



## Dr. Dixie Jean Allen

April 14, 1927 - February 23, 2024

Dr. Dixie Jean Allen, a longtime Lake County educator, died Friday, February 23, at her home in Altoona. She was 96.

She was born in Malone in 1927 and attended primary schools in Graceville, Milton, Malone and Bonifay. In 1940 the family moved to Leesburg, where her father became Supervising Principal of Leesburg School. She graduated from LHS in 1946 and from Florida State College for Women (now FSU) in 1949. She earned an M.A. in Education from FSU in 1955, and an Ed.D. from the University of Florida in 1965.

Miss Allen began teaching business classes at Umatilla High School in 1949 and then spent five years as a teacher and counselor at South Broward High School in Hollywood. She returned to Lake County in 1954 and was a teacher and counselor at Leesburg High School for seven years.

From 1964 to 1988 she was Counselor, Instructor and Dean of Students at Lake Sumter Community College. She was the daughter of the late Donald R. and Della Clark Allen. She is survived by two brothers, the Rev. Dr. Donald R. Allen Jr., Harrisonburg VA, and Harry Allen, Eustis; and a sister, Sherry Satin, also of Harrisonburg; eight nieces and nephews and nine great nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be conducted at Forest Meadows Cemetery East, 3700 SE Hawthorne Road in Gainesville, Florida on Friday, March 15 at 1:00 PM.

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home of Leesburg, Florida.

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

MAR 15. 1:00 PM (ET)

Forest Meadows Cemetery East  
3700 SE Hawthorne Road  
Gainesville, FL 32641

# Tribute Wall



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Dr. Dixie Jean Allen.*



March 14, 2024 at 01:26 PM



“ *Miss Allen was my typing and shorthand teacher at LHS in 1957-1959. She was a great teacher and person. Thought about her so many times.*

**Judith Parker** - March 06, 2024 at 08:08 AM



*I am very grieved to learn about about Dr Dixie Jean Allen's passing. I had just arrived into Leesburg from Pakistan in August 1970. She was a very good mentor to me, about 5 other Pakistani students and and about 11 other international students. After a year at Lake Sumter College, I moved on to Ga Tech and graduated in Atlanta as Mechanical Engineer. I stayed in touch with her until about mid 90s. We had very pleasant chats. I thought about her a lot in 2023. I wish so much I had spoken with her before she passed. May many angels help her rest in peace. May I be priveleged 🙏 to meet her again in heaven. May God Infinitely Bless You Ma'am.*

**Tunweer Khuleel** - March 13, 2024 at 02:16 AM



“ *What a wonderful lady and person. God Bless!*

**Linda Weekley** - March 01, 2024 at 01:57 PM

AT

*I met Dixie (Dr. Allen) years ago when she lived in Leesburg. We kept in touch occasionally until a few years ago. She was so smart and an enjoyment to know. I will miss her. My condolences to her family and friends. May God comfort you in your loss.*

*Ann Tallman*

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**Ann Tallman** - March 02, 2024 at 08:22 AM

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*As an accomplished educator, Dixie positively impacted countless lives through her caring commitment to serve others. Her warm heart, genuine personality, and beautiful smile will certainly be missed.*

*Miriam Matthews*

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**Miriam Matthews** - March 02, 2024 at 01:18 PM

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*I first met Dr. Allen years ago when I was a student at (then) LSCC. She gave me some great advice which I took to heart. When I later worked for the LSCC Foundation our paths crossed again as she was a supporter of the Foundation. She was such a sweet and gentle soul and I remember her fondly.*

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**Mary Montez** - March 04, 2024 at 09:25 AM

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*Dr. Allen was a great champion for students and worked with the Sumter School district to provide optimum educational opportunity for its students. Her caring and hopeful personality enabled her to change students' lives. We are grateful.*

*Hannah Foster*

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**Hannah Foster** - March 04, 2024 at 03:13 PM

MM

*A great lady and a great loss.*

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**Ms Lynn Miles** - March 04, 2024 at 08:13 PM

JC

*Dr. Allen was my guidance counselor at Lake-Sumter. I was very uncertain about my future as I was completing my A.A. degree. She studied my transcripts and directed me to major in political science and because of that major, she recommended I attend Florida State. As I look back 50 years later, those two recommendations have made a profound mark on my life. I often thanked Dr. Allen when speaking publicly for her influence in my life. She knew of my lifelong gratitude for her. Dr. Allen was the best guidance counselor I ever knew and she led an impactful life for her students. Thank you Dr. Allen. May you Rest In Peace. +*

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**Jimmy Conner** - March 05, 2024 at 03:29 AM

BB

*I am so lucky that Dr Allen was my professor at lake Sumter. What an impact she had on my life. I graduated in 1966 and will always remember this remarkable lady.*

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**Bill Bean** - March 12, 2024 at 08:47 PM