

## Charles Ellsworth Allen

February 19, 1945 - March 28, 2024

Charles Ellsworth Allen, 79, of Sarasota, Florida, passed away on March 28th, 2024. After a lengthy and impressive fight, Charlie's heart and kidneys could not keep up with his kind spirit, quick wit, and thoughtful nature.

Charlie was born on February 19th, 1945 to Ellsworth and Valjean Allen in Binghamton, NY. The family relocated to North Orwell, PA where Charlie attended elementary school and graduated from Northeast Bradford County High School. Charlie received his B.S. in Education from Mansfield University. Charlie loved teaching. He enjoyed his career as a public-school teacher for 35 years and that is where he met the love of his life, Patricia Cole Allen. Teaching went beyond the classroom for Charlie. He and Patricia planned and opened a large childcare center. He obtained his M. Ed. from Northeastern University, and raised his children, Matthew and Katrina. Charlie managed to do all this while owning and managing an apartment house and serving on his local town's Board of Appeals.

Upon retiring, Charlie and his wife became snowbirds. They spent summers with family in New England, helping Pat's garden dreams come to reality. Winters in Florida were always busy. Charlie volunteered as a tutor, participated in the Men's Group with the Unitarian Universalists of Sarasota, and attended theater and other events. He traveled the continental US extensively with his wife. He always enjoyed time spent with his grandchildren.

Charlie is survived by his wife, Patricia Cole Allen; his son, Matthew Allen and

his wife Christine Allen; his daughter, Katrina Keptner and her husband John Keptner; and his grandchildren, Sophia Allen, Will Allen, and Dante Keptner. Charlie will be remembered in a Celebration of Life at the Unitarian Universalist church to be scheduled in the fall. In lieu of flowers donations can be made “in memory of Charles Allen” and mailed to: Mansfield Foundation, 54 S. Main St., Mansfield, PA 16933. Donations can also be made securely online at [give.mansfieldfoundation.org](https://give.mansfieldfoundation.org). The Mansfield Foundation focuses on scholarships for students in the North Central Pennsylvania area.

# Tribute Wall



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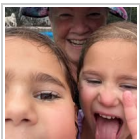
**Maloney Funeral Home** - April 04, 2024 at 10:10 PM

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“ I was sitting in the school parking lot waiting to pick up my sister Pat after she completed her teaching day. As I saw other teachers headed for their cars, one teacher stood out as he was so obviously very deep in thought. When Pat arrived, I asked her who the absent-minded professor was. After I described him a bit, she said that it was Charlie Allen. I think that was before they began dating. Charlie, with his deep concentration on any topic you might bring up, was and always will be my very-much loved absent-minded professor.

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**Betty Proper** - March 30, 2024 at 12:35 PM



“ So deeply sorry for your loss Pat and family! You all have a special place in my heart. May you find peace and comfort in these next few days and years knowing that his love for you keeps on shining! Rest in Peace Charlie!

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**Robyn Mauro** - March 30, 2024 at 06:34 AM

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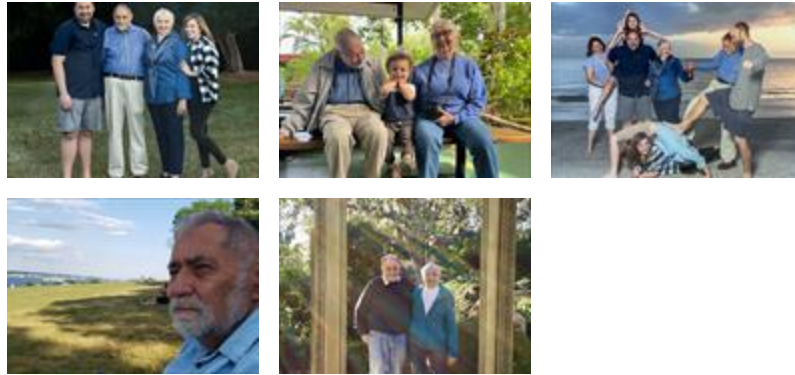
“ Robyn M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Ellsworth Allen.

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**Robyn M.** - March 30, 2024 at 06:20 AM

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**Matt** - March 30, 2024 at 05:22 AM