



Martha Ann Allen

April 25, 1931 - November 6, 2023

With abundant love and heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Martha Ann (Bennett) Allen. Ann was an amazing friend, mother, and grandmother. A true renaissance woman with country charm, she shines on in our hearts as we remember and honor her legacy.

Born and raised in the panhandle of Texas, Ann chased cows, horses, and chickens on 2600 acres of land in the Dust Bowl. Her childhood friends were her brother Ted, her dog "Fuzzy," and her horse "Brownie." Upon leaving home, she studied Art at Texas State College for Women. She mastered many media in her lifetime including paint, pencil, woodworking, plaster, bronze, clay, and tumbleweed - just to name a few. She shared her creative gifts widely and helped revitalize downtown Amarillo's art scene, showcased her own gallery "The Lost Circus", and taught art classes. Later in life she guided the little hands of her grandchildren through dozens of art projects, and spearheaded a sewing group within the San Marcos Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.

Ann was a kind hearted and energetic woman who cared deeply about helping make the world better. A short list of her accomplishments and community service includes: being an active member of the Amarillo Unitarian Universalist Fellowship; helping found the Amarillo ACLU chapter; co-founding a fabulous gay bar ("Pal's"); serving on the Board of the San Marcos River

Foundation for 12 years; advocating for a vegan world through Climate Healers and a world without hunger through Hands Across America and Food Healers; and donating (with her sewing group) over a thousand handmade quilts to immigrant children crossing the Southern Border.

Ann was a fountain of love for her family, her extended family, and her friends. She married fellow artist Henry Burton Allen in Amarillo Texas, and they had four children: Becky, Barbara, Pony, and Brad. Ann espoused the values of hard work, humility, compassion, family, and personal reflection and growth. She eventually moved to Martindale to be closer to her children and grandchildren, and quickly found community within the San Marcos River Foundation, the Texas Outdoor Women's Network, and the San Marcos Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.

This cowgirl from the Dust Bowl became a prolific artist, wife and loving mother of four, caregiver, hippie, activist, master naturalist, avid camper and kayaker, community organizer, and doting grandmother of five. She was a "Do-er," always creating, always finding problems to solve, trying to make things easier, better, and more fun for everyone.

We celebrate Ann as a creative force of nature and a tender loving soul who will be dearly missed.

Ann is preceded in death by her parents Hazel (Park) Bennett and Ernest Ray Bennett; her siblings John Ray Bennett, Mary Jo Bennett, Ted Bennett; and her friend and former spouse Henry Burton Allen Sr.

She is survived by her children Rebecca "Becky" "BJ" Allen, Barbara (Allen) Coldiron and husband Ron, Henry Burton "Pony" Allen Jr, Bradley Ray Allen and wife Cecilia; her grandchildren Aditi, Allyson, Devaki, Burton, and Everly; her great-grandchildren Jyoti and Jayant; her sister-in-law Joy Allen; her many

nieces and nephews and extended family members and friends; and her friend and former domestic partner Louise Goldman.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be sent in her name to The San Marcos Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (smuuf.org) or The San Marcos River Foundation (sanmarcosriver.org).

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 2. 11:30 AM (CT)

San Marcos Unitarian Universalist Fellowship at First Christian Church
3105 Ranch Road 12
San Marcos, TX 78666

Please join us for refreshments and food after the service.

Tribute Wall

RA

“ 5 files added to the album *Ann Allen*



Rebecca Allen - December 09, 2023 at 06:05 PM

RA

“ 6 files added to the album *Artwork*



Rebecca Allen - December 09, 2023 at 05:24 PM

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“ 20 files added to the album *San Marcos UU Fellowship*



