A Celebration of Life For

Richard E. Allen

Sunrise January 14, 1940 Sunset February 9, 2015



Monday, February 16, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.

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163 Oakwood Avenue Orange, New Jersey 07050

Reverend Dr. James A. Johnson, Officiating Myron Smith, Organist

Obituary

Richard E. Allen of West Orange, N.J., also affectionately known as "Dickie," departed this life at the age of 75 on February 9, 2015. Richard was born on January 14, 1940 as the eldest of two children born to the late Stanley E. and Helaine L. Allen.

Richard was raised in East Orange, N.J. on "Steuben Street" along with his sister, Patty. He attended grade schools in East Orange, graduating from East Orange High School in 1958. He continued his education and proudly graduated from Bloomfield Technical School. His first job upon graduating from Bloomfield Tech was at Micro Lab, Livingston, N.J. where he worked diligently for many years. His illustrious work ethic continued where he was gainfully employed at Litton Ars, Honeywell, and Dialysis Technician at Morristown Memorial Hospital, and finally employment with the Department of Defense, Defense Contract Management Agency. He retired from this government agency after 23 years of dedicated service.

Richard's adult personal life included his first marriage to Sandra Faulks, and of this union Kevin R. Allen, Sr. was born on August 13, 1965. He took up boating and enjoyed many weekends "down the shore" on his boat with family and friends.

In 1967 Richard met Gillian Berridge, however it wasn't until 1973 that loved blossomed between the two, leading up to their marriage on November 19, 1976. Of this union, on March 29, 1980 Stacey H. Allen was born.

Twenty-five years ago Richard and Jill bought a house in West Orange, NJ asking his sister Patty to come live with them. Richard loved his house in West Orange where he enjoyed entertaining his family and Jill's family. Holidays, birthdays, cookouts, etc. were prevalent at 17 Normandy Terrace.

Richard looked forward to yearly family reunions every August in Rocky Mount, North Carolina, and he loved international traveling with his beloved Jill. He loved the Cousins Association, especially the annual Christmas party and being chairperson of the annual Fish Fry/Cook-out at Lake Tomahawk.

He was a lifetime, long standing Treasurer of the Cousins Association for 34 years. His passion after retirement included being an expert Docent at the Intrepid Air Museum, NYC, tour guide at the Aviation Museum, Teterboro, N.J., and volunteer at Liberty Science Center, Jersey City. He was an avid professional football fan, "glued to the T.V." on Sunday watching the games. He also was an avid boxing fan, reading all the latest boxing magazines.

Richard truly loved his family and was especially proud of Kevin Sr., Stacey, Kevin Jr., and Keith. Richard E. Allen was preceded in death by his parents, Stanley and Helaine Allen. He leaves to cherish his memory: wife, Gillian; son, Kevin Sr.; daughter, Stacey; sister, Patty; grandsons, Kevin Jr. and Keith; the Howards of Brooklyn, NY (cousins); and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude......Myron Smith Hymn of Comfort....."Blessed Assurance" Prayer of Comfort Scripture Readings Old Testament - Psalm 23 New Testament - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Solo......Tyrone Dunlap Remarks...... Family & Friends (Two minutes please) Acknowledgements..... Ernest Williams ObituaryPatricia Allen Peaceful Zion Baptist Church East Orange, New Jersey

Interment

Heavenly Rest Memorial Park East Hanover, New Jersey

Repast

Immediately following the Interment family and friends are invited for a repast at
Essex Grand Buffet
Essex Green Mall • 495 Prospect Avenue West Orange, NJ 07052
(973)325-8898

Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me
To be a happy one,
I'd like to leave an afterglow
Of smiles when day is done.
I'd like to leave an echo
Whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times
And bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve
To dry before the sun
Of happy memories that I leave behind,
When the day is done.

-Helen Lowrie Marshall

Acknowledgements

The family of **Richard E. Allen** would like to express their deepest appreciation for the many prayers, expressions of love and kindness extended to us during our time of bereavement.

May God Bless You!

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