



## John Lawrence Allen

March 25, 1941 - August 28, 2019

John Lawrence Allen died peacefully in his sleep on August 28, 2019 after a long struggle with cancer. He was born March 25, 1941 in Brownwood Texas to Elijah Cecil and Marilla Solomon Allen. His father was stationed there for a time. John had two older brothers, Norris and Terry, and a sister Eleanor. A few years later a younger Brother, Dwight, was added to the Family.

John spent most of his life growing up in Winslow, Arizona where he went to grade school through high school. After graduating from high school, he spent two summers working for the Santa Fe railroad in Winslow and attended Brigham Young University in Provo Utah during the fall and winter 1959-61.

He served a two-year Mission for his church in England and Wales. After his return he continued his schooling at BYU where his cousin introduced him to her friend, Janice Webster. They were married in the Mesa, Arizona Temple on January 28th, 1965. They both continued their schooling until John graduated in May, 1967 with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. Their first child, John Brady, was born March 14, 1966.

John took a job in Phoenix at Air-Research Manufacturing Co. and worked there his entire career-- 33 years. He had a job he loved the whole time he worked there. His job was analyzing and designing parts for aircraft, submarines, missiles and automobiles. During this time, they raised their nine children. He was also very actively involved in his church, serving in many different roles, including Stake Clerk and Bishop.

He enjoyed several recreational activities including auto mechanics, back-packing, racquetball, rubber band powered airplanes, gardening, and constant work trimming, mowing, and weed eating their acre of property.

Since retiring he enjoyed traveling with Janice including several cruises and often went to visit children and grandchildren who live in several different states. With his wife Janice he served several local service missions as well two full time missions; eighteen months each in Philadelphia and in Montreal. Both missions were for Family Search preparing and digitizing administrative documents, (similar to wills). The digital images are in searchable data bases on the internet for use by family historians and genealogists.

John was preceded in death by his oldest child Brady, and their fifth child, Brandt. John wrote that the hardest decision he ever had to make was allowing Brady (14 at the time) to

be placed outside our home. He had difficult behavior resulting from developmental disabilities and multiple types of seizures. Brandt served a mission in Canada, attended BYU, married Sarah Sandstrom, and died just short of their first anniversary. Their daughter, Sierra was born three months later. The remaining posterity are Corey (Courtney), Timothy (Shirell), Justin (Mindy), Marilla (Casey Olson), Valora (Eric Hintze), Amber (Richard Heywood), Tyler (Deborah). He also has 41 grandchildren, (two deceased) and three great- grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday September 7th at 10:00 A.M. at the LDS chapel located at 2265 S. Hawes Rd, Mesa Arizona. There will be a private family viewing preceding the service at 9:00 A.M.

# Cemetery

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## City of Mesa Cemetery

1212 N. Center St.

Mesa, AZ, 85201

# Events

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**SEP 7** **Family Viewing** 09:00AM

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Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints  
2265 S. Hawes Rd., Mesa, AZ, US, 85212

**SEP 7** **Funeral Service** 10:00AM

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# Comments

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“ Dear Janice and family,  
I am so sorry to hear of John`s passing. When you were here in Vermont (Montreal) I so enjoyed knowing you both and enjoyed our lunches in Burlington. We hoped the Burlington hospital treatment would be successful. My brother, Bill Ryan, told me of the news recently.  
Take care of yourself and accept my sincere condolence for the loss of John whose life was so well lived.  
Sincerely,  
Joanne Ryan Duffy

Joanne Duffy - November 11 at 07:41 PM

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“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Lawrence Allen.



September 04 at 05:02 PM

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“ Oh how we loved and enjoyed our brother John's company with cute wife Janice. They've raised such an outstanding family, blessed us with their visits and fun trips. We are going to miss this wonderful, handsome, intelligent, successful and Christ-like man. Love from Terry & Nadine Allen

Nadine & Terry Allen - September 04 at 02:24 AM

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“ When I was in high school I would join Bro Allen and his daughter Amber on walks. It was so nice to go on walks with him. We memorized the Family, A Proclamation to the World together, we would even go back and forth saying each word between the three of us. It was very confusing at times.

We the First Presidency and the Council of the Twelve Apostles of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints solemnly proclaim that marriage between a man and a women is ordained of God and that the Family is central to the Creators plan for the eternal destiny of His children.

Thank you Brother Allen for your love and example.

**Heather Weir** - September 04 at 12:27 AM

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“ Bishop Allen was a wonderful Bishop and thoughtful man  
He always thanked me for playing the organ after Sacrament meeting  
He will will greatly missed  
Scott and I send our condolences  
Marlene Benson

**Marlene Benson** - September 03 at 06:12 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Lawrence Allen.



September 03 at 08:52 AM

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“ Meldrum Mortuary lit a candle in memory of John Lawrence Allen



**Meldrum Mortuary** - September 02 at 06:05 PM