



Allan Keith Mayfield

June 8, 1941 - December 21, 2017

Allan Keith Mayfield died Wednesday, December 21st, 2017, surrounded by his family in Bloomington, Indiana. Allan was born June 8th, 1941 in Chicago, Illinois, to Russell Bluthardt and Marcella Glickauf.

He graduated from Steinmetz High School in 1959 and attended St. Olaf College, earning a degree in chemistry. Using his knowledge of industrial chemistry, he worked in the paint, then the cabinet industries. Allan moved to Bloomington, Indiana in 1972. He spent the past decade as a career counselor in the School of Business at Indiana University, work he enjoyed enormously.

A devoted husband and father, Allan is survived by his wife of 52 years and high school sweetheart, Helen. His children Amy and Jacob and granddaughters Ramona and Vivian remember him fondly. He is also survived by Lynn and Joan, sisters he adored.

A gifted storyteller with an encyclopedic array of jokes and true sense of comic timing, Allan always went for the laugh, and always got it. Yet, underneath the sarcasm, he was genuinely empathetic, making deep connections and always preaching tolerance. A history expert, passionate reader of newspapers and music lover, he was extraordinary at Trivial Pursuit. He thought he would never see the Cubs win a World Series title, but was

finally rewarded for a lifetime of passionate devotion. He could be heard shouting at the TV throughout the house when the Indiana Hoosiers were playing basketball. The birds he fed with an array of different feeders and identified with expert precision will miss him; the fish of Lake Monroe less so. Allan was fond of saying, "Love is free, so give freely," advice he lived and a legacy he leaves behind.

A Memorial Gathering will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 27, 2017 at Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 S. Old State Road 37, Bloomington. Memorial contributions may be made in Allan's memory to The American Cancer Society. You are invited to share a memory or leave an online condolence to Allan's family at www.allencares.com

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

DEC 27. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory
4155 S. Old State Road 37
Bloomington, IN 47401
(812) 824-5905
<http://www.allencares.com>

Tribute Wall

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“ *What I like to remember about Allan is his hugs. When you got a hug from Allan, you knew you were hugged. I'll miss you, Allan.*

*A long time friend and neighbor,
Janet VonHolt*

Janet VonHolt - December 28, 2017 at 11:48 AM

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“ *We have many fond memories of time shared with Allan, he was a very special guy. In many ways I looked up to him as the older brother I never had. The obit captured his essence beautifully. In particular to me his storytelling ability is amazing. He will be missed. We extend our deepest sympathy to Helen and family.*

Paul & Laurel Reynolds

Paul Reynolds - December 27, 2017 at 01:05 PM

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“ *Helen - Thinking of you and your family at this time. I always enjoyed working with Allan at IU. We had lots of fun experiences with the X220 & X420 classes. He was so positive and cheerful and willing to help however he could. I will always remember him and know that you have a whole lot of great memories that I pray with bring you comfort going forward. Love - Dee Rillo*

Dee Rillo - December 27, 2017 at 11:15 AM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Allan Keith Mayfield.*



December 26, 2017 at 11:50 AM



“ *From Daniel and Emily Wale purchased the Fields of Europe for the family of Allan Keith Mayfield.*



From Daniel and Emily Wale - December 26, 2017 at 11:33 AM



“ *Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Allan Keith Mayfield.*



December 26, 2017 at 09:49 AM



“ *Remembering many memories of fun times together, and support from you during my joining my first church. Allen's life was a blessing. May the many memories you shared comfort you in your loss.*

*Love,
Diana Igo*

Diana Igo - December 25, 2017 at 06:38 AM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Allan Keith Mayfield.*



December 25, 2017 at 06:34 AM