



Gerald B. Allen

Long-time Nassau Bay mayor dies

The family of former Nassau Bay Mayor Gerald Allen plans to scatter his ashes in Vail, Colorado, near a tree honoring his son, Christopher Sullivan, who died in a 1987 automobile accident.

Allen, who died March 7, served as mayor of the Bay Area city for 12 years after initially serving on City Council. He was first elected mayor in 1981 and was re-elected in 1982, 1984, 1986 and 1988 – deciding not to run in 1990. He was again elected mayor in 1992, serving two more years.

The Kansas City, Missouri native began a career in aerospace with the Northrop Corporation, after attending UCLA and graduating from the University of Southern California with a degree in journalism and public relations.

After joining TRW, he came to the Clear Lake area in 1965 to supervise their technical publications office and in 1973 moved to Lockheed for a similar post. He later served as business manager of GB Tech.

He also was active in civic affairs, serving as chairman of the Clear Lake Council of Cities, and on the board of the Bay Area Houston Transportation Partnership and Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership. He was a member of Space Center Rotary; treasurer for St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in League City and was active in the church's men's group.

Besides his wife, Allen is survived by three sons and their wives – Greg and Lecia Allen, Kevin and Nancy Sullivan and Patrick and Margaret Sullivan – and his daughter and son-in-law, Kim and Jay Gurry; and grandchildren Lauren and Audrey Sullivan; Erika, Sydney and Trey Gurry and Courtney Allen.

In 2007, he and his wife of 37 years, Jan, moved to Broomfield, Colorado.