



Roberta Brabant Allen

April 17, 1912 - December 9, 2011

Roberta Brabant Allen, 99, died at 8:21 p.m. on Friday, December 9, 2011 in Godfrey, Illinois. "Berta" as she was known, was born April 17, 1912 in Pleasanton, Kansas and graduated with honors from the University of Kansas with a degree in Journalism in 1932 while working as Treasurer of three different sororities to pay her tuition. While at KU she met her future husband, Dr. Hubert Lee Allen Jr., who died in 1981. She lived in Fort Scott, Kansas, raising her children while Lt. Col. Allen was director of a MASH unit during World War II for four years in the South Pacific. The family has an amazing collection of over 2000 letters they exchanged which reflect the effect of the war and years of long separation on their small family. The letters are being compiled into a book. They moved to Alton upon Dr. Allen's return from overseas where he practiced for more than 35 years, delivering thousands of babies. Beloved mother of Hubert Lee Allen III, deceased (Marion) of N. Branford, Ct., Benjamin B. Allen (Trudi) of Grafton, IL and Christopher C. Allen (Rosie) of Locust Dale, VA. Loving grandmother to Geoffrey Allen, Benjamin Allen Jr., Peter Allen (Gina), Betsy Puent (John), Cade Miller (Metaxia), Spencer Allen (Rachel), Stephanie Allen (Fabrizio) and Bryce Allen. Great grandmother to Geoffrey and Ashley Allen, Hunter Wyatt and Hubert Phog Allen, Lily, Claire and Jack Puent; Lilliana Miller, Amelia and Charles Allen. Berta was preceded in death by her husband, son Hubert L. Allen III, a grandson Hubert Lee Allen IV and a daughter-in-law, Beverly Allen. Berta served on the Alton woman's Home Board, Community Service League,

AAUW, Alton Planning Commission and was a member of PEO chapter IL. She loved gardening and enjoyed the piano and violin. Berta always maintained her attitude of positive living and found good in everyone. She enjoyed reminiscing about her years of growing up in a small Kansas farm community and laughed about being Captain of her high school basketball team, the Pleasanton Blue Jays. A celebration of her life will be held on April 17, 2012 which would have been her 100th birthday. An announcement will be made beforehand. Memorials may be made to the Grafton Food Pantry 118 East Main Street, P.O.Box 287, Grafton, IL 62037 or a charity of one's choice.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Roberta Brabant Allen*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Roberta Brabant Allen*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Berta brought so much joy to the Rowse family. So many little things she said and did had a profound effect on who I am today. Including teaching me to knit by phone! Passion flowers by the pool. I still have the lovely copy of "A Child's Garden of Verses" she worked so hard to find for Andrew 23 years ago. Love to all the Allen Family, I have missed Alton and dear friends like Berta.
All the Best, Julie*

Julie Rowse Duquet - April 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NW

“ Ben, Trudi, Chris, and everyone: Words don't do justice to express our sadness at Berta's passing. What an incredible lady she was. Always positive, gracious, strong and kind, she personified dignity and grace.

I'm so thankful my husband and my oldest son were able to meet her in 2003.

She will always be remembered with a smile in my heart.

Love,
Nancy

Nancy Allen Wenlock - January 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Mrs. Allen, later Berta, as I grew up, was a beautiful, friendly, kind person. I first knew her on Bluff St. and continued association with her as I babysat for Chris on Belleview! Living on Foulds, I could hop over Millers wall! She was always sweet and smiling every time I was with her.

My sympathy to all the family but know she led a full life and must have been ready to step to the other side.

Peggy Gallagher Booker - December 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

VD

“ To the Allen family: please accept my sympathy. You and your mother are in my prayers.

V.J. Dickson - December 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ We loved you Berta, and thought you were amazing, even though I didn't know you very well.

Rosie - December 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Our family sends our sympathy for the loss of you mother.

Jeff Gossett - December 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ BEN: SORRY ABOUT YOUR MOM. WE ARE THINKING ABOUT YOU.

DENNY AND RITA

MAGGOS - December 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ Berta Allen made an impression on me as a child living across the street -- gracious, funny, and friendly and, I know, a good friend for my mother and later my sister. I remember her smiling in a straw hat and gardening gloves, with a basket of cuttings.

Bill Thomas - December 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ To Ben, Trudi, and Allen family,
Condolences from Rick, Dianne.

Rick and Dianne Simpson - December 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM