



Johnel "Coach" Allen

May 11, 1938 - November 21, 2012

Johnel Allen, fondly known as "Coach Allen," died November 21, 2012 at the age of 74. He was born on May 11, 1938 in San Angelo to the late Cecil and Gladys Behrens Allen. He graduated from Sweeny High School where he played on the State Championship Basketball Team. After graduating from Sam Houston Teachers University, he was the very first student teacher for Fort Bend ISD, where he went on to teach and coach for 6 years. He moved to Alief and Katy ISD's before coming to El Campo where he taught biology and physical science, and coached football, basketball, track and golf for 31 years before retiring in 2000, with a total of 39 years in the profession.

Achievements from his coaching career include starting the golf teams for FBISD and ECISD, and having members of his golf teams go to State. He was a scratch golfer, winning many golf tournaments and had achieved several "hole-in-one" shots over the years including his favorite one being at Poppy Hills Course in Pebble Beach. During his retirement, he enjoyed playing golf with his friends and assisting with FBC Vacation Bible School. He was a member of the First Baptist Church, Texas High School Association, the men's golf association, and the BEE's board.

He is survived by his wife Pat Schwebel Allen of El Campo; daughters Sonia Becak and husband David of Huntsville and Laurie Trotta and husband Gene of Plattsburgh, New York; grandchildren John David, Ross, and Shelby Becak, Beth Jump, Erin Cunningham, and Evan Trotta; five great-grandchildren; and brother Charles Allen and wife Doris of Spring Branch. He was preceded in

death by his parents.

Visitation will begin at Noon Monday at Triska Funeral Home with the family receiving friends from 5 pm to 7 pm. Funeral services will be 2 pm Tuesday, November 27, 2012 at First Baptist Church with Rev. Rick DuBroc officiating. Interment will follow at Garden of Memories Cemetery.

Memorial donations in memory of Johnel Allen may be made to First Baptist Church of El Campo or Leukemia Association.

Words of comfort and memories may be left for the family at triskafuneralhome.com.

Triska Funeral Home El Campo, Texas 979-543-3681

Tribute Wall

LC

“ Coach allen, I will greatly miss you. you were a great coach and inspiration to me. God bless you . lancel king

Lancel - richmond, TX - my coach - February 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Pat and Family;
You are in our thoughts and prayers. John was a fine man and dedicated educator. It was my priviledge to get to work with him for 10 years in ECISD. He helped so many young people and was a true role model for young athletes.

Joe Thedford

Joe and Denise Thedford - Elgin, TX - Co Worker - January 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ I was a freshman in 1977 when Coach Allen taught Physical Science.
I graduated in 1980 at El Campo High. He was a great teacher and coach. I am so sorry to hear of his passing. With deepest sympathy, Mrs. Anita McCullough Lee. I was fortunate to have him as my teacher.
He was loved by everyone & will be greatly missed.

anita mccullough lee - atlanta, TX - friend - December 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Glenn and I both want to extend our condolences to your family. Coach Allen was always so nice to me when I was a child hanging out with Laurie. Glenn had him as a teacher and coach in high school and remains impressed with how he could carve a piece of chalk into a totem pole! Our prayers are with each of you.

Susan Jones Nohavitza - Richmond, TX - family friend - December 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ Coach Allen was a wonderful teacher and coach. He was always so kind and fun to be around. All the students loved him. I am very sorry for your loss.
Sharon Barfield RN

Sharon Green Barfield - Rogers, TX - 1973 ECHS graduate - December 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ I knew Johnel for only a short time, however I really enjoyed our golf games together. He was loved and respected by his friends at El Campo CC, and my thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Wendell McAskill - Pierce, TX - Golfing Friend - December 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Pat,

My deepest condolences. Coach was a great inspiration to a bunch of us guys in the early 1960s at Dulles High when we asked to form the school's first golf team and were pleased to discover that John had "volunteered" to coach us. We soon learned that the task of having to play golf everyday with us proved to be no great hardship for him. Interestingly, we won district that first year with one of our team members actually continuing-on to become a pro golfer later in his life. I also recall fond memories of you as the older sister of my classmate, Nancy when I lived in Newgulf until the 9th grade and you and John as backyard neighbors in Stafford. John was a true role model for me and I was glad to be able to share some time with him in 2003 at the Duller Reunion.

Roger Howard - The Woodlands, TX - Student and Friend - November 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Coach Allen's passing. He was my science teacher and my track coach during summer olympics. He drove us to the track meets, and pushed us to do our best. He was also my instructor for driver's training. I saw Coach Allen at the 2003 reunion, and his smile could still light up a room. We talked about driver's training, and laughed. I wore sandals while driving, and at 14, thought they were cute. Coach Allen laughed when he saw my feet, and said my feet looked like monkey hands. They did, and still do. He was one of my very favorite teachers, and because of his fun sense of humor, I have so many good memories of school. He will be missed. God Bless.*

JANICE JENKINS GIRARD - Rosenberg, TX - November 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ I'm very, very sorry to hear this. Coach taught me 7th grade science at Sugar Land Junior High and coached me in football, basketball and track. I will let many of his former students here in Fort Bend know about our loss. I really enjoyed seeing Coach at our 2003 reunion.

Chuck Kelly - Sugar Land, TX - Former student - November 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ I always enjoyed golfing with Johnel. Our thoughts are with you at this time.
Jimmie

Jimmie & Donna Chambers - Wharton, TX - Golfing Friend - November 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. I can see Coach Allen up in Heaven bringing joy to all that are around him. He seemed to have that joy about him all the time.

Bill Kieth - Pearland, TX - friend - November 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers through this hard time. Johnel was such a joy to be around. His smile will be very missed. Ms. Pat, Sonia and the rest of the family, we are so thankful to you for sharing this sweet man with us. We will miss him this next Fourth of July. We know that God has his arms wrapped around you all through this tough times and we know that Jesus is spoiling Johnel just as much as Ms. Pat did. Love to you all, Wade, Terry and Tyler Wade Gillaspie and Lindsay Kay and Mike Boitnott

Wade and Terry Gillaspie - Huntsville, TX - Friends of Sonia's - November 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ I was saddened to hear about the passing of Coach Allen. I will always remember him as having a smile on his face and an upbeat, you can do it attitude.

My thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

Martin Strarup - El Campo, TX - Friend-ex studen - November 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ May Gods love comfort you and your family in this time of sorrow. My family will be keeping you in our prayers.

Dottie Mints

Dottie Watkins Mints - Victoria, TX - Friend - November 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ We are saddened by the unexpected death of your nice husband and send our love and prayers to you and your family. Our thoughts are with you and your family at this sad time, we are there in spirit.

Bill and Gloria Dowden - Shreveport, LA - Friend - November 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ i just had to stop by and say how different the world will be without this great man. He was my physical science teacher back in 1985! The best teacher i had in high school! He was an excellent listener and always had helpful advice. I still got to see him on a regular basis! My deepest regards and prayers will be with his family.

Scott Mollnar - el campo, TX - student - November 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Thinking of you Pat during this sad time. We will keep you and your family in our prayers. God bless all of you.

Kathleen Appling - Ingram, TX - friend - November 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Phil and Diana Huvar - El Campo, TX - Friends - November 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ Pat & Family, our thoughts are with you

Ed Campbell - El Campo, TX - Friend - November 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM