



## Dean Allen

February 17, 1946 - March 5, 2022

Franklin Dean Allen, age 76, our husband, father, and friend, passed away Saturday March 5, 2022. He was surrounded by his loving wife and four children as he passed from this life.

Dean was born on February 17, 1946 to Norma Love Henderson and Franklin Higbee Allen. Dean is a Tarheel through and through, having been reared in Wilmington, North Carolina with his three younger brothers. His first of many graduations was from New Hanover High School in 1964. He is a faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served in the California Mission from 1965-67. After his mission, he attended and graduated from BYU with his Bachelor's degree in 1972, his Master's degree in 1973 and then graduated from Texas A&M with his PhD in Parks and Recreation Management in 1981. We often joked he had his doctorate in having fun.

Dean and Nancy met while at BYU where they were both student leaders for a month long outdoor survival class. Dean, lost and starving in the desert, met Nancy who guided the boys to food. Nancy remembers them walking hand in hand back to the camp. They were married and sealed in the Salt Lake LDS temple on June 3, 1970. The 52 years spent together and their beautiful family are the highlights of their life together.

Living in Utah, Dean was able to indulge his passions for skiing and golf, some days, the "perfect" days, he was able to ski in the morning and golf in the afternoon! Dean was an avid golfer, winning many amateur tournaments, and teaching his children, sons in law and grandchildren how to golf. He was never more at home than on the course and cherished living on the first tee box at Sleepy Ridge golf course. He was the golf coach at the University of North Carolina Wilmington from 1981-1986.

Dean's other favorite place was the beach, and especially the beaches of North Carolina. He knows the best places to find shells, can spot shark teeth like no other and builds drip castles with the best of them. Grandpa Dean made sure that all of his grandchildren were able to experience the beach and the love he had for the beach life. A cold diet Dew and a

bit of beach were heaven to him.

Dean heeded the many callings extended to him, serving in wards and stakes in North Carolina and Utah. Dean loved music and in particular jazz music. He played the trumpet throughout his life and supported music in many ways. Dean could be found on Sunday mornings with the choir, lending his voice to the worship. Dean was firm in the faith and loved our Savior Jesus Christ.

After receiving his PhD, Dean worked in parks and recreation for the City of Wilmington in North Carolina and the cities of Ogden and Layton in Utah. He also taught at the University of North Carolina Wilmington and University of Utah. Dean loved to show off the parks he had designed to his grandchildren and was a pioneer in setting up recreation leagues for boys AND girls! He made sure each of his daughters had the chance to compete in a basketball league long before girls had their own leagues. All of his kids love sports, following their dad's example and most important to Dean, all his children root for the Tarheels!

Dean is survived by his wife Nancy Nielson Allen; his brothers, Jeffery Robert Allen (Sue) and George Victor Allen (Birgit) of Wilmington, North Carolina; his children, Tracy Allen Taylor (Jared) of Swansboro, North Carolina; Marci Allen Smith (Matt) of Draper, Utah; Franklin Dean Allen, Jr. (Amber) of Murray, Utah; and Katherine Allen Murdoch (Glen) of Cedar Hills, Utah; and twelve grandchildren: Kelly Nicole Bulloch (Brayden), Austin Robert Smith, Nathan Andrew Taylor, Kiersten Smith, Ally Kaye Murdoch, Joel Allen Taylor, Brandon Dean Smith, Isaac Glen Murdoch, Reagan Grace Smith, Addison Kate Allen, Macy Amelia Murdoch and Ashlyn Love Allen. He is preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Norma Allen and his brother, Jimmy.

Funeral Services will be held Thursday, March 10th, at 11:00 am, at the Vineyard Utah Stake Center located at 422 E. Holdaway Road, Vineyard, UT 84058, where Viewings will be held Wednesday, March 9th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm and also prior to services on Thursday from 9:30 to 10:30 am. Interment in Springville Evergreen Cemetery, 1997 South 400 East, Springville, Utah. To view services via livestream please click the link provided: <https://my.gather.app/remember/franklin-allen>

Funeral Directors: Utah Valley Mortuary.

