



Mr. William Edward Allen

August 25, 1981 - September 26, 2020

A Celebration of Life for William Edward Allen, 39, will be held at 10:30 am on Saturday, October 3rd, 2020 at the First Baptist Church. The Rev. Dr. Greg Boyd will officiate with burial in Darlington Memory Gardens. The family will receive friends from 5:00 pm until 6:00 pm on Friday, October 2nd, 2020 at the Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home.

William died peacefully on Saturday, September 26, 2020. Born in Newark, NJ, he was a son of Karen Small Allen and the late Dr. James Ervin Allen. He attended Christ School in Asheville, Trinity School in Darlington, and was a graduate of Oral Roberts University. His ultimate goal was to become a lawyer. He loved dogs.

Surviving are his loving mother, Karen Allen of Hartsville, SC; sister, Karien Chavis and her husband, Stanley Chavis, of Wake Forest, NC; brother, James E. Allen, Jr. of Kansas; his mother's fiancé, George Johnson of Columbia, SC; nieces and nephews, Marah Rose Fields and husband Jaaron Fields, David Elijah Chavis, Micah S. Chavis, K'ahnna N. Chavis, Joah Asher Chavis, Calem Blake Chavis, Jaasiel A. Chavis.

Memorials may be made to the Darlington County Humane Society, Box 1655, Hartsville, SC 29550.

Cemetery Details

Darlington Memory Gardens

2071 East Bobo Newsom Highway
Hartsville, SC

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 2. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home
306 West Home Avenue
Hartsville, SC 29550

Service

OCT 3. 10:30 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church
104 E. Home Ave.
Hartsville, SC

Tribute Wall

SM

“ <3 miss and love you William I was searching to find out and this just hit me like a rock. Sending my deepest condolence to you all! He was a major light in this world and in mine!



Stephanie McAvoy - November 14, 2020 at 11:24 PM



“ Jay Benson lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Edward Allen



Jay Benson - October 28, 2020 at 01:19 PM

SM

<3 finding out what I knew in my souls. Sending my love and condolence to you all!!! Steph

Stephanie McAvoy - November 14, 2020 at 11:21 PM

VB

“ Karen,

I am just seeing. I am so very sorry for your loss. God will give you the needed strength. Just rely on him and he will see you through.

Love,

Vernessa

Vernessa Boyd - October 25, 2020 at 08:56 PM

AP

“ *Areece Primus lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Edward Allen*



Areece Primus - October 09, 2020 at 12:32 AM

LC

“ *LaJoyce Chapman lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Edward Allen*



LaJoyce Chapman - October 03, 2020 at 05:53 PM


Rennarda
Mcfadden

“ *Condolences to William's family. From Rennarda, Mekhi, and Lynx*



Rennarda Mcfadden - October 03, 2020 at 10:54 AM

FG

“ I first met William 5 years ago when he walked into the office in a 3 piece suit sweating under the hot Arizona sun. He was friendly and cheerful although we knew the heat was probably making him rethink Arizona. From that moment on he became the guy we turned to when we needed a smile or just needed to feel better. He was thoughtful and sweet to everyone he met and he made our days brighter. I am so sorry for your loss, but I know as such a true believer as he was, that William is in a better place with those he loves. It may not ease your pain but know he was a wonderful person who touched many and his light shines forever in our memories.

Francisca Griffiths - October 03, 2020 at 02:32 AM

MF

“ *Mary Foxworth lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Edward Allen*



Mary Foxworth - October 02, 2020 at 07:52 PM

JS

“ Karen, Carolyn and I send our love and prayers to you and your family during this giant bend in the road that you are going through. However, you do not walk it alone - the Lord walks right beside you to hold you up and will cause you to raise back up. We know that your faith in the Lord is strong, but the sting of William's death causes your heart and spirit to ache. William is safe at Home with his Lord and with his dad (William looks SO much like his dad!). The world we live in may not be here much longer for Christians - we believe that the trumpet may soon sound - the dead in Christ will rise - and we that are alive and remain on this earth will be caught up with them to meet the Lord! The separation from our loved ones will hopefully be brief. Our cry is "Even so, Lord Jesus, come."

Jeffrey L Sifford - October 02, 2020 at 04:26 PM

JB

“ I first met William many years ago through my niece as did many members of my family. It did not take long to see that this young man had been raised with excellent manners and a strong belief in his Lord and Savior! Before she had her transplant, Karen and William came to our home to pray for her. What a display of love, compassion and faith! I know that Caroline was there with her beautiful smile to greet him at The Benjamin Gate! I pray for your strong faith to comfort you. Suzanne Beasley



Johnny and Suzanne Beasley - October 02, 2020 at 02:51 PM

ML

“ William was quite a character, and I can't remember a time where we had a conversation, even on a serious subject, and didn't manage to also share a laugh. He will be so sorely missed, by me and so many others who he touched. My condolences to all of his family and friends, I share in your grief of his passing.

