



## Mary C. Allen

April 9, 1906 - April 18, 2012

Mary Catherine Allen, youngest of the eight children born of the union of Thomas Henry and Mary Neuman Allen, was born on April 9, 1906 in McDaniel, Talbot County, Maryland.

As Mary made her entrance onto life's stage, few, if any, could have foretold the future and positive influence that this grand and exceptional lady would exert on her family, her students, friends, colleagues and associates in various civic, community, social, church and professional environments; many of whom would lavish her with deserving and abundant praise, respect and love.

Her long and fruitful life ended on April 18, 2012, just nine days after celebrating her 106th birthday surrounded by loving and devoted family members. Her unique quality of life should not be measured as much in its length as in the depth of a love and faith in God which lifted and sustained her throughout a lifetime of helping and serving others. She has been heard to say, "Serving and helping others is a natural for me – just like breathing."

Mary began her formal education in a one-room school, later attended the Princess Anne Academy, Hampton Institute and, then, Morgan State College from which she graduated with a Bachelor's Degree. She did post-graduate work at Columbia University which awarded her the Master of Arts Degree in 1953.

Her career as an educator in Maryland public schools spanned nearly forty years, thirty of which were spent at the Paul Laurence Dunbar High School in Baltimore City. Throughout her teaching career, on the Eastern Shore, in Western Maryland and in Baltimore, she was recognized and praised by her colleagues and supervisors as the consummate teacher with “superior” and “outstanding” ratings. At Dunbar, she taught Home Economics with a special interest in the areas of Food and Nutrition and Culinary Arts.

In her retirement, “Mary C” remained a devoted member of the Sharp Street Memorial United Methodist Church where she was active in many local and district level programs and affairs of the Church. She also continued to share her gifts and talents with various civic causes and organizations, among them, the YMCA, the Business and Professional Women’s Clubs, Inc, the N.M. Carroll Home for the Aged, the United Negro college Fund, the Red Cross, the Greater Baltimore Urban League Guild, the National Aquarium in Baltimore and the Herbert Frisby Historical Society.

Mary Catherine Allen was preceded in death by all of her siblings: Hattie, Thomas, Royal, Alexander, James, Samuel and John; but she leaves to celebrate her life and honor her memory: eleven nieces and nephews; godsons, Donald and David; and generations of other relatives, friends and associates whose lives shall be forever enriched by their association with this “Phenomenal woman.”

# Cemetery Details

## Arbutus

1101 Sulphur Spring Rd.  
Baltimore, MD 21227

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

APR 25. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore  
4300 Wabash Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215  
(410) 542-2400  
info@marchfh.com

## Wake

APR 26. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Sharp Street United Methodist Church  
508 Dolphin Street  
Baltimore, MD 21217

## Service

APR 26. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary C. Allen*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *To the family and friends of Ms. Allen, please accept my deepest sympathy for your enourmous loss. In reading about her, she was no doubt an amazing woman. The wisdom she must have possessed having spent so much time here on earth. The scriptures tell us at Psalms 90:10, "In themselves the days of our years are seventy years. And if because of special mightiness they are eighty years....." To live far beyond the years considered special mightiness is truly a blessing. The bible is full of comforting scriptures as well and I would like to share one. Isaiah 26:19 tells us, "Your dead ones will live. A corpse of mine-they will rise up. Awake and cry out joyfully, you residents in the dust....." Soon we will welcome back those death has taken from us. Thanks for sharing a glimpse into Ms. Allen's life.*

**D. Dukes** - July 11, 2012 at 07:40 AM



“ *I wish to express my condolences to the family. I know that your loss is great. May you find comfort from the God of all comfort who helps us to cope with our grief. It can be hard to face each day without your loved one, but the love and support of family and friends, and, of course, our loving Creator, can help to ease the pain and sorrow. Again, please accepmy sincere condolences.*

**Karolyn Nichols** - April 25, 2012 at 02:09 PM

MS

“ I'm so sorry for your loss and would like to offer my condolences to your family. Death is such a terrible thing for a family to go through, I actually lost my mom 3yrs ago. I'm truly grateful that I have the truth about death and look forward to the future when there will be "a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous."—ACTS 24:15. I'm sure you would love to see your dead loved one again in the coming Paradise here on earth! Again so sorry for your loss!!

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**Ms Springer** - April 22, 2012 at 10:22 AM

PL

“ I send my deepest condolences to the family at this most difficult time. May you be comforted by the promise of the resurrection, and the end to sickness and death forever. God makes this wonderful promise to us at Isaiah 25:8. So soon death will be no more, and we won't have to bury our loved ones ever again. At John 5:28 God promises that all those in the memorial tombs will hear the voice of his Son Jesus, and come out of those tombs. May you find comfort in these wonderful promises from Jehovah God.

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**Peggy Land** - April 21, 2012 at 08:10 PM



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April 20, 2012 at 08:08 PM



“ You said to me, "I can't live forever". God had you here 106 years, that was a blessing for me and many others. God saw you getting tired, and brought you home. Eternal rest, Grant unto her, O' Lord.



*With Deepest Sympathy and Loving Memories*

*Your Friend,  
Pauline McKesson*

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April 20, 2012 at 08:05 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

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**March Funeral Homes** - April 20, 2012 at 03:38 PM