



Joseph "Syl" Allen

June 12, 1954 - November 18, 2017

McDonough Chapel

Joseph Sylvan Allen (Syl) was born on June 12, 1954 to the late Johnnie Mae Allen in McDonough Georgia. He was reared by his grandparents Addie Mae and Guy Allen, who preceded him in death, they instilled principles such as the value of hard work, commitment to family, and to always keep God first in all that is done.

Joseph graduated from Henry County High School, later obtained an Associate Degree as an Electrician from Atlanta Area Technical School, and worked at various companies to develop his skills. He was employed for many years at Henderson Electric Company, making his contribution to the development of many commercial buildings that grace the skyline of Atlanta today.

He dedicated his life to Christ at an early age at Shiloh Baptist Church in McDonough, where he served faithfully. After marriage, he relocated to Atlanta and joined New Birth Missionary Baptist Church in Lithonia. In both places of worship he chose the choir as his ministry to sing for the glory of God. He loved to read the Bible and worship the Lord. He taught himself to play the guitar and piano and wrote meaningful songs to sing along with his creations. Joseph was a kind man who wore a big smile, speaking to everyone he met.

He was a loyal friend and always willing to help others. He loved to talk, and had no topics of conversation that he could not input in. He loved to laugh, tell jokes, and drive around the city. In his later years he could rarely be seen without his favorite “riding buddy” Brian in tow. He loved his family and would always stress the importance of maintaining their fellowship with each other.

Joseph married Joyce Ann Holloway Allen in which one son; Avery Sylvan Allen Jr. was born. As a dedicated father, he ensured that his son had a strong spiritual foundation and rooted in the church and positive youth activities. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Morgan Neveah, Isaiah Javon Avery, Chavonne, and Jocelyn Allen; One brother, Jeffery Pate, preceded him in death; sisters, Lisa Renee and Linda Mechell Pate; brothers Anthony, Bernard and Eric Pate; aunts, Willie Ruth Allen (Clark) and Essie Allen (Williams); and uncle Alphonzo Allen.

Previous Events

Viewing

NOV **24**. 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM (ET)

W.D. Lemon & Sons Funeral Home - McDonough Chapel
300 Griffin Street
McDonough, GA 30253
(770) 957-4337
info@wdlemonfuneralhome.com

Service

NOV **25**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Shiloh Baptist Church - McDonough
262 Macon St.
McDonough, GA 30253
(770) 957-2344
<http://www.shilohmcdonough.org/>

Interment

NOV **25**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Rose Garden Cemetery
743 Iris Lake Rd.
McDonough, GA 30252

Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph "Syl" Allen.*



November 25, 2017 at 08:56 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph "Syl" Allen.*



November 25, 2017 at 08:31 AM



“ *I met Joe when I first joined Total Praise at a music symposium, we had to minister that night and I told him to that I didn't have a ride so he not only gave me a ride home he came back yo pick me up for the service that night. Joe was good hearted guy as he offered myself and other choir members a ride when needed. My prayers are with his family.*
Faye Thomas

Faye Thomas - November 24, 2017 at 07:25 PM

MT

“ My condolences and prayers for the family of "Joe". Such a warm and wonderful spirit who loved the Lord! Every time we spoke at New Birth, we talked about how the word and the glory in the house so lifted us up! We have such a kindred spiritual connection! I will always honor my friend Joe!! R.I.H.

Mrs. Margaret H. Taylor - November 24, 2017 at 11:46 AM

ER

“ Our condolences to the family of Bro. Joseph Allen. It was a joy getting to know Bro. Joseph and visit with him. In my last conversation with Bro. Joseph, he told me that he loved God and believed that if it was not time for him to go home to God, God would heal him, but if it was his time, he was ready and ok with it. This was a faith and love for God that we all should share. There are no more health problems or any kind of problem Bro. Joseph, you are now with our Father and smiling down on the rest of us.

Sis. Elaine Richardson,
New Birth Missionary Baptist Church

Elaine Richardson - November 24, 2017 at 04:38 AM

YC

“ Yolanda Canty, Joe, and Mama Canty were on our way into New Birth MBC's service one Sunday.



Yolanda Canty - November 23, 2017 at 03:53 AM

YC

“ Yolanda Canty, Mama Canty, and the Canty family extend our condolences to the Allen family. We have shared many fun years with Joe. He was such a loving and caring person, and was always ready to crack a joke at any time. Although we will miss him dearly, we will continue to cherish the special moments we shared with him in our hearts forever! 😊



Yolanda Canty - November 23, 2017 at 03:44 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Joseph "Syl" Allen.



November 23, 2017 at 02:32 AM

MJ

“ We have been blessed to meet you. Your kindness and genuine love for people made a difference. We will miss our talks, laughter, and your physical presence. We love you rest in peace, until we meet again. Love you . Bruce and Mary Jones

Mary Jones - November 22, 2017 at 10:31 PM

LP

“ Your conversation, your laughter, your hugs, your presence...just a few things I am going to miss about you my brother. You were always so genuinely positive and encouraging, seeing the best in everyone no matter what they displayed to the rest of the world. You demonstrated Christianity by the way you lived your life and treated others. My prayer is that those whose lives you have touched can benefit from your example. May those with closed ears, minds and hearts open them up so that the world can be a kinder gentler place and that the kingdom of God is uplifted by the increase in his flock. You were strong, brave, and made decisions with conviction...steadfast. I know God is pleased and welcomes you to a place of peace, comfort, and rest. I love you and you will be greatly missed but forever in my heart! Mechell Pate

Linda Mechell Pate - November 22, 2017 at 06:26 AM

CJ

“ The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen, nor touched, but are felt in the heart.- Helen Keller

Your presence will always be remembered, loved and cherished in all the hearts you touched while you were here on earth. We shall not fret for you because you are now at peace. We'll miss you.
Rest well Syl. - CJ

Cassandra Johnson - November 20, 2017 at 08:57 PM

AP

“ For Uncle Syl

Happiness is...

Is clarity

Is perseverance

Is being at peace with the work you put in on this earth

Is always seeing the good in people instead of searching for the bad

Is being with family

Is learning to do something you always wanted to do; like sing or play the guitar

Is accepting the gift of life, and the lessons we learn through the people who come into our lives.

Who do you know that was happier and more positive than this person?

He gave us an amazing message that should be embraced.

Learn more new things

See more good, and do more good

Be selfless and loving and kind

Talk more

Talk to the people around you

Whether you know them or not, it doesn't matter.

Because you might say something that they need to hear.

And they may have a good lesson too.

Talk more. But, don't forget to listen.

Who among us is more blessed than this person?

His legacy is triggered

He is no longer subject to the pain and trials of this world

He has made a difference

His eyes have closed but he opened the eyes of all of us

And we are better because of him

Be happy. Be relentlessly happy. And talk to those around you, whether you know them or not, and don't forget to listen. Because people will not remember what you said or did, but they will

remember how you made them feel.

Syl made us feel that we could be better, more caring, more loving, and more happy. And we realize that monumental tasks...they don't matter..but, it is human connection that makes life so wonderful.

Ashley Pate

Ashley Pate - November 20, 2017 at 08:30 PM

AS

“ *You fought a good fight until u couldnt fight no more, thanks for allowing me to be apart of a legacy that will be carried on thru ya son and grandson. Your greatly missed and Love.. until we meet again.. continue to rest in peace*



Amy Stennett - November 20, 2017 at 01:15 PM

LP

Wow...My Pranking Buddy! I loved to see/hear you squirm when I would pull multiple pranks on you!And you threatning to get me when you see me! My jokes corny and all,you thought was funny(because they were!) But I loved to hear you laugh at them.Thanks for being a true example of being a man and a Christian. You are missed already. Love your Sister, Lisa.

Lisa Pate - November 23, 2017 at 02:05 PM

LB

My best friend and guardian angel. That's how I always remembered Joe he was a faithful man to God first and to his friends. Always smiling always positive and encouraging. We use to talk and laugh so much then go to a food place and pig out. He gave us the best of himself. He loved his family and Total Praise family very much made sure we got there he picked us up and dropped us home. God wanted His best angel to come home, He missed him too. I can go on and on about Joe. I'm going to miss you Joe Allen. Rest In Peace Love Linda. My condolences to the family.

Linda Barrow - November 25, 2017 at 11:03 AM