



Eldridge Allen Jr

July 28, 1927 - January 17, 2022

Our beloved Eldridge Allen, Jr. departed this life January 17, 2022 at the wonderful age of 94 years.

He was the youngest of eight children born to Eldridge Sr. and Nancy Kimble Allen on July 28, 1927 in Grant Parish, Louisiana. He was educated in Grant Parish schools.

As a young man, he was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1946. He was a veteran of the Korean war. During his military career, his first five years were in Germany. He earned a Purple Heart among other honors. Throughout his enlistment he traveled the world, yet his favorite destination was always back to his home town. He retired honorably after twenty-two years of service.

While stationed at Camp Pickett Army Base in Blackstone, Virginia, he met Gwendolyn C. Harrison, a young nursing student who soon became his wife and life partner for more than 65 years. He and his bride located to Washington, DC. Three children were born to their union; Cornithia, Eldred (deceased), and Eldridge Rodwirth. With his family, he enjoyed fishing, cookouts, watching Washington, DC's football team and pro boxing.

A passion for automobiles led to a twenty-year second career as an auto mechanic with the U.S. Postal Service where he again retired in 1988. He was well known in his neighborhood for offering car maintenance advice and auto repair.

Eldridge Jr. was a "tell it like it is" man—he spoke what was on his mind and seldomly apologized for it. Using his personal history, he guided and inspired others to appreciate the life presented to them and encouraged them to make the most of it.

He also enjoyed boating, wood working and smoking a good cigar on his front porch. He meticulously manicured his home lawn until his health began to decline.

He was most proud of his family, often speaking of his life in Louisiana, then in Washington, DC.

Traveling to Louisiana was the highlight of his vacations.

The true measure of his character showed in how he cared for his family, friends, and coworkers. He believed in a man's obligation to work hard and care for others. He took this responsibility very seriously. Often, with a little coaxing from the love of his life, he trustingly handed over his wallet to support piano, art, photography lessons, and any sporting equipment needed to pursue an interest. He proudly attended boy scout events, little league football games, recitals, and graduations.

Eldridge Jr. was a dedicated son, brother, husband, father, uncle, serviceman and friend.

Eldridge Jr. is preceded in death by his parents, siblings, and his first son, Eldred. He leaves to cherish his memory; wife, Gwendolyn Claudell; daughter, Cornithia Allen Harris; son, Eldridge R. Allen; grandsons, Kahlil E. Allen and Colin C. Harris; sisters in-law, Queen Clark, Mattie Atterberry, Mattie Pickens, Janie Allen; brother in-law, Johnnie Harrison; godson, Frank Bell, and very special friends, Michael Fenwick and Merritt Burnett, in addition to many loving nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

MARSHALL-MARCH FUNERAL HOME OF MD
4308 SUITLAND ROAD SUITLAND MARYLAND 20746
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Service

FEB 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Eldridge Allen Jr, Please Click the Link below.



Marshall-March Funeral Homes - January 24, 2022 at 04:08 PM



“ Eldridge Allen Jr

October 23, 2023 at 08:15 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Eldridge Allen Jr.



February 05, 2022 at 07:49 AM



“ I met Mr. Allen in 1955. Mr. Allen was friend of my fathers and I needed a tent for the Boy Scouts and he provided one. Mr. Allen always gave me great advice when I visited him. He will be greatly missed.

Meritt Burnett - February 05, 2022 at 12:32 AM



The admiration and respect my father had for your father was of a supreme level and unmatched. The love, wisdom, and joy Mr. Burnett and you shared with my dad has flowed to our entire family. Thank you for being the continuance.

Eldridge Allen - February 08, 2022 at 06:51 AM

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“ Celebrate the life. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Eldridge Allen Jr.



Celebrate the life. - February 04, 2022 at 02:32 PM

TJ

“ I will always remember Mr. Allen. Whenever Ben and I had a chance to spend some time with him we always had a great time. He always made us laugh and always had words of wisdom to share. I will greatly miss Mr. Allen. Love Terri Jordan

Terri Jordan - February 04, 2022 at 06:33 AM



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



February 02, 2022 at 08:54 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Eldridge Allen Jr.



January 25, 2022 at 04:49 PM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.
May God comfort you through his word the Bible and the gift of prayer. Truly sorry for your loss.

Evans family - January 21, 2022 at 04:35 AM



“ We the March Family and Marshall-March Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

Marshall-March Funeral Homes - January 18, 2022 at 04:43 PM