# Cemetery Details

## Springville Evergreen Cemetery

1997 South 400 East  
Springville, UT 84663

# Previous Events

## Viewing

MAR 9. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

Vineyard Stake Center  
422 East Holdaway Road  
Vineyard, UT 84058

## Viewing

MAR 10. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (MT)

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422 East Holdaway Road  
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## Funeral Service

MAR 10. 11:00 AM (MT)

Vineyard Stake Center  
422 East Holdaway Road  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Utah Valley Mortuary created a Webcast in memory of Dean Allen*



Utah Valley Mortuary - March 05 at 06:36 PM

DE

*So sorry for the family's loss. Beautiful tribute.*

Dale Engelbert - March 09 at 07:08 PM

XL

*It was our privilege to have known Dean. Our prayers are with the Allen family. May God and His Savior comfort you during this difficult time. -- Craig & Ximena LaRocco*

ximena larocco - March 09 at 08:46 PM

TH

*I had the privilege of working next door to Dean while he was with Layton City and I was with Clearfield City. We shared many professional interests and supported each other during our careers. One of my fonest memories of Dean was when he would call me Tracy Lou. It always made him smile because he would be thinking of his daughter. And, one can't forget the games of golf we had over the years! My thoughts are with the family at this difficult time. Tracy Heun*

Tracy Heun - March 10 at 10:36 AM

TD

“ *Dean and I grew up as best friends in Sunset Park Wilmington, NC. We drove his parents crazy when we were learning to play musical instruments. He played the coronet and I the trombone. We were so bad his parents made us go up in the attic to practice. I am sad to hear of his passing and I will never forget the times we spent together growing up. Tim Duncan Myrtle Beach, SC.*

Tim Duncan - March 15 at 09:22 AM

MF

“ Nancy, what a beautiful service your family shared with all of us to honor Dean. It brought back many sweet memories of the various times over the years Ben and I spent with you and Dean and some of your family. May the peace of the Gospel comfort you and the loving arms of our Savior be around you. - Lovingly your cousin, Marlene

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**Marlene Fisher** - March 14 at 09:27 PM

TM

“ We are so very sorry to learn of Dean's passing. We listened to the funeral service today, and were reminded of what a good man Dean was. He leaves a legacy of love, service, kindness, and a wonderful family. We have many fond memories of the Allen family when you lived in the Forest Green neighborhood. Our hearts go out to you as you mourn his passing.  
Our love,  
Tom & Cyndi Marcheschi

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**Tom & Cyndi Marcheschi** - March 11 at 06:06 PM

AC

“ I'm sending my sincere condolences to Dean's wife Nancy and his children and grandchildren!  
I'm grateful I got the chance to work with Dean at Ogden City as the Director of the Marshall White Center!  
Dean was a great mentor and a fun boss who loved to play golf at Mt. Ogden! He was leader and advocate for the Utah Parks and Recreation Association and for recreation for all families!  
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family! Dean please Rest In Peace my friend!

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**Annette Cottle** - March 11 at 01:13 AM

KC

“ I would like to offer my condolences in the passing of Dean. I had the opportunity to meet Dean when he put a youth basketball team in the South Ogden Recreation program. He at that time was putting together the Ogden City girls program, but needed a established program to put the team he coached in. I also introduced him to his next Marshal White Center Director, Annette Cottle. My name is Ken Cottle and I had a great respect for the wonderful job he did for Ogden City.

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**Ken Cottle** - March 10 at 02:59 PM

CB

“ Dear Nancy,  
Rex & I are so sorry to hear about Dean’s passing. We have missed having you nearby.  
May you be blessed at this difficult time.

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**Carolyn Bennion** - March 09 at 08:13 PM

PJ

“ What a very special tribute to a great man, and for me, a great Mentor! I had the priviledge of working under Dean at the Ogden City Parks & Recreation office. So many wonder memories of work, but even more memorable was the time spent on the golf course both with Dean and against him! What a competitor! He had such a big impact on my life and will be sorely missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to Nancy and their wonderful family! Paul Jamison

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**Paul Jamison** - March 07 at 02:13 PM

BK

“ What a beautiful video tribute. Growing up in North Carolina, and knowing such a great family like the Allen"s was such a wonderful event for me personally. I have known them since I ws about nine years old. I knew all of the boys. Dean and I served in the California Mission together. When he was realeased from his mission he was serving as an assistant to the mission president. He served a fantastic mission. Several times we would talk about how to best serve. I paid strict attention. he was as great teacher. we both decided to raise our children in the west and live in Layton Utah at the same time. His parents were wonderful people. Everyone loved Franbk and Norma Allen. They taught their boys well. Dean will be sorely missed by so many.

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**Billy King** - March 07 at 10:40 AM

KM

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



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**Katherine Murdoch** - March 07 at 09:32 AM