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Allen Walker Chittum, 72, passed away peacefully on Saturday, December 24, 2016, surrounded by his loving family. He filled his long and productive life loving and caring for his family, building a 32-year career in telecommunications at SBC, Inc., and protecting and serving his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam era. Allen was born on October 20, 1944 in Wichita Falls, TX. There he graduated from Wichita Falls High School and attended Midwestern University. He received his Bachelor's and dual Master's degrees from Dallas Baptist University. He was an active member of the First Baptist Church Richardson and was curious and diligent in his study of the Bible. Allen enjoyed restoring classic cars, gardening, road trips, the beach, popcorn, and especially night sailing. He was truly an adventurous & creative soul – from beginning to end. He tried his hand at everything from stained glass, canning and quilting to Tai Chi and even performed in the circus as an acrobat. He had a dry, witty humor that could catch you off guard and quite often had to be explained to others. His memorial service will be held in the Memorial Chapel at Restland Funeral Home, Dallas, TX on Thursday, 12/29/16 at 2:30 PM. Allen was preceded in death by his parents, Leonard and Jamye Chittum; sisters, Wilma Defoe, Helen Arbuckle, Joyce McGilvray; niece, Cheryl Chittum. He is survived by his loving wife of 36 years, Kathy; daughters, Melanie Chittum, Cindy and Jody Nichols, Renee and Rob Daffin, Alisa and John Hamilton, and Amber Ashmore; grandchildren, Bill Chittum, Jordyn Moore, Jett and Emma Daffin, Bailey and Layton Ashmore, and Jace and Quinlan Hamilton; great granddaughter, Braelyn Chittum; sister, Eva Gene Marushia; brother, Leonard and Phyllis Chittum; sister-in-law, Diane Moore; brother-in-law Gary and Marjanne Clark and numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family. In lieu of flowers, donations in Allen's name may be made to The American Heart Association or the First Baptist Church Richardson College Scholarship Fund.



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KA

Karen Alexander posted:

Allen was a true and loyal friend to my late husband, David, for almost 40 years. While difficult, I celebrate the fact that they are now together again after a separation of just over a year. I'll really miss Allen's friendship and advice, as well as his world-famous sense of humor. It took me years to understand and appreciate it, but David, who was very much in tune with it from the beginning, helped explain the nuances to me. His smile is forever locked in my memory. Farewell for now, my friend.

January 5 at 9:40 AM

SG

Steve Gravitt posted:

I first met Allen in 1978 when I started at SWBT. He helped guide me through the tariff and other interesting information. Our paths crossed many times over the years. Then he took up sailing and married one of my favorite humans. Farewell and fair winds Allen.

December 30 at 2:49 PM

CN

Cindy Nichols posted:

It's only been 4 days and you are always on my mind. I'm going to miss our talks. You always kept me so grounded. It wouldn't surprise you that I had a major meltdown and then another. We will never sit and eat your beans and cornbread. It's really the only place I ever ate them. You are in my heart and soul Dad. You're the first man that ever loved me and never hurt me. I knew who you were and what you stood for and I truly know the man you are after reading some documents. I will miss you forever dad but I know we will meet again. Give my Granny a hug for me. With all my heart and soul I love you dad. You will be with me forever. Your daughter Cindy. Cindy Nichols, Dallas, Texas

December 29 at 7:53 AM

TE

Theresa S Ellison posted:

Theresa & Donnie Ellison purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Allen Walker Chittum.

December 29 at 6:26 AM

YT

Your Colleagues At Tcjr posted:

Your Colleagues at TCJR purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Allen Walker Chittum.

December 29 at 5:59 AM



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AD

Allen Winn & Brett Dobbs posted:

Allen Winn & Brett Dobbs purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Allen Walker Chittum.

December 28 at 3:03 PM

LH

Love, Your Family At Carrus Hospitals posted:

Love, Your Family at Carrus Hospitals purchased the Heart's Companion Bouquet for the family of Allen Walker Chittum.

December 28 at 8:01 AM

DM

Diane Moore posted:

How can a person pick one memory after someone being in your life for 35 plus years? Allen and I have had the opportunity to talk with each other a lot lately. (Had to do with his truck) and his car trailer. Everyone in the family always cracked up when he sang Happy Birthday off key. I still to this day don't know if it was real or he truly was tone deaf. Either way, I'm going to miss him so much, I can o my imagine how Kathy and his girls are feeling. It doesn't matter how old we are, our daddy remains our daddy. I know you are in a fabulous place now and your hear is strong. It still is hard on the ones left behind. Will see you when it's my time, until then know your are in our hearts and minds. Love, Diane

December 28 at 7:22 AM

DM

Diane Moore posted:

Lit a candle in memory of Allen Walker Chittum

December 28 at 7:11 AM

RD

Restland Of Dallas posted:

Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Allen Walker Chittum.

December 28 at 5:25 AM



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AJ

Ann Jarrell posted:

Blessings to the family in the passing of a true warrior of the faith. As a fellow Seekers Bible class member, Allen's wit and knowledge and grace have been a testament to his faith and dependence on his Savior and loving family. He leaves a true faith legacy to comfort those left to remember him.

December 28 at 4:36 AM

PW

Pansy Wages posted:

Kathy and family....just want you to know that I am so sorry for your loss. My love and prayers are with you. Pansy Wages

December 28 at 3:23 AM

JS

Jj & Gwenn Sanders posted:

JJ & Gwenn Sanders purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Allen Walker Chittum.

December 27 at 3:14 PM

JN

Joyce Nichols posted:

Cindy, Jody and family we are so sorry to hear of your dad, Allen Chittum's death, we cherish the memories of the few times that we were privileged to visit with your dad. We want all of you to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Love you, Uncle Chester and Aunt Joyce.

December 27 at 2:16 PM

BG

Betty Griffin posted:

Allen was a wonderful person so sorry for your loss. Betty Griffin and family

December 27 at 12:01 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Allen by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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