Rebecca Allen - December 09, 2023 at 05:21 PM

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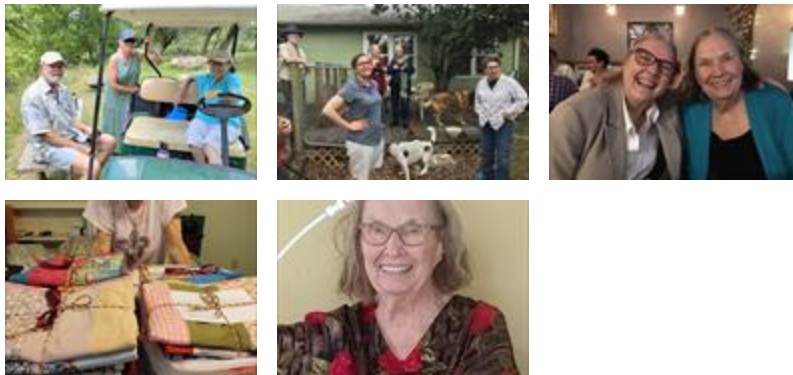
“ 3 files added to the album *Artwork*



Rebecca Allen - December 08, 2023 at 12:18 AM

RA

“ 12 files added to the album *Ann Allen*



Rebecca Allen - December 08, 2023 at 12:08 AM

JW

“ I will forever be grateful for Martha Ann's and daughters Becky and Barbara's care of our Grandmother Ada. They spent precious times with her visiting and reading when Ada could no longer read and had few visitors. Martha Ann got that beautiful smile and always-upbeat nature from dear Aunt Hazel. And what a talented person she was. Love you cousin, Janette Park Whitsett

Janette Park Whitsett - December 02, 2023 at 11:49 AM

BA

Dear Cousin Janette, I have such fond memories of Ada Park and her search for knowledge and files and art. I loved my time with her and appreciate your writing very much. Thinking of you with love.

Becky Allen - December 04, 2023 at 10:10 AM

BC

I was a little younger when I visited "2mom". I remember that she often served me tomato soup for lunch. I enjoyed my time with her. I inherited her tea cart which is in my entry hall still. I loved her.

Barbara Allen Coldiron - December 06, 2023 at 09:48 AM

NR

“ NANCY R. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Martha Ann Allen.



NANCY R. - November 29, 2023 at 05:04 PM

AC

“ I'll always hear you in the river rapids rushing over the rockbed, see you in the reflections of the sunlight playing upon the water, feel you in the sun's warmth on my shoulders. I love you, grandmother.



Allyson Coldiron - November 25, 2023 at 12:54 PM

BA

Beautiful. Love you so much!

Becky Allen - December 04, 2023 at 10:08 AM

SW

“ Smiling Martha Ann was a light in the world and a friend to all.

Susan Welch - November 25, 2023 at 09:58 AM

BA

Thank you, Susan. It was so good to see you there.

Becky Allen - December 04, 2023 at 10:11 AM

DM

“ Ann Allen was a longtime member of the Amarillo Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. She was creative, kind, and generous with her time and talents. She was missed when she left, but we knew that her new church home would enjoy and love her. The members and friends of her Amarillo church family are deeply saddened by the loss of our friend Ann. Those of us who were privileged to have a piece of her art will always have a remembrance of her.

Donna Moseley - November 14, 2023 at 10:15 AM

RA

Thank you so much, Donna. Her Amarillo friends were a significant part of her life.

Rebecca Allen - November 14, 2023 at 06:03 PM

KB

“ *Annie taught me that love could come in different forms, not always between a man and a woman. No matter the bond, love can and should be uplifting, enjoyable and respectful. Thank you, Annie, for being a friend, a mentor and sometimes Mom during my formative teenage years. I appreciate you and will miss your loving smile.*

*Love,
Kelley Benson*

Kelley Benson - November 13, 2023 at 06:20 PM

BC

*Thank you, Kelley. Love you always.
Barbara*

Barbara Coldiron - November 13, 2023 at 08:59 PM

CM

“ *going to her house and having a plate painting oscar & her would fish at the river.*



Connie Oscar Munguia - November 13, 2023 at 05:01 PM

BC

I loved our plate painting parties. And we all enjoyed your visits to the river.

Barbara Coldiron - November 14, 2023 at 03:48 PM

RA

Thank you cousin for reminding me of the memories.

Rebecca Allen - November 15, 2023 at 04:19 PM



“ *You have always been an inspiration to me, and will continue to be for the rest of my life. I love you, Grandmother.* ”



Aditi Allen - November 10, 2023 at 01:19 PM