



Rodney Joe Allen

July 5, 1953 - January 6, 2025

Rodney Joe Allen, 71, passed away peacefully in the early morning on January 6 in his Blacksburg home after a brief illness.

Rodney was born in Virginia Beach, Virginia on July 5, 1953; he came to Blacksburg in 1971 to study business at Virginia Tech. He met his future wife Janet when he offered to share his umbrella with her before crossing the drillfield. They married in 1976 and raised three boys. Together they owned and operated Blacksburg Power Equipment for 43 years before retiring in 2022. Rodney became Catholic in 2000 and spent numerous hours supporting St. Mary's Catholic Church on a variety of projects. He loved volunteering and camping with his sons in the Boy Scouts, serving seven years as Scoutmaster of St. Mary's Troop 706. Rodney especially loved to farm, fish, and relax with his family and grandchildren at his cabin near Dillwyn, Virginia. He was a true friend to so many in the community and will be sorely missed.

Rodney was preceded in death by his father Howard Franklin "Frank" Allen, his mother Reather Mae Dixon Allen, and his older brother Ralph Eugene Allen. He is survived by his wife of 48 years Janet Brown Allen and his sons John Franklin Allen (wife Stephanie, children Emily and Michael), Andrew Joseph Allen (wife Kelsie, son Ryder), and Matthew Paul Allen (wife Tara).

Visitation will be held on Sunday, January 12, 2025 from 4 - 6pm at McCoy

Funeral Home in Blacksburg, and a Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday, January 13, 2