



John Wesley Allen Jr.

February 20, 1947 - February 29, 2024

John Wesley “Bug” Allen, Jr. was born on February 20, 1947, in Burton, SC. He was the eldest of eight children born to the late John Wesley “Frizz” Allen, Sr. and Mildred Lenore “Sista” Glaze Allen.

Being the oldest, he had a natural knack for nurturing and taking care of family. He worked for McCaskill’s Grocery store and helped his parents care for his siblings and the home. He did well in school making A’s, but his conduct was another story. His personality has always been unmatched to say the least. John attended Robert Smalls High School where he participated in numerous activities. This is where his undeniable love for basketball began. His sister Jannie can even recall him sneaking out of the house after his parents were asleep to go play basketball with his Uncle Neeley!

After graduating in 1965, he served in the Air Force from 1966 to 1970, becoming a Vietnam Veteran. While serving in the Air Force, he also continued to hone his skills dominating in basketball as the “Terrorizer” on the Luke AFB team. Shortly after serving in the Air Force, John moved to Atlanta, GA with his cousin Josephus (Dewey). He began his career with Xerox and during this time he married Eva G. Tolbert, and they were blessed with two daughters. Staying true to service, his love of sports, and enjoying life; he served as a member of the Masonic Order for over 40 years, played for the Dekalb Superstars and Bruce Street Eagles for over 18 years, and still he

found time to play basketball.

John married Glenda Tukes on December 25, 1999, and they began their lives together in Ellenwood, GA. He retired in 2005 from Xerox, but had a love for learning, using his hands, and teaching. He received further education at Laurus Technical Institute in Decatur, GA. After graduating, he became one of their HVAC instructors until 2015. John later became an instructor for Fortis College in Smyrna, GA until 2021.

John always had a place in his heart for serving the Lord. He was a member of Israel Baptist Church in Atlanta, GA and later Green Forrest Baptist Church in Decatur GA. He and his wife Glenda have been members of Trinity Worship Center in Ellenwood, GA since 2007. He loved his family and was extremely dependable, kindhearted, fun-loving and a joyful spirit. He loved helping others, always saw the good in people, and never met a stranger. He had a million-dollar smile to match a heart of gold.

John departed this life on Thursday February 29, 2024. He leaves to forever cherish his life and legacy: His wife, Glenda of 24 years; Daughters, Monica Johnson (Addren) and Debra Nicole Adams (Samuel); Grandchildren, Khiaya, Markez, Keyon, Aniyah, and Michele; Brother, Richard Allen (Lavern); Sisters, Jannie Allen, Carol Allen, Gloria Allen, Doris Allen Rhodin, and Josephine Allen Beulah; Uncle, Herbert Glaze (Brenda); Nieces and Nephew, Frederick (Stephanie), Tiffany, and Amber; In-laws- Mother, Mae Eula Tukes; Sisters, Delois Tukes and Grezelda Evans; Nieces and Nephew, Crystal, Ta'Juan, Yu'Nise, and George; Uncles and Aunt, Herbert Manson, Henry Manson, Lizzie Manson and David Manson; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends.

<https://vimeo.com/event/4138352>

Cemetery Details

Georgia National Cemetery

1080 Scott Hudgens Drive
Canton, GA 30114

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 8. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory
4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy
Decatur, GA 30034
(404) 241-5656

Family Hour

MAR 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory
4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy
Decatur, GA 30034
(404) 241-5656

Celebration of Life Service - Live Streamed

MAR 9. 1:00 PM (ET)

Trinity Worship Center
4851 River Road
Ellenwood, GA 30294

Tribute Wall

DA

“ *Sorry for our loss, John was a great guy and a great friend.*

Doug Allen - May 18, 2024 at 07:55 AM

DW

“ *Words cannot express my sincere condolences to the family of Mr. John Allen and family 🙏 My fondest memory of Brother John was when the Falcons were playing and he would put up one finger and tip out of church. I would look at him and laugh. He was not going to miss kick off. We would always laugh about that. He was truly a stand up guy. Rest was my friend 🙏*

Dr. Chavala Wilson - March 10, 2024 at 12:52 PM

MG

“ *My prayers and heartfelt condolences go out to the family and friends of Mr. Allen. I only knew him a short time but I've truly been blessed seeing his smile with every interaction. Your homegoing ceremony was a true celebration of your life here. I enjoyed watching the video of "cutting a rug" at the end of the slide show...Prayers and hugs to you Mrs. Allen... with Love!!! I left my card with the Ushers. - Melony*



Melony "Shelton" Green - March 09, 2024 at 08:20 PM

KB

“ *Rest well Brother!*



Kelvin Brown - March 09, 2024 at 01:35 PM

ED

“ *Much love, prayers and condolences to the family
Edith Wells Woodward*

Edith - March 09, 2024 at 12:44 PM

SM

*Glenda I'm si sorry for your Loss. Praying for Strength and Comfort.
Susanne Montford*

Susanne Montford - April 16, 2024 at 02:25 PM

SS

“ *From the Stinson family to yours. We are sending you our
condolences. On the passing of your husband. We're praying that
God heal your broken heart. We love you.*

sandra stinson - March 09, 2024 at 12:28 PM

JJ

“ *Jessica Jackson purchased the Blue Caribbean
Bouquet for the family of John Wesley Allen Jr..*



Jessica Jackson - March 09, 2024 at 07:32 AM

HS

“ *Henrietta S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Wesley Allen Jr..*

Henrietta S. - March 08, 2024 at 11:05 PM

CW

“ Uncle John you will be deeply missed. I love you. -Candace-



candace Watkins - March 08, 2024 at 09:35 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Wesley Allen Jr..



