



Agnes Opaline Henson Allen

September 7, 1930 - October 20, 2020

Agnes Opaline Henson Allen, 90, of Huntsville, Alabama (formerly of Ardmore and Toney, Alabama) passed away Tuesday, October 20, 2020, in Huntsville, Alabama.

Born Sunday, September 7, 1930, in Madison County, Alabama, she was the daughter of Oronoco James Atlas Lethu Henson and Nona Adeline Dabbs Henson.

After her three sons reached school age, she spent 36 years working as a substitute teacher and then bookkeeper for the Madison County School System.

Outside of work, she loved fishing, gardening, and playing sports. The latter saw her competing on several softball teams well into her fifties. In her retirement, she found immense satisfaction in participating in all senior center activities including her favorite, Rook tournaments. She also took great pleasure in traveling through almost all of the continental United States with her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, James Houston "J.H." Allen Jr.; her eldest son, John Harvey Allen; two brothers, Verb Henson and Verm Henson; and five sisters, Theora Henson, Estelle Thomas, Sybil

Blecker, Ruth Milam, and Joan Smith.

She is survived by sons, Greg Allen (Amy), Toney, Alabama, and Tim Allen, Huntsville, Alabama; grandchildren, Jennifer Dreggors (John), Zachary Allen (Tana), Ashley Thomas (Caleb) and Jacob Allen; great-grandchildren, Liz Dreggors, Blair Allen and Cade Thomas.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Senior Center in Ardmore, Alabama.

Tribute Wall

FA

“ I remember her as a sister to my sister-in-law Joan Henson Smith. Tim and Greg I'm praying for you two.

Faye Smith Ashton - November 03, 2020 at 04:08 PM

BY

“ I met "Miss Allen" when I worked at Harvest School and spending time with her and Mrs. Nancy Hughes are some of my best memories. Before that, I had faced her pitching as a softball player. She was really good at the pitching and the intimidation. You needed to bring your A Game when you faced her. I came to love her at Harvest. She was fun, dependable, so real, truthful, outspoken and just full of common sense. She had great insight and did not suffer fools gladly. But she had a kind heart and empathy for the kids, especially the ones who needed it most. She was a great role model for me and I was fortunate to have time with her. She counseled me on life. Best wishes to the family. She loved you all dearly. Beverly Young
Beverly Young

Beverly Young - October 26, 2020 at 04:14 PM

AS

“ I met "Mrs. Opal" when my mother, Faye Shelton, moved to Country Cottages assisted living facility. She was so lively and pleasant to be around. She was very kind to my mother and welcomed her into the family of residents there. So sorry to hear of her passing. May the sweet memories you all have comfort and sustain you during this difficult time,

Anita Shelton Sisk - October 26, 2020 at 08:04 AM

CB

“ Sincere condolences to Mrs. Allen's family from the Burns family formerly of Harvest, AL.

C Burns - October 25, 2020 at 07:20 PM

JT

“ Opal always exhibited sportsmanship and kindness; nevertheless, you did not want to be across the net from her in volleyball.

John Tarver

John D Tarver - October 25, 2020 at 05:40 PM

WA

“ So sorry to hear of Mrs Allen's passing. She was a very special and unique individual, bigger than life in so many ways. My most sincere condolences to the family.

Will Ary

Will Ary - October 24, 2020 at 12:54 PM

SF

“ Reminding those whom you support that your thoughts are with them.

Susan and George Ford - October 24, 2020 at 11:17 AM

CG

“ Agnes Opaline Henson Allen

Cheryl Ables Geske - October 23, 2020 at 09:34 PM