



## Carole Lee Allen

September 2, 1939 - April 3, 2025

Carole Lee Allen, 85, passed away peacefully surrounded by family. She was born on September 2, 1939, in Cincinnati, Ohio, to Byron and Martha Lemen. Carole grew up in North Vernon, Indiana, and graduated from North Vernon High School in 1957. She went on to attend Indiana University, where she earned a Bachelor's degree in Education.

On September 4, 1959, Carole married her devoted and loving husband, Raymond L. Allen, who preceded her in death.

After college, Carole worked as an administrative assistant to Dean Bain and Dean Webb at the Indiana University School of Music. She later took time away from her career to raise her daughters, a role she cherished deeply. When she returned to the workforce, she served as the school secretary at Clear Creek Elementary School in the Monroe County Community School Corporation (MCCSC), where she was a beloved presence until her retirement in 1999.

Carole was a devoted member of First Presbyterian Church, where her faith played a central role in her life. She lived with quiet grace, kindness, and a deep sense of purpose guided by her spiritual beliefs.

In retirement, Carole found great joy in volunteering and spending time with

her cherished grandchildren. Her warmth, intelligence, and gentle spirit left a lasting impact on all who knew her.

She is survived by her daughters, Melinda Clay and her husband David of Seymour, Indiana, and Jennifer Allen of Cincinnati, Ohio; her grandchildren, Ross Allen Clay of Seymour, Ryan Lee Clay of Bloomington, and Rashelle Ann Clay of Weymouth, Massachusetts; her sister, Marianne Eversole of Greenwood, Indiana; and many loving nieces and nephews.

Carole will be deeply missed by her family, her church community, and all who were fortunate to know her.

Her daughters will always be grateful for the unconditional love, support, and wisdom she gave them throughout their lives. She was the heart of their family—a constant source of strength, comfort, and encouragement. They feel so blessed to have had such a remarkable mother and will carry her love with them.

Memorials can be directed to the First Presbyterian Church of Bloomington.

A Memorial Service to Celebrate Carole's Life will be held at 2:00PM on Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at First Presbyterian Church 221 East 6th Street Bloomington, Indiana 47401. A reception will follow at the church.

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory 4155 South Old State Road 37 has been entrusted with the arrangements and online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

APR 8. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church  
221 E 6th St  
Bloomington, IN 47408-3596  
(812) 332-1514

## Reception

APR 8. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

MF

“ Marianne and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carole Lee Allen.

Marianne and Family - April 08, 2025 at 08:42 AM

MF

“ Marianne and Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Carole Lee Allen.



Marianne and Family - April 08, 2025 at 08:42 AM

GH

“ Mindy and Jenny, it's very unfortunate hearing about your mother. All the memories of growing up at Grandmother Allen's house on Sundays just hit me. I still remember throwing rice at Raymond & Carol on their wedding night when they left the church! I was only 4 then!

Gerald Housier - April 07, 2025 at 04:55 PM

GH

“ Gerald, Sandy, Bridget, & Jared Housier purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Carole Lee Allen.



Gerald, Sandy, Bridget, & Jared Housier - April 07, 2025 at 04:28 PM

BM

“ I was sad to read about this in the Presbyterian bulletin and send my thoughts to the family.

*It was so nice of all of you to attend my mom's memorial last year and I am sorry that I will not be there tomorrow to share memories with you.*

*Hopefully your mom and my mom are walking together somewhere in the afterlife as they did for so many years on Heritage Woods Road.*

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**Bob Morrison** - April 07, 2025 at 03:57 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Carole Lee Allen.



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April 07, 2025 at 10:16 AM

KW

“ Bob and I send love and prayers to all Carole's family. Carole was a church friend and we had several interesting conversations. She will be missed.

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**Karon Chastain WINGARD** - April 06, 2025 at 01:25 PM

JL

“ We were really sad to learn about the passing of Carole, who I have known all my life. First we were youngsters, she in North Vernon and me in Holton and later Cincinnati. Whenever I would visit Grandma Lemen with my parents, I would see Carole, Marianne and Clyde since we were all around the same age. As the years drifted by we sometimes met on some highway at Clyde’s urging to see each other. Most often though, it was communication by phone and Christmas letters. Because we were family, it was important to keep the bond alive. My father, Mahlon would be happy that we are remembering his mother and his three brothers and their families. I know we all have our own special memories of the Lemen family. However, I imagine they are very similar. I treasure my memories of Carole and will miss knowing she is just a phone call away.

*Jim and Carole Lemen*

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**Jim and Carole Lemen** - April 06, 2025 at 09:50 AM

PD

“ It was my pleasure to work with Carole when she worked for the School of Music. She was always patient and caring with her co-workers and students. Pam Duncan

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**Pam Duncan** - April 05, 2025 at 06:41 PM

DC

“ Dan & Jody Clay purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Carole Lee Allen.



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**Dan & Jody Clay** - April 04, 2025 at 08:11 PM