Matt Lizzie - October 02, 2020 at 02:15 PM

AH

“ William was one in a million. He brought laughter and joy to everyone along his journey on this Earth. I am thankful beyond measure that our paths crossed so many years ago. You definitely left an impression on everyone. Love you to the moon and back! You will forever be missed.

April Hopkins - October 02, 2020 at 12:12 PM

CL

“ I will forever miss you, William. ❤️❤️



Christy Long - October 02, 2020 at 01:30 AM

AT

“ Aimee Toby lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Edward Allen



Aimee Toby - October 01, 2020 at 10:34 PM

AI

“ *My condolences to William’s family. I worked with William and will miss him every day. He meant so much to so many. Sending love and prayers.*

Aimee - October 01, 2020 at 10:33 PM

TJ

“ *Good all around person. You always made me laugh. You’re one of a kind William. It was a pleasure knowing you for all these years. Rest on my friend.*



Tia Jackson - October 01, 2020 at 06:16 PM

AG

“ *Ann Gray lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Edward Allen*



Ann Gray - October 01, 2020 at 04:33 PM

AB

“ *Andrea Braddock lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Edward Allen*



Andrea Braddock - October 01, 2020 at 02:11 PM

CG

“ *Cindy Griggs lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Edward Allen*



Cindy Griggs - October 01, 2020 at 12:34 PM

MF

“ *Rest in Heaven Uncle William* ❤️❤️



Marah Fields - October 01, 2020 at 09:02 AM

AF

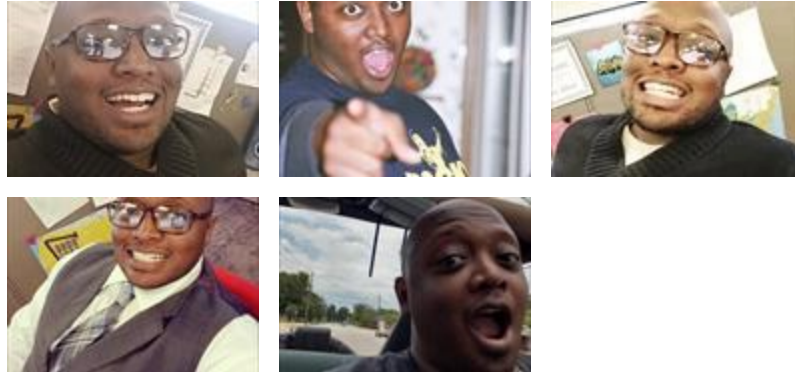
“ *Ann Fulcher lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Edward Allen*



Ann Fulcher - October 01, 2020 at 07:55 AM

KA

“❤️



Karien Allen-Chavis - September 30, 2020 at 10:11 PM

AK

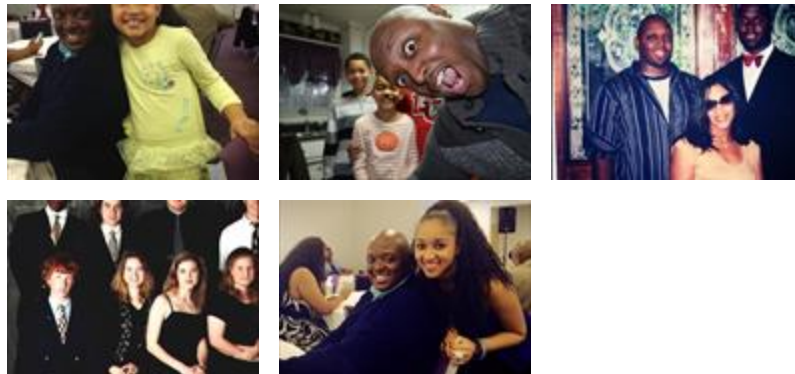
“ *Ann King lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Edward Allen*



Ann King - September 30, 2020 at 09:44 PM

KA

“ *5 files added to the tribute wall*



Karien Allen-Chavis - September 30, 2020 at 09:12 PM

AD

William aka Wil aka Wil-I-Am. I am still lost beyond words and wish this was one of your bad jokes. God definitely needed you more and this is a hard pill to swallow but know heaven will welcome you with open arms. Until we meet again. You left a unforgettable mark here! Prayers to your family and the hippos will carry on your memory. May you rest in peace! ❤️

Ashley Davis - September 30, 2020 at 09:28 PM

BT

“ *Sending condolences....prayers for the family....we are kin*

Brenda Greer (Nashville, TN) - September 30, 2020 at 08:36 PM

KB

“ *I lived a few doors down from William in the dorms at ORU. He was such a joy and made everyone and everything around him brighter. I will never forget him trying wrestling moves while also in a sumo suit in the cafeteria. You will be missed so much*

