



James R. "Jim" Allee

March 20, 1937 - October 14, 2013

Mattoon, IL-James R. 'Jim' Allee, age 76, of Mattoon, IL, passed away at 6:50 a.m., Monday, October 14, 2013, at his residence. \r\n\r\nThe funeral service in his honor will begin at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, October 17, 2013, at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL, 61938, with Reverend Dennis Strawn officiating. Interment will be in Dodge Grove Cemetery. Visitation will be held Wednesday evening, from 5:00-8:00 p.m., at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home. \r\n\r\nBorn in Benton, IL, on March 20, 1937, Jim was the son of James B. and Helen L. (Williams) Allee. He married Patty L. Winfield on May 8, 1960, in Mattoon, IL. She survives. Other survivors include four children: Jeff Allee and wife Kelly of Mattoon, IL; Angie Collings and husband Tony of Springfield, IL; Aimee Chambers and husband Keith of Somerset, KY; and Tim Allee and wife Rhonda of Mattoon, IL; one brother, John Allee of Visalia, CA; six grandchildren: Andrew Collings, Laura Collings, Joey Allee, Addi Allee, Alaina Allee, and Sydney Allee; and one step-grandson, Lucas Grzelak. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Tim Allee.\r\n\r\nAfter graduating from Western Military Academy in Alton, IL, Jim attended Centre College in Danville, KY. He then served in the United States Army Reserves.\r\n\r\nJim took over Allee Lumber Company in Mattoon, IL, in 1967 as the third generation owner. He was a twenty year member of the Mattoon Police and Fire Board; a member of the Lake Land College Foundation Board of Directors, serving first as vice-president and then as president; a member and former board member of the Mattoon

Association of Commerce; a recipient of the Lake Land College Distinguished Service Award, a member of the EIU Panther Club; and a sponsor of Little League football and baseball in Mattoon, and YMCA Soccer in Springfield.

\r\n\r\nMemorials in his honor may be made to the Mattoon Community Food Center, 600 Moultrie Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938 or the Lake Land College Foundation, 5001 Lake Land Boulevard, Mattoon, IL 61938, www.lakeland.cc.il.us/foundation.

\r\n\r\nPlease visit www.mitchell-jerdan.com or www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome to light a virtual candle in his honor or share a memory with his family.

Tribute Wall



“ James R. "Jim" Allee

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ Truly one of a kind. Always available to lighten one's day. Often called to cheer myself up when feeling down. He always knew what to say and how to listen. I will miss him dearly. Wishing the family my condolence during this difficult time. May peace and solace surround the family in the days ahead. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Phil Cruikshank - October 18, 2013 at 12:43 AM



“ Jeff,
I am sad to hear of a friend losing a close loved one. Please know that you and you family are in my family's thoughts and prayers. May God bless you and see you through this time of difficulty.
-Jesse

Jesse Warner - October 17, 2013 at 02:14 AM



“ Dear Aimee and Family,
My deepest sympathy to you and your entire family. Jim was a great man, and more importantly, a wonderful husband and father. His warm smile and friendly demeanor will be missed by all that knew and loved him.

Joe Ohm and Family - October 17, 2013 at 12:40 AM

KL

“ Tim and family- so sorry to hear about the loss of your dad. He was truly a funny man. He was on of the first people I met when I moved to the community 27 years ago, he always made me laugh. Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Kim Lyons - October 16, 2013 at 07:55 PM

EM

“ Jeff and Family--\r\n\r\nVery sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. He was indeed a "character" and a great person. \r\n\r\nMy sympathy to you all.\r\n\r\nEd McClane

Ed McClane - October 16, 2013 at 04:51 PM

J"

“ Owl:\r\nWe were so lucky to spend a few hours together,9 & 10 Oct. before you checked out.\r\nAla Ms. Lutz, vaya con dios, amigo.\r\nAke

James H. Aikman aka "AKE" - October 16, 2013 at 04:20 PM

OS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family during this difficult time. May God comfort your family with peace and understanding in the days, weeks, and months to come.\r\nA memorial has been donated in honor of Mr. Allee to the Mattoon Community Food Center.

Oakwood Pharmacy Staff - October 16, 2013 at 03:21 PM

KM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. There were plenty of laugh times.

kent & Phyllis Milam - October 16, 2013 at 02:37 PM

JE

“ Dear Pat
Our meetings with Jim were infrequent, Civil War Round tables yet his warmth, humor and kindness impressed upon us a great respect.
Our sincere sympathy to you and your family.
Em and Joe

Joe and Emily - October 16, 2013 at 01:21 PM

CD

“ May you feel God's presence, during this difficult time.
I had the pleasure of meeting Jim, through his friends and associates, Bob Whitley and Jim Williams. Jim was a man of integrity, a rare find in these times.
Gods Blessings

Connie Donley - October 16, 2013 at 12:34 AM

MB

“ Our sympathy to the entire Allee family. Mom and Dad always considered this man and his entire family as true friends. His community spirit and pride will live on for generations. You are in our thoughts and prayers.
Michael Bess, Amy Bess, Beth McKee

Mike Bess - October 15, 2013 at 01:42 PM

KL

“ May God guide you through difficult time. Jim was one of my Dad's best friends. There are endless happy stories I can recall from my Dad's birthday parties to hearing about their lunches together. I know my Dad thought the world of Jim. Prayers and blessings.
Randy and Kimberly Lane

Kimberly Lane - October 15, 2013 at 01:17 PM

JJ

“ Jim was one of the most generous men I've ever known. I always enjoyed our visits, especially for his humor and passion for life. I loved his vision of a strong and progressive business climate for Mattoon coupled with strong traditional values and lifestyle. Glad to call him friend. Our thought and prayers are with Patty and the kids.

Jackie Clapp Joines - October 15, 2013 at 12:01 PM

TS

“ Jeff- I am so very sorry for your loss. Your Dad was a wonderful man. So many good memories. Take care and please know, you and your family are in my prayers.\r\n

Teri South - October 15, 2013 at 11:47 AM

JC

“ So sorry are your lost! My heart felt prayer's to all the family and friends.

Janis Cole - October 15, 2013 at 11:06 AM

SS

“ To the Allee family, I'm am so very sorry for your loss. I didn't know Mr Allee well, but had the pleasure of having some of his children in my classes when I taught in Mattoon. I know the pain of the loss of a father, my prayers are with you in this difficult time. \r\nSincerely,
Sharon Skaggs, former CJHS/MJHS/MHS teacher\r\n

Sharon Skaggs - October 15, 2013 at 05:45 AM

MM

“ *Your Dad was one in a million. I always loved running into him and talking. I live in the house he grew up in and he always had a story for me about the house(2700 Western). God bless you all. What a loss....*

milli metzger - October 15, 2013 at 05:36 AM

MH

“ *So sorry for your loss.\nMy Dad (Cris Helmuth) and Jim were longtime friends and business associates. After I met Jim in Chesterville I understood why his visits were always looked forward to by Dad.*

Milton Helmuth - October 14, 2013 at 10:16 PM