John Collins & Family

John Collins - April 03, 2015 at 02:03 PM

CB

“ My memories of Richard are of kindness and thoughtfulness. Seeing both him and Charlotte at the family gatherings was always a fun time. He is missed dearly. My prayers go out to all of his family. May all the wonderful memories you shared carry you through difficult time. We love you.



Family of Justin and Carrie Boyd

Carrie Boyd - April 01, 2015 at 07:51 PM

EC

“ You will be missed....may all the goods times shared, the time with family and friends give comfort to all. I am so grateful for the times we shared over the years especially those at Christmas time....you and Charlotte help complete the family gatherings. Your kind heart lives on in your beautiful wife and daughter.

ELLEN CAMPBELL - April 01, 2015 at 06:26 PM

JZ

“ I remember going over to Tami and Russell's house on Cypress and Uncle Richard would insist that all the kids put zinc on their noses before getting in the above ground pool in the backyard. I always hated having any kind of goo on me but I let them put it on me because I wanted to swim in their pool. I can remember so many things that Richard did so that me and Tami and Russell could have fun when we were kids.

Jeff Zandi - April 01, 2015 at 10:53 AM

JT

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with you in this time of grief, Charlotte. May God be with you in this time. Much Love from Alpine, TX.

Jon Tabor & Family

Jon Tabor - April 01, 2015 at 08:31 AM

CG

“ I remember when I came out to visit in Alpine all those years ago, Richard was making some really cool jewelry. That tall Texan man was wonderful in every way.

Candy

Candy Goodwin - March 31, 2015 at 04:17 PM

EB

“ I will never forget the wonderful time in New Orleans that we shared with you and Richard, darling Charlotte. Marching around the room to Dixieland as we waved our umbrellas up and down. I'll see if I can find some photos to share. Sending scads of love 4ever.

Ellen Byron - March 31, 2015 at 12:11 PM

CA

Love you EI. We twirled umbrellas at Richard's Celebration if Life to the tune of "The Saints Go marchin in!"

charlitte allen - April 13, 2015 at 04:29 PM

RB

*Oh! My, Charlotte I NEVER DREAMED OF RICHARD PASSING.
JOEL AND I ARE SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT IT.
HE WAS A GOOD FRIEND OF OURS WHEN WE LIVED IN
ALPINE.HE SOLD ONE OF OUR LOTS FO US.*

*I HAD NO IDEA THAT YOU HAD MOVED OUT OF ALPINE.
MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.
JOEL AND RUBY BLACKWELL, IRVING ,TX*

RUBY BLACKWELL - May 19, 2015 at 12:13 PM