Kendal Butler - September 30, 2020 at 08:31 PM

DJ

“ *My condolences to Ms. Allen and to the entire Allen family. May God grant you all with love and serenity at this time. William will be greatly missed ❤️*

Debra Jackson & Family

Debra Jackson - September 30, 2020 at 08:27 PM



AS

“ I was truly saddened to hear of Williams passing. It was genuinely a pleasure to have gotten to know him over the past couple years. He was a great guy and he always made me laugh when I would reach out to him for assistance with questions at work. I will miss the snarky "What...Do you want?" remark I would get when I would reach out to him. That was fine and all in fun, because I would give him the same when he would reach out to me. We both appreciated that with each other. I will truly miss him and our conversations about the latest movies we had watched and exchanging our opinions about them. My deepest condolences are extended to his family and I will pray for you all to have strength and get through this.

Rest In Power William!

*Andre Seldon
Co-worker/Friend at Paychex*

Andre Seldon - September 30, 2020 at 07:03 PM

KC

“ Kelly Concessi lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Edward Allen



Kelly Concessi - September 30, 2020 at 04:16 PM

DK

“ Dawn Kressley lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Edward Allen



Dawn Kressley - September 30, 2020 at 01:10 PM

JN

“ Jenn Nappi lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Edward Allen



Jenn Nappi - September 30, 2020 at 12:54 PM

KW

“ Kae Walker lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Edward Allen



Kae Walker - September 30, 2020 at 11:32 AM

BS

“ Bryan Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Edward Allen



Bryan Smith - September 30, 2020 at 11:29 AM

MP

“ *Mary Pantano lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Edward Allen*



Mary Pantano - September 30, 2020 at 10:15 AM

SM

“ *Scarlett Mason lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Edward Allen*



Scarlett Mason - September 30, 2020 at 08:18 AM

BR

“ I am so very sorry Mrs. Karen, Karien, and James. My heart is absolutely broken for you all. I am in constant prayer for your comfort and peace.

In my years of dating William we shared many good times. It says to share a memory but I have just so many. Apart from his humor, he was also a hopeless romantic. He taught me how to salsa dance in the hallway upstairs. He would read poetry and Bible verses to me on a blanket under the stars. He made fancy grilled cheese on our anniversary, and he didn't even burn it...he was SO proud.

♥ We listened to Sarah McLachlan's WinterSong Album as we decorated for Christmas. He begged me to sing Moon River everytime we said goodbye. I cherished getting to know a side of him only a few knew. He wrote some of the most eloquent poems. I'll never forget his laughter, his falsetto hitting every Whitney Houston high note , his sound effects, and every tender moment in between. I am thankful for the time we had. Even in the arguing... he chose love and forgiveness.

We didn't always treat each other the best, we were young... And boy he knew how to push my buttons...but it was hard for us to finally admit that we just needed to bow out gracefully. "Better to have loved than never at all" he said.

It has been 13 years since we last saw each other...until I saw him at BiLo back early in the year. I had a cart full of children and a wide smile grew across his face and he nodded, I smiled back and life went on. A familiar stranger... A moment I'll never get again. Too sad for me to even comprehend. Who knows what that smile meant, or what he even thought of me in the end... But he helped shape me into the wife I am today.

I remember him blasting "I'll Say Yes" by Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir one night when we applied for jobs together. He was screaming those lyrics in his best soprano voice. Classic. His faith in God brought life to my bones after many years of selfish living. He covered me in prayer, and spoke scripture over me, invested in me, and LOVED me. I went from drowning my insecurities in alcohol to

finding Jesus again. He showed me what real love looked like, and because of that, I found the person God had for me. He was a true soldier of The Cross. His time with me did not go to waste, for I see the fruits of it everyday... And I know I am Not the only one who was changed for good.

I'll remember his smiling face behind the wheel of his precious Jeep on those cool summer nights. Everyday was an adventure, and he savored every drop of life. There will only ever be one , and I just cannot believe he is gone, but I'm feel honored to have been so close to him for a little while.

I know he is with The King and his father, and our friend Caroline. I pray you all find the greatest comfort in that.

Forever in my ❤️-Brandy

Brandy - September 30, 2020 at 01:26 AM

TF

My family and I were saddened by the passing of William. May God comfort you doing this time. The Forte' Family.

Timothy Forte' - September 30, 2020 at 12:18 PM

EC

“ *Evonne Cooper lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Edward Allen*



Evonne Cooper - September 29, 2020 at 11:52 PM

VJ

“ Karen & family, I am so terribly sorry for your loss. I remember watching your sweet son grow up as I worked with Dr Allen at Byerly. Then as teenagers William and my daughter KATIE became good friends. His hobby then was photography and he took some amazing pictures of my daughter for a portfolio she needed. He was a good friend to her and a wonderful young man! Much love to you and your family! Prayers for comfort and peace! QI know as a Mother who also lost an adult Son, the pain is tremendous and the grief prolonged! God is always with you and he will carry you through this most difficult journey of grief! Keep your faith and hold GOD's hand!



VALERIE JOHNSON - September 29, 2020 at 09:03 PM

KC

“ Dear Karen and family, I'm sorry to hear of your loss. Praying for peace and strength.

Kim Clanton - September 29, 2020 at 07:57 PM

KA

“ We will Always Love you!! ❤️❤️



Karien Allen-Chavis - September 29, 2020 at 04:14 PM

SS

“ *Shalayna Starks lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Edward Allen*



Shalayna Starks - September 29, 2020 at 02:35 PM

SR

“ *Buddy.. I mean.. who is going to talk White Castle with me? Who's going to talk all that smack to Dennis? Who's going to hang up on me.. LOL*

*Virtual hugs to the sky friend. Gone way too soon.
May your laugh live on forever.
Viva la Paychex!*

Sarai Rosa - September 29, 2020 at 02:15 PM

AP

“ *I don't even know how to begin this post. I've been in shock and disbelief all day since I found out. William and I worked together at ADP and stayed in touch over the years. I recently moved to Hartsville in July and seeked his advice for some house maintenance. We just spoke last week. I wish I'd reached out again more recently. He is already painfully missed. Prayers are with his family and friends.*

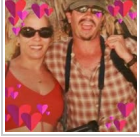


Ashley Prosser - September 29, 2020 at 12:13 AM

AS

**sought*

Ashley - September 29, 2020 at 03:22 PM



“ Elizabeth Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Edward Allen



Elizabeth Moore - September 28, 2020 at 11:31 PM

PS

“ Patricia Steen lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Edward Allen



Patricia Steen - September 28, 2020 at 09:53 PM

HA

“ Holly Saleeby Atkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Edward Allen



Holly Saleeby Atkins - September 28, 2020 at 09:18 PM

CS

“ I am still having a hard time believing this awful news. I worked with William at ADP and continued to keep in touch when he left. He helped my nephew get a job with him at Paychek and was always a good friend to him. Sending prayers to his family.

Candi Stricklen - September 28, 2020 at 09:08 PM

GB

“ Karen and James you are in our thoughts and prayers. Gloria M. Bell



Gloria Bell - September 28, 2020 at 08:24 PM

II

“ I knew William when he was about ten years old. He was always up to fun and engaged others around him. He had many gifts and played hard and enjoyed others. I can see him imitating Erkle. Nothing ordinary about his enormous personality. I send prayers to you, Karen and James.

Irene Ingram - September 28, 2020 at 06:39 PM

DW

“ I knew William for close to 10 years when I started working at ADP with him. His extremely hilarious personality got me through many rough days at the office. On top of being a wonderful coworker, William was an awesome friend. He gave me a lot of advice on how to improve my resume and referred me to jobs as I was moving to California. When I found myself unemployed after losing my job here, William immediately reached out and referred me to Paychex where I've been working since alongside him. The news of his death came as a complete shock as I was just working with him the day before. I'll never forget the endless amount of laughs and good times he provided. He will definitely be missed. I know he has probably has Jesus rolling on the floor in laughter right now.

Dennis Woods - September 28, 2020 at 05:14 PM



“ *He will truly be missed. The most sweetest and loyal young man I have ever known. Fly high sweet angel*



Sarah Gainey - September 28, 2020 at 01:02 PM



“ *Rhonda Stephens lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Edward Allen*



Rhonda Stephens - September 28, 2020 at 10:16 AM



“ *Mary Beth Carter Bennett lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Edward Allen*



Mary Beth Carter Bennett - September 28, 2020 at 08:11 AM



“ *Laurali Graham lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Edward Allen*



Laurali Graham - September 27, 2020 at 11:19 PM

TI

“❤️



Tiffany - September 27, 2020 at 11:10 PM

EG

“ *Eleanor Garnett lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Edward Allen*



Eleanor Garnett - September 27, 2020 at 10:47 PM

R“

“ *Rebecca AKA The “Royalty” lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Edward Allen*



Rebecca AKA The “Royalty” - September 27, 2020 at 09:31 PM

R&

William gave me the nickname The Royalty many years ago. Often reminding me that I am a daughter of the King, our Lord and Savior. William is in the presence of our Lord.

Rebecca AKA The “Royalty” - September 27, 2020 at 09:34 PM

HW

Karen and family, you are in my Prayers, think about you all very often, you family meant so much to me and Jack..Praying Helen Westmoreland

Helen Westmoreland - September 28, 2020 at 04:47 PM



Love and Prayers! Carole Cannon Cannarella

carole cannarella - September 30, 2020 at 10:39 PM