



Mary Ann Allen

November 4, 1958 - March 3, 2025

Dateline: Alton

Mary Ann Allen, 66, passed away peacefully at 2:35 a.m. on Monday, March 3, 2025, at Alton Memorial Hospital following complications from COPD. Born on November 4, 1958, in Alton, she was the daughter of the late Jerome P. and JoAnn (DeGrand) Duffin.

Mary Ann was the beloved wife of her high school sweetheart and the love of her life, Michael Allen, whom she married on August 24, 1985, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Alton. Their love story began at just 14 years old—love at first sight—and grew into a beautiful partnership that spanned over 50 years. She was a devoted mother to Carrie Allen and a cherished grandmother to Carlie (Nick) Knepper. She also held the title of Aunt Mary dearly to Rachel Groesch-Phillips and Laura Allen. Her lifelong best friend, Kathy Bristow, was more like a sister, and their friendship was a constant source of joy.

Mary Ann spent over 40 years as a talented barber in the Edwardsville area, where her clients and co-workers became lifelong friends. She lived a life filled with family, friendship, and fun—she loved sunshine, boating, relaxing by the pool, and was known to enjoy a little gambling now and then – Wooooo Hoooo!!!! Christmas was her favorite time of year, and she made it magical for those she loved. Her daughter carries on that same holiday spirit, passing it down to her daughter, Carlie.

She was preceded in death by her brothers Paul, Mark, and Andrew Jude Duffin.

Mary Ann will always be remembered as our favorite "Brown-Eyed Girl."

Visitation will be held at Gent Funeral Home on Sunday, March 9, 2025, from 1:00 p.m. until the time of the prayer service at 4:00 p.m. The funeral procession will begin at 10:45 a.m. on Monday, March 10, 2025, from Gent Funeral Home to Valhalla Memorial Park in Godfrey, where a burial service will be held at 11:00 a.m.

Memorials may be made to Theresa's Research Foundation @ <https://theresasresearch.org/>

Online condolences and additional information can be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Valhalla Memorial Park

Godfrey, IL 62035

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 9. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home
2409 State Street
Alton, IL 62002

Prayer Service

MAR 9. 4:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home
2409 State Street
Alton, IL 62002

Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Ann Allen.

March 09, 2025 at 03:00 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Ann Allen.



March 09, 2025 at 03:00 PM



“ Mary Ann cut my hair for many years. I think since the '80's starting at Daryell's Barber Shop. Last time was not long before she retired. We had a great time all those years. I learned quite a bit about combs, hair spray, and various barber things. My deepest sympathy to her family and loved ones. Scott Garbs

Scott Garbs - March 08, 2025 at 03:35 PM



“ Pam Dillon lit a candle in memory of Mary Ann Allen



Pam Dillon - March 07, 2025 at 05:49 PM

PD

“ Mary Ann cut my hair for many years. She was a good friend and I will miss her terribly. She was such a beautiful person inside and out. I am so sorry for her families loss. Thinking of you and sending prayers. Pam Dillon

Pam Dillon - March 07, 2025 at 05:48 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Ann Allen.

March 07, 2025 at 02:32 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mary Ann Allen.



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“ Fr. Bud DeGrand purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Mary Ann Allen.



Fr. Bud DeGrand - March 06, 2025 at 07:03 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Ann Allen.

March 06, 2025 at 09:54 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Mary Ann Allen.*



March 06, 2025 at 09:54 AM



“ *David B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Ann Allen.*

David B. - March 06, 2025 at 08:32 AM