



Gerald "Gerry" B. Allen

Gerry Allen went home to be with the Lord on March 7, 2011. He was born in Kansas City, Missouri to Bernadine and Benjamin Allen. Very early on, the family moved to California where Gerry attended high school and the University of California Los Angeles, graduating from the University of Southern California with a degree in journalism and public relations.

Gerry's professional career combined his journalism talents and his love of all things technical. His editing and writing skills first earned him a position with Northrop Corporation from 1962 to 1964. He moved to TRW Technology Laboratories and in 1965 was transferred to Houston, Texas to supervise their technical publications office. In 1973, Gerry moved to Lockheed to manage and organize a 90-person technical publications office. After many successful supervisory positions, procurement and contracts organizations, and training personnel, Gerry took early retirement in 1994. He joined G.B. Tech as their Business Manager and worked with them in several capacities. In 2007, Gerry and his wife of 37 years, Jan, moved to Broomfield, Colorado to enjoy retirement in the high country.

Gerry was an avid outdoorsman. He played tennis every week, went jogging most every day and water skied frequently. In 1976, Gerry was introduced to snow skiing in Colorado and was hooked. Gerry, Jan, and one or more of the kids and/or grandkids could be found out on the slopes at Vail during February. This was a passion for him until recently, when failing health kept him from beating the kids down the slopes.

Gerry believed in giving back to his community and served in several key posts. He was a member of Space Center (Texas) Rotary Club, National Contract Management Association, former Chairman of the Clear Lake (Texas) Council of Cities, served on the Board of Directors for Clear Lake Transportation Partnership and for Clear Lake Area Economic Development Foundation. Most notably, Gerry served as a City Councilman and eventually Mayor of Nassau Bay, Texas. He served as treasurer for St. Christopher's Church in League City, Texas and active in the men's group and Men's Academy at Holy Spirit in Broomfield, Colorado.

His family includes his wife Jan, son Greg and wife Lecia Allen, daughter Kim and husband Jay Gurry, son Kevin Sullivan and wife Nancy, son Patrick Sullivan and wife Margaret. He is greeted into to Heaven by son, Christopher Sullivan, an Air Force Academy cadet, who died in a car accident in 1987. Gerry's remains will be scattered in Vail, Colorado, next to a special tree where the dog tags of Chris hang. Grandchildren include Lauren and Audrey Sullivan, Erika, Sydney, and Trey Gurry, and Courtney Allen.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to Houston Area Parkinson Society (HAPS), 2700 SW Freeway # 296, Houston, TX 77098 or to Parkinson Associations of the Rockies (PAR), 1325 S. Colorado Blvd., Suite 204 B, Denver, CO 80222.

