



Robert Bayette Allen

March 4, 1925 - March 11, 2016

Robert Bayette Allen, 91, of Syracuse, New York, passed away peacefully on Friday, March 11, 2016 at the Veterans Administration Medical Center following a brief illness.

A native and life resident of the Syracuse area, he was the only child of Harry Bayette and Dorothy Horsburgh Allen and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Allen (Deputy Chief Engineer for the City of Syracuse)

Robert proudly served in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Houston and the USS Fremont as a Bosun's mate in the Pacific during WWII. He was a member of the American Legion Post 41. He attended annual reunions with the USS Fremont with his wife Betty and daughter, Cindy spanning from the Grand Canyon, St. Louis Arch to the WWII Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Allen was a well-respected Boy Scout Leader of Hiawatha Council Troop 27 at Edward Smith School for 27 years. He was instrumental in raising 27 boys to the rank of Eagle Scout including his two sons and five grandchildren. He enjoyed taking the troop summer camping at Sabattis Scout Reservation as well as winter survival training in the Adirondacks. They also attended many local and national Jamborees. He was Woodbadge trained, a recipient of the District Award of Merit and the Silver Beaver Award, and was affectionately known as Old Goat #2.

He and his late wife, Betty celebrated 50 years together. For more than 20 years he and Betty camped at Lebanon Valley Campground and provided numerous activities for families including the yearly "Christmas in August." The Allen family camped and traveled together through the years and often included neighborhood kids and friends.

He retired from the Syracuse Post Standard and previously worked for Crouse Hinds Company and Harris Roofing all of which along with his more than 60 years of employment at Drumlins Country Club.

He was the "Unofficial Mayor" of Ackerman Ave., keeping the SU students in line and reminding them to behave like good neighbors. He was an avid SU fan (GO ORANGE !), having limited sight he listened to the games including the devastating loss to Pitt this past week.

Surviving are his seven children: Beth Boardman Hubert (Norbert,dec), Richard (Maurice) Boardman, Cherie Boardman, Bonnie Allen, Dorothy (Keith) Gilmer and Cynthia Allen, and Scott (Diane) Allen; 15 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. He is also survived by a special cousin, Don Fritch of Colorado.

Services will be 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 17, 2016 at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, Syracuse, New York. Burial will be in Onondaga County Veterans Memorial Cemetery. Calling hours will be on Wednesday, March 16, 2016 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home, 4612 S. Salina Street, Syracuse, New York.

The family would like to thank the staff at the Veterans Medical Center for their excellent and compassionate care for Mr. Robert Allen and his family during this difficult time.

In lieu of flowers a donation to the Veterans Medical Center of a Veterans group of ones choice in his honor.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert Bayette Allen*



Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home - March 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Grandpa you were the best and im going to miss listening to the Syracuse games with you or when i come home from college or work and you asking how my day went. I miss going with you bright and early in the mornings to delivery news papers to the hospitals. You got to see me graduate high school though and that is a really big part in my life i was hoping you stuck around to watch me graduate college. you are gone but your soul will live on i miss you day and night hoping it would be a dream and you would come back. the night you went before i went off to a friend's house i kissed you and told you i loved you and i still do. i never got to tell grandma that before she died. please watch over me and give grandma a big hug and kiss for me please i love you both.*

Candle of Peace - May 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Some of my favorite memories of growing up in our house were the times we got to build an ice skating rink in the backyard and go around the neighborhood dragging everyones discarded Christmas trees home to decorate the rink. We never had much money, and we had to rob peter to pay Paul a lot but it was OK. Even though dad worked a lot of evenings at Drumlins bowling lanes, he always made it to open house atvEdward Smith. We knew he had been there because we found a nickel in our desk in the morning. I will miss you and mom forever and always. Love you

March 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Dad,,I love and Miss you and Mom.....The Memories we will hold in our hearts....The trips to Canada,Family Camping,The Movies at the Theaters, The most one was the trip to The Worlds Fair in Long Island,NY when they had it..I will Love you Forever in my Heart.....

Candle of Memories - March 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ I've known "Mister" Allen since I was a teenage Boy Scout and now I'm collecting Social Security. I will always have fond memories of him and remember our times together with a smile. A Scouter has gone home. Thanks Bob. - Dave Mele

March 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ My loss to not have known your father, but I do know that he had a wonderful daughter Cindy! Prayers and hugs to you Cindy and your family.

Butterfly - March 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *My prayers go out to your family in hopes that fond memories will always be with you and a comfort at special places and holidays. For all your help in scouting, a very big thank you.*

Eagle Scout son of Old Goat #1.

March 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *All good things do come to an end, but it doesn't make it any easier on those left behind. It was pure pleasure to have known and associated with Bob.....RIP*

March 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *WOW where do I start. I've had the pleasure of making lots of memories with Bob every summer growing up at the Camp Grounds. Christmas in August for sure was one of favorites. All the activities he planned for everyone and the rides we got on his golf cart along with being spoiled. He always was a happy man and a person with lots of energy. He knew how to out party the other adults. My biggest memory is when Betty knew how to get him going and pick. Bob this isn't goodbye it's see you again real soon. I can already hear Betty giving you grief about something. Remember drive that golf cart like you always did*

March 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *My condolences to Scott and family. There has never been a better Scout Leader. One Friday evening, we were hiking thru a field. I was right behind 'Mr Allen' as he was clearing a path with a machete for the troop in single file behind us. After a while, as it started to get dark, I asked 'Do you know where we are?' He said 'No, but don't tell anyone'. So many good stories about a guy who had a huge impact on my life. May the great leader, who watches over all good Scouts, be with you until we meet again - a Scout is brave.*

March 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM



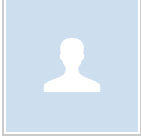
“ *My Father, My Hero,, Thank you for all the Memories you did with us...on Camping Trips, Family Vacations, Movies, Crouse Hines Christmas Parties, helping to make our Ice Skating Rink in the backyard...and the list goes on..I was not ready to let you go,, But you were ready.....I will miss you Forever....Hug Mom for me.....*

March 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *So many memories but many thanks for including me in your family camping trips to Greenlakes in the summers and spending weekends and invading your room to watch the Johnny Carson Show . I will still make extra fudge for Xmas for you and I will eat a piece in your memory. You might be gone but you won't be forgotten.*

March 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. He was a great guy and looks pretty sharp in this picture. I know he will be greatly missed by all. Love Bob Gallacher*

March 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *We are sorry to hear o f the passing of your dad. Our sympathy is with your family.
My first re-union was in Iowa and your dad made me and my wife so welcome.
Each re-union after that it was so nice to see him there with his apron on.
He will be greatly missed by me and my wife.
Love Jim & Loretta Speshock*

March 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM