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Allen Overton Battle, Ph.D., A.B.P.P., A.B.M.P. is now only with us in spirit as of 10 a.m. April 23, 2020. He attended: Immaculate Conception Cathedral School as a boy, Siena College where he graduated cum laude in Chemistry and Philosophy/Psychology; Biology Minor, The Catholic University of America where he got his M.A. in Clinical Psychology; Anthropology Minor, and also earned his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology/Anthropology; Psychiatry Minor there, and he interned at The University of Tennessee College of Medicine. He was a professor of psychiatry at The University of Tennessee for over 60 years and for much of that tenure he was Chief of the division of Clinical Psychology in the Department of Psychiatry. He also taught at The University of Memphis and Rhodes College. He saw many adults, children, and families as a part of his practice of psychology. He delivered and supervised psychological services for decades to the Juvenile Court of Memphis-Shelby County. He also provided assistance to DeNeuville Heights School for Girls for decades. He lived to try to help people, and to train health care professionals of all types in how to best serve their patients. He led the organization of the graduation ceremony at U.T. for decades because he loved the pageantry of honorably bestowing diplomas recognizing such hard work completed, and the ensuing solemn duties undertaken to future patients. He was a noted researcher, author, and a true humanitarian who was listed in several Who's Who publications.. The honors that he was awarded attest to his frequent success in his endeavors. Among many other honors he was: a member of the Sigma Xi scientific society, invested in knighthood in the Order of the Hospital of Saint John of Jerusalem (Knights of Malta) for services to humanity, given a National Jefferson



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Award for outstanding service to America in public health (delivered by Justice Sandra Day O'Connor) for his co-founding of the Memphis Suicide Prevention and Crisis Center as well as for his cutting-edge training of the Memphis Police Crisis Intervention Team. He married Dr. Mary Vroman Battle, Ed.D. in 1953 after they met while at The Catholic University of America in Washington D.C. and they join again in death. They leave a surviving son, Allen III. He relaxed by playing the piano and going to films, concerts, ballet, and opera performances. He was a cultured gentleman who did far more than his duty. The world is a far better place to have had him in it. Memorials, fittingly, ought to be sent to the Memphis Crisis Center <https://memphiscrisiscenter.org> as he had a slight allergy to flowers... and a love of humanity.

A visitation (with his cremains present) will be at Memorial Park Funeral Home on Poplar from 5 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, September 7th. A funeral mass (in Latin) is planned for St. Theresa The Little Flower Catholic church on Wednesday, September 8th, 2021, at 10:30 a.m. with burial to follow at Calvary Cemetery. The mass will be available online to view within a few days of the mass. Please go to the Memorial Park Cemetery obituary page (for Allen Battle) to get the link for the internet site to view the mass.

The funeral mass can be viewed at the following sites, in order of best quality to least quality.

<https://vimeo.com/600586144/5f5c608feb>

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/odo6um99vt5oo56/Allen%20Battle%20Funeral.greater.mp4?dl=0>

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/sznc15g5wkw80o6/Allen%20Battle%20Funeral.mp4.mp4?dl=0>



Events

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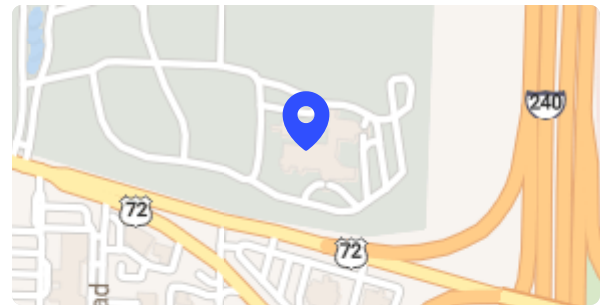
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Memorial Visitation

Tuesday, September 7, 2021

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM cst

Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery
5668 Poplar Avenue, Memphis TN 38119

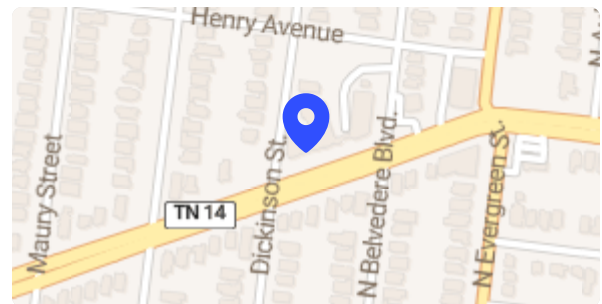


Funeral Mass

Wednesday, September 8, 2021

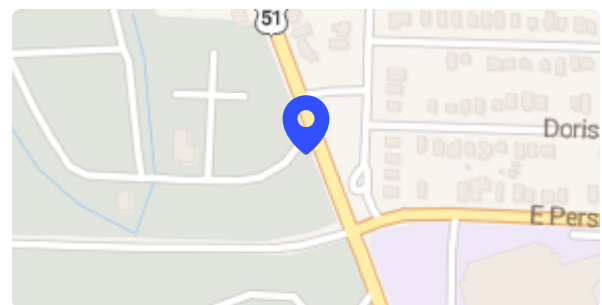
10:30 AM cst

St. Theresa Little Flower Catholic Church
1644 Jackson Avenue, Memphis TN 38107-5053



Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery
1663 Elvis Presley Blvd., Memphis TN 38106





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LH

Latisha Glaspie-Harris posted:

I got to work with Dr. Battle from 2014-2017 in the Department of Psychiatry at UTHSC, Memphis. I was in Grad school and he agreed to provide supervision for me as a Mental Health Practitioner as I worked there as an Intake Admissions/ Medical Assistant. He was such a kind and beautiful spirited man. I remember helping him numerous times put on his cloak (bot coat, lol), tying his shoes, cleaning up his email inbox (he despised computers, lol). I would transcribe his recorded notes on patients and often just sit in his office and talk about his life and journey as a psychologist. He will be missed. Heaven has a real angel cause after my husband died in 2015, he would stop by my office and say " I am watching you, Ms. Glaspie-Harris and please keep going. You will be a great practitioner"!

January 24 at 1:04 PM

JP

Julie Perugini posted:

I am so sorry for the loss of Dr Battle. He was an amazing intelligent and kind and loving Doctor! He helped me through so many issues in his practice at UT..always in his loving gentle knowledgeable SPIRIT. I loved Dr Battles wonderful Spirit and he made helping his patients a joy for he and his patient! No one could ever equal him. I know that God has him in Heaven now but I believe his Spirit is touching all of those who were blessed by him. He always had an Angelic Spirit. Thank you Lord Jesus for him. My daughter and I would often see him taking his beautiful wife to enjoy the Arts- Plays at Theater. Julie Perugini in Christ!

August 23 at 2:16 PM

DC

Doris Clayton lit a candle in honor of Allen.

I graduated from UT college of nursing in '70. He was always so kind - such a gentle manner. He was my favorite teacher. Thank you for your service to so many of us who benefited from your teaching.



September 15 at 10:39 AM

BW

Benlyn Dezonias Wade posted:

I was in the 1969 graduating class in the College of Nursing and was steeped in tons of psychology by Dr. Battle. We appreciated his vast experience and knowledge in every class. Oh, the memories! I was his "Little Peter Pan" and proud of it. The University of Tennessee had a jewel and we were the beneficiaries. After graduation where he bestowed the degrees, I would meet him at the opera or ballet, or St. Patrick's. He always remembered me.

September 7 at 4:48 PM



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LR

Leslie A. Robinson posted:

Dr. Battle taught my undergraduate abnormal psychology class when I was a student at Rhodes College in 1977. At the end of the semester, he was kind enough to invite the hoard of hungry undergraduates to his house for refreshments, where he was the consummate host. Dr. Battle was a superb instructor, a story-teller at heart, and his enthusiasm was part of what propelled me into my own career as a clinical psychologist. After all these years, whenever I would run into him at the opera, he still would remember me, something that I found astounding. He will be much missed. My thoughts are with his family.

August 26 at 6:56 AM

WW

William M. Wilson posted:

Dr. Battle taught me as an undergraduate and was my colleague at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, although we weren't in the same department and didn't see each other very often. He always remembered me, though, which I found slightly puzzling, as I was not a stellar undergrad student—pretty good, but not great. He may have noticed me more in the mid-1970s when I chaired the Faculty Senate committee that negotiated the tenure guidelines with the administration and held public hearings on the subject. As his obituary says, he loved the rituals of academia, which I did not, and was always in full regalia whenever possible. Everybody, I suppose, is unique in some way, but Allen Battle was truly one of a kind.

April 30 at 7:05 AM

ME

Marshall Elam posted:

My mother was a patient of Dr. Battle. I will always remember him for his gentle kindness and as a fellow faculty member who always had a smile and a kind word when our paths crossed. UTHSC will seem emptier without him. Marshall Elam

April 30 at 5:58 AM



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Tabatha Bortters lit a candle in honor of Allen.

I had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Battle while working in psychiatry at UT. He was a very kind man who would always speak to me with a smile. Our conversations were brief but impactful. I looked forward to seeing him every Wednesday. He will truly be missed. My condolences to the family and friends. In loving memory of a wonderful person. We will love you and miss you always. Tabatha



April 29 at 6:11 AM



David Hightower September 15 at 12:22 PM

His classes were ones you never missed. A gentleman and a scholar. He will be truly missed. Dave Hightower '82



Renate Rosenthal, Ph.D. posted:

Dr. Battle and I were office neighbors at the Department of Psychiatry for over 40 years. He was one of the kindest people I've ever met. His patients adored him. He had one of those contagious laughs that took over his entire being. Before he got too feeble to travel, he took yearly trips to Austria, the country where I had spent my adolescence. We shared many hours reminiscing about Vienna, the food, the music, the history, and the culture. I will miss him. Rest in peace, Dr. Battle. You made the world a better place, and it was a privilege to have you as my friend. Renate Rosenthal, Ph.D.

April 28 at 2:01 PM



Allen Battle shared an album called **Memories Album**.



April 27 at 11:25 AM



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Rebecca Smiddie September 15 at 11:27 AM

Previous photo. Blessed to have had Dr. Battle as a professor in my UT nursing, class of 1970.



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April 27 at 11:23 AM



Rzanolli September 15 at 9:17 AM

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Allen by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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