



Allie Jewel Greene

January 1, 1922 - January 4, 2021

On Monday, January 4, 2021, Allie Jewel Boatwright Greene, loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother, entered Heaven at age 99.

Allie was born on January 1, 1922, in Holly Springs, Mississippi, to Alma Rossel Boatwright and Leroy Alexander Boatwright, Sr. Allie graduated from the University of Alabama with a B.S. Degree in Environmental Science, and received her M.A. Degree in English from Memphis State University, plus 45 hours toward her Doctorate in Education from the University of Mississippi.

On December 27, 1942, Allie married her childhood sweetheart, Edwin Eugene Greene, Jr.

She accompanied her husband to New York to see him ship to the European Theater, for 25 months service in World War II. During the war Allie was Secretary to the Chinese Ambassador, Wei Tao Ming, in Washington, D.C., in the office which handled Lend Lease Shipments to General Chenault's Flying Tigers in Burma. Allie was an explorer and adventurer. She enjoyed traveling throughout her life. She visited Russia, China, India and numerous other countries in Europe, Central and South America and in Asia, as well as living in Nuremberg, Germany for several years. A member of Alpha Delta Kappa, international honorary teacher's sorority, Allie taught at schools in Silver Springs, MD, Nuremberg, Germany, Highland Park, MI, and Memphis, TN. Allie was principal of Grand Junction Tennessee Elementary School for 25 years. She was a member of The Germantown Garden Club, The Josephine Circle, and The Shelby County Republican Women's Club, while living in Germantown, TN. During her time living in Texas, Allie was a Charter member of Heritage Trails DAR and North Shore Republican Women's Club. Allie also served as Vice-Chairman of the Republican Party for Marshall County, MS, alongside the love of her life, Edwin. In 2013, Allie was named Outstanding Woman Tree Farmer by the American Forest Foundation in Washington, D.C., for her 140 acres farm which is planted with 18 acres of old cypress, some hardwoods, and lots of pine. Allie was an avid and loyal University of Alabama alumnae. She was honored by the Environmental Science Department and the President of the University of Alabama, at the 2019 Alabama

Homecoming celebration. She loved to watch the "Tide Roll"! Allie was a lifelong member of First Presbyterian Church, Holly Springs, MS, where she was married, her children were christened, and she taught Sunday school. Also, she was active in the PTA, a Cub Scout Den Mother, and worked with Girl Scouts there. While living in Texas, she was a member of Spring Cypress Presbyterian Church, Spring, Texas.

Allie was preceded in death by her husband, Edwin Eugene Greene, Jr., her firstborn son, Edwin Eugene Greene, III, and her brother, Leroy A. Boatwright. She is survived by her sons, Allen Leroy Greene and Kerry Lawrence Greene, and her daughter, Dr. Patrice Elizabeth Greene Herring. Allie is survived by six grandchildren, Matthew Greene, Michael Greene, Caroline Greene Bradley, Blake Greene, Lindsey Greene and Aubrey Greene, and six great grandchildren, Allie Grace Greene, Andrew Jackson Greene, Parker Greene, Camille Greene, Eli Bradley and Beau Greene, and Allie's brother, Toulman D. Boatwright.

A funeral service will be held at Memorial Park Funeral Home, 5668 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, TN on Sunday, January 10, 2021 at 11am with a visitation one hour prior to service at 10 am. Her funeral service will be webcasted on the date and time of the service click on the link below to view:

<http://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/viewer/44620>

In lieu of flowers, Allie has asked for donations to The Palmer Home for Children or the First Presbyterian Church, Holly Springs, MS.

Events

JAN **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Memorial Park Funeral Home
5668 Poplar Ave, Memphis, TN, US, 38119

JAN **Funeral Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery - January 09, 2021 at 01:07 PM



“ Though it's been over 50 years, I still remember Mrs. Greene very well from the times I would go visit Kerry or be invited to one of his adventurous birthday parties. She would always take the time to talk with me, and was always so kind and welcoming. I know that my mom also thought very highly of her and would enjoy chatting with her so much when it came time to pick me up. Kerry is easily one of the nicest and most genuine people I have ever known, and it's plain to see where those qualities came from. Kerry, if you should read this, I am so sorry for your loss, but never forget that you are so blessed to have had such a wonderful woman for your mother.

Marty Vanzant

Marty Vanzant - January 22, 2021 at 11:30 AM



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Carol Gibson - January 20, 2021 at 02:24 PM



“ Picture taken when Eugene and Allie attended our daughter Laurie's wedding held in Martin, TN in 2002.

Carol Crone Gibson - January 25, 2021 at 02:53 PM



“ To me, Allie Greene was called "Meme". She has always inspired me to be the best I can be in every aspect of life. Meme led an exceptional life and I will always carry her with me, as well as the history that she taught me.

She always taught us how important history is and how we grow from it. Meme loved to talk to me about history, especially when I was teaching Jr. High Social Studies.

We share a love of travel and adventure, as well. She had friends all over the world and even as a young child I thought that was so amazing! Meme inspired me to travel and see the world, and I have. I will continue to do that and carry her with me. She will be missed.



Caroline Greene Bradley - January 10, 2021 at 01:21 PM



“ I have known Mrs. Greene for most of my life! In 1957, when I was a Sophomore at White Station High School, she was my Home Economics teacher. and without a doubt she had the greatest impact on my life of any teacher who taught there. She always led me to believe that I might have been her 'teacher's pet'. If there was a sewing contest to enter, she put me in it, even when I tried to get out of it! :) I remember her putting me in a side room with a sewing machine and handing me the most intricate 'Simplicity' pattern ever, telling me she wanted me to make and then enter it in the Mid-South Fair. To this day, I do not remember if I even placed, but I do remember that she had enough confidence in me to know that I could make it, if I tried. She always sought out the best in all of her students.

After high school and all of the many years that have followed since then we have kept in touch, through our Christmas cards, and letters. She knew some of my Holly Springs family well and this provided another way of our staying in touch. She talked about her life adventures, which including her travels with her beloved Gene! She talked about her children with much pride! Through her beautiful letters I could 'feel' her caring heart and her love for others. The last letter I received from her was in March of 2020. Part of her return address had been torn off, so I had no way of contacting her this Christmas. I had wondered if she was okay and had hoped that I would be receiving a letter from her soon. I just hope she knows how much this now nearly 80 year old loved her.!

Allie Greene touched my life much more than she will ever know! She certainly brightened the hearts of many, including my own and also took a part of mine with her. My world is definitely a brighter place because she was in it. I am thankful that she shared her life with me! I will miss her so much.

May God wrap His loving arms around each of you during your time of sorrow and in the months ahead, and give you peace.

Carol Crone Gibson
Martin, Tennessee

Carol Gibson - January 08, 2021 at 10:08 PM



“ 4 generations with Meme



Blake Greene - January 07, 2021 at 10:50 PM



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Blake Greene - January 07, 2021 at 09:43 PM



“ I met Allie in 1996 walking my Pomeranian puppy in Germantown. She came up and said I have a Pom and She offered a book she had, because I was like a new mother. I came that night to her home and met Gene. I immediately felt like we had known each other my whole life. I was 48 and Allie could do circles around me and we remained fast friends and spoke almost daily for over 20 years. I learned a lot from her and Gene. I don't ever remember them in the car where they were not holding hands as they rode along. Their love was shared with everyone they came in contact with. She would tell me stories about her life. Boy, what a life! I called her "Auntie Mame" from the movie character. "Life's a Banquet, and most suckers are starving to death," was Mame's saying. Allie was traveling to Malaysia when most people would be in an "old folk's" home. I told her she would live to push me in my wheelchair. Ironically, she continued to travel long after I retired from the airlines. She loved life and made everything an adventure. She was picking dirty oranges from my neighbors tree in California, I kept saying, "I'll buy you some and ship them". She was thrilled to drag them back to Germantown, because she picked them. She was 77 and still more energy than me. I was 52. She had many struggles in her life and kept getting up again and again. After her brain surgery she said on the phone, I don't know why I am so tired. I laughed because she was almost 90 and I knew she wasn't done yet. She was the "Greatest Generation" and was worthy. There will never be another Allie B.

Jimmie Autry - January 07, 2021 at 06:16 PM



“ I am So very sorry to hear about Allie's death. She was a wonderful boss and friend to me when I worked as secretary at Grand Junction Elementary. I have thought of her often. My prayers are with the family during this difficult time.

Kathy Hock - January 07, 2021 at 06:02 PM



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Jimmie Autry - January 07, 2021 at 04:43 PM



“ Allie was always so proud of her family. She would come in and talk travel and her children ,and her grandchildren. I thoroughly enjoyed knowing Allie over the years and and sharing fond memories of travel. Allie was always looking for the next adventure or cruise. I talked to her in March about when travel might open up again. Forever in my heart and fondest of memories. Blessings to the beloved family !
Jan Oglesby

Jan Oglesby - January 07, 2021 at 04:39 PM



“ My family had know Allie for about 35 years, she was a fun, interesting lady. When we would visit it was like watching George Burns and Gracie Allen. She and Gene were a couple and had their own method of communication. Usually over a very strong cup of coffee was brewed for the visit.
She was my pantry, If I need 1/2 tsp of a spice she always had it. Her Hummingbird Cakes were a love gift every Christmas.
There is a picture of her coming across the street bring hot blueberry muffins for out son.
When she did yard work it was always in blouse, slacks, wide brimmed hat and her gloves. Her skin was flawless.
We went to various organizational meetings together. She was a detail' organized individual and took a personal interest in her students and teachers, always building their self esteem. She was a living part history for decades. With her morning coffee she read the Wall Street Journal. She loved history and her travel. Allie took a keen interest in the stock market.
In her later years, no matter what she would share the same stories, I could fill in details if she forgot and we ended conversations laughing and expressing our love for one another.

Dorothy Goode - January 07, 2021 at 10:57 AM



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Michael Greene - January 06, 2021 at 11:17 PM



“ I met Allie in the Heritage Trails Chapter DAR in 2006. She was one of the friendliest, kindest, and most interesting and intelligent person I have ever met. She was always cheerful and so much fun to be around. She told the most wonderful stories and funniest jokes. A truly genuine and elegant woman, she dressed and kept her hair to perfection. She was beautiful inside and outside. I admired her tremendously, and will miss her so much. Knowing her was a gift from God.

Kathleen Bergeron Raffoul - January 05, 2021 at 11:37 PM