



## Jerry "Van" Allen

*November 12, 1951 - January 31, 2017*

Jerry "Van" Allen, Jr., age 65, of McKinney, Texas, passed away on January 31, 2017. He was born November 12, 1951, in Houston, Texas, to Jerry Van and Leah Rae (Letney) Allen. On November 20, 1971, Van married Sheila Ann Williamson in Dallas, Texas. He graduated from Southern Methodist University in 1973 and spent most of his career in the hospitality industry. Van was currently working as Corporate Hotel Controller with Highgate Hotels. He was high-spirited, loving, friendly as well as a loving, devoted father and grandfather.

He is survived by his wife, Sheila Allen of McKinney, Texas; daughter Amanda Goode and husband Jim also of McKinney, Texas; three loving grandchildren; mother, Leah Allen of Ashdown, Arkansas; brother-in-law, Bruce Huckaba of Houston, Texas; nephew, William Huckaba of Miami, Florida; many other loving relatives and friends.

Van is preceded in death by his father, Jerry Van Allen, Sr. and sister, Nancy Huckaba.

A funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, February 11, 2017, at Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Funeral Home in Allen, Texas. Interment will follow at Ridgeview Memorial Park. The family will receive friends during a visitation being held from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., Friday evening at the funeral home.

## Memorials

*My heart is still heavy. I miss him. He was my supervisor when he was Director of Shared Accounting. I pray for continued peace and comfort in The Name of Jesus!*

SHARIF PIERCE, MARCH 12, 2017

*I am honored to have had the pleasure to work with Van for over 8 yrs at Highgate. To say that Van was a delight to be around is an understatement. His presence lit up any room. Just seeing his face would brighten my day and no matter how frustrated I would get about work or life, a quick chat with him would always bring side splitting laughter. I'm thankful for my memories of him and to have known such a great person that truly loved his family and strived to be an encouragement to others.. I pray that God gives you strength and peace during this extremely hard time.*

TJ WRIGHT, FEBRUARY 10, 2017

*During my tenure at Highgate, Van was a pleasure to work with. His humor was affectionate even when it wasn't intentional. He will be truly missed and my prayers are with the family.*

SHERRI SMITH, FEBRUARY 10, 2017

*Dear Sheila and Amanda, I have been thinking of the right words to express my disbelief and sadness that Van left us so soon. There are none, only the wonderful memories that he left us with to cherish. I will remember his encouraging words, his sense of humor and Texan "let's do this" attitude. It could have been the beginning of the perfect joke, a Texan meets a Frenchman... Instead, we made a great team. He was a true gentleman and I will miss him dearly. My thoughts and prayers are with your family. Sincerely, Olivier*

OLIVIER MALAUSSENA, FEBRUARY 8, 2017

*Thank you for always being so kind. You will be greatly missed.*

KALYN STEVENS, FEBRUARY 7, 2017

*Van was the most driven individual I have ever known. He was also a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He will be greatly missed. My prayers are with his family and friends. Bruce*

BRUCE HUCKABA, FEBRUARY 7, 2017

*Haven't seen you in years but am so sorry for your loss. Praying for you and your family.*

**DEBBIE APRIL FACIANE , FEBRUARY 6, 2017**

*Dear Shiela, Our prayers go out to you during this most difficult time. We both know what it is like to loose a husband. My husband passed away at 59 in 2012. Mother and I hope you take comfort in the many friends and family who surround you. May his memory be a blessing.*

**MARIE APRIL AND SHANNON APRIL LANDRY, FEBRUARY 6, 2017**

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