March 08, 2024 at 07:16 PM

EP

“ Elder and Evangelist Perkins purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John Wesley Allen Jr..



Elder and Evangelist Perkins - March 08, 2024 at 06:59 PM

EP

“ Elder and Evangelist Perkins planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Wesley Allen Jr..

Elder and Evangelist Perkins - March 08, 2024 at 06:59 PM

RW

“ Rodney White purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John Wesley Allen Jr..



Rodney White - March 08, 2024 at 04:36 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Wesley Allen Jr..



March 08, 2024 at 04:08 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of John Wesley Allen Jr..



March 08, 2024 at 12:12 PM

AF

“ Alfreda & John Harris III family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Wesley Allen Jr..

Alfreda & John Harris III family - March 08, 2024 at 12:12 PM

RW

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Ralph Williams - March 08, 2024 at 12:10 PM

BS

“ *John and I shared many years at Xerox Corp. He was a classy, friendly, man who welcomed me to Xerox on my first day on the job. Over the years he remained the same helpful, intelligent, truly special individual every time we met. He was a dear friend, and I will truly miss him. Rest in peace, John.*

Brian Sanders

Brian Sanders - March 08, 2024 at 09:47 AM

DY

“ *Dr. JEAN JONES-FRANCIS, NEW YORK purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John Wesley Allen Jr..*



Dr. JEAN JONES-FRANCIS, NEW YORK - March 08, 2024 at 08:54 AM

CB

“ Our deepest sympathy to Glenda and family. We continuously pray God strengthens you and ease your pain. May God, our Father give you everlasting consolation and hope through grace, comfort your hearts, and establish you in every good word and work.

Calvin & Sharon Bradley - March 07, 2024 at 07:38 PM

MP

Our deepest condolences to the entire Allen family. We met uncle John through his nephew, Fred, who is also a son-in-law. From day one, we always knew him as uncle John, and later, as James Michael's Grandfather.

God bless you.

Love 💕💕

Michael and Kathie Perkins

Michael and Kathie Perkins - March 07, 2024 at 09:53 PM

AB

“ Amy and Ben purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John Wesley Allen Jr..



Amy and Ben - March 07, 2024 at 05:46 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Wesley Allen Jr..



March 07, 2024 at 04:07 PM

MK

“ *The Peace Baptist Church prayer line extends our condolences to yo and your family Sister Glenda God has his comforting are wrapped around you. John has earned his wings he is smiling because God has healed him, he is resting in God's arms. John was loved by many cherish the memories weeping may endure for a moment but comes in the morning. ONE DAY AT A TIME keep on holding to God's unchanging hand. We love you .Peace Baptist Church prayer line 7 days aweek 24/7*

Millicent Kemp - March 07, 2024 at 02:10 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Wesley Allen Jr..*



March 07, 2024 at 12:47 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John Wesley Allen Jr..*



March 07, 2024 at 12:33 PM

VF

“ *My husband and I always enjoyed John's company when he and Glenda came over to visit our home and our church. His conversation was always uplifting and encouraging. Rest in peace John.*

Virginia Farris - March 07, 2024 at 10:48 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of John Wesley Allen Jr..



March 07, 2024 at 09:58 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of John Wesley Allen Jr..



March 07, 2024 at 07:38 AM



“ *Brenda Hales purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket* for the family of John Wesley Allen Jr..



Brenda Hales - March 06, 2024 at 07:41 PM



“ *Peri Thomas lit a candle in memory of John Wesley Allen Jr.*



Peri Thomas - March 06, 2024 at 06:16 PM

PT

Eternal rest grant unto them, may they rest in peace. Glenda may Gods love and grace bring you peace and strength.

Peri Thomas - March 06, 2024 at 06:21 PM

RB

*The Robert Smalls High School Class of 1968, extends sincere condolences to our classmate, Sister Jannie Allen and family. May God's love cover you during this time. We are in continuous prayer for you and your family. Cherish the memories that you shared and continue to hold to God's unchanging hands.
RSHS Class of 1968, Beaufort, South Carolina
Roy R. Brown, class president*

Roy Brown - March 07, 2024 at 05:37 PM

MC

“ *Glenda and Family, May God Bless, Guide and Give you Wisdom each day. Know that John got his wings and is peacefully with our Father. †††❤️*
-Menthalia Copeland and Family



Menthalia Copeland - March 06, 2024 at 05:58 PM

JG

“ *Sending yall love and comfort during this difficult time.*



Jasmine Gonzales - March 06, 2024 at 02:38 PM

FK

“ May God give you strength and comfort during this difficult time. Glenda, may the peace of God rest upon you and the family and day by day may the memories heal your sorrows and bring you peace. With our deepest sympathy Faith and James King



Faith E King - March 06, 2024 at 01:28 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Wesley Allen Jr..



March 06, 2024 at 01:18 PM

FF

“ Fondly, Your TMLT Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Wesley Allen Jr..

Fondly, Your TMLT Family - March 06, 2024 at 01:18 PM

MM

“ Condolences and prayers are extended to John's family and friends. My impression of John is that he truly loved and enjoyed life. He did not know a stranger. He fit right in at social gatherings. May he rest in peace. Marva Manson

Marva Manson - March 05, 2024 at 08:32 PM

AF

“ *Arlene king and family. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John Wesley Allen Jr..*



Arlene king and family. - March 05, 2024 at 07:08 PM

BB

“ *Will miss you dearly. Looking forward to seeing John along with the other Aces in the future paradise. Bill Bennett*

Bill Bennett - March 05, 2024 at 06:13 PM

YF

“ *Yolanda Banks & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John Wesley Allen Jr..*



Yolanda Banks & Family - March 05, 2024 at 05:26 PM

YF

“ *Another soul has wings and heaven got the best angel ever... Love gives us memories. Faith gives us strength. Time helps us heal. Glenda and family, John walks beside you everyday! Love, Yolanda Banks & Family*



Yolanda Banks & Family - March 05, 2024 at 04:54 PM

EW

“ *Elvira Weekes lit a candle in memory of John Wesley Allen Jr.*



Elvira Weekes - March 05, 2024 at 03:06 PM

EW

It was a pleasure to be able to take of such a wonderful Man whose spirit was very strong. And the Nurses are Thankful for his Wife Glenda who took Excellent care of him.

*“Rest on Mr. Allen , you are Free now
Will miss you very Much ❤️*

Elvira Weekes - March 05, 2024 at 03:12 PM

JF

“ *May your transition to God's throne be assured that your girls will always be in my care and close to my heart with undying love as long as I live.*

Jean Jones Francis - March 05, 2024 at 01:32 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Wesley Allen Jr..*



March 05, 2024 at 12:47 PM

RC

“ Ronald and Joyce Coar planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Wesley Allen Jr..

Ronald and Joyce Coar - March 05, 2024 at 12:47 PM

MS

“ John and I started Xerox at the same time. What a dear friend John was during our years at Xerox. John will be dearly missed by the people that he touched during his life on earth. John your work here is done things left undone will have to stay that way. Now My friend go rest. Love you John

Mike Sweat - March 05, 2024 at 12:33 PM

AR

You've earned your wings my friend! Well done thy good and faithful servant, your wings await you! John was one of the best friends anyone could ever wish for. Many times we got together for sporting events, rides to other states, and great get togethers in our respective homes. Brother John your legacy lives on. Me and my family appreciate you sharing your precious time with us, while you were on this side of the Jordan. Rest in the arms of the Lord good Brother, I will see you in eternity! Our deepest sympathy and condolences to Glenda and the entire Allen Family.

Aaron Robinson - March 05, 2024 at 12:48 PM

JJ

To Glenda and the rest of family, I pray for have strength and peace of mind as you all mourn the lost of our beloved John. He had such a gentle spirit and a kind heart. His time here has expired but I believe he is resting now with the peace that only God can give. Aunt Sister is there to meet him at gate just imagine there reunion. So know in your heart's that he is alright now. Trust God to mend your heart's he never leaves your side. Love you all. May he rest in peace 🙏🙏🙏

Janice Jones - March 05, 2024 at 01:45 PM

ON

I moved here from Charlotte and worked with John at Xerox. He always had a smile and wonderful friend. I always wondered in our line of work how he stayed so fresh dressed and never got dirty. He said always dress like you going out. Loved him and that smile. He was a great friend. Love you John. You will be missed.

Orin Noel - March 05, 2024 at 09:53 PM

RW

“ *My classmate! My Condolences!!!*

Rebecca Smalls Williams - March 05, 2024 at 12:10 PM

DM

“ *I meet John almost a year ago started as his aid in he stay positive at all times never once complained about anything its sadness me to hear of his passing but I will remember how he stay very positive thru all he has incurred my condolences to his wife and kids you all are in my prayers*

Donshae Maberry - March 05, 2024 at 10:49 AM

ST

Rest in Heaven Mr.Allen Steven Taylor.

Steven Taylor - March 06, 2024 at 12:30 PM

AB

“ *My Condolences to the Allen family. May God provide you with comfort, peace and strength. Keeping you lifted in prayers.*

*Sincerely,
Alzena Jones Blythe*

Alzena Blythe - March 05, 2024 at 10:27 AM

LD

Time has a way of allowing us to sort through all that has happened in our lives. When someone close to us passes, our thoughts of them can make us smile. Along with God's grace comfort and compassion, we continue to live. His compassion is never deplete. Condolences to the family.

Lester Daniels - March 05, 2024 at 11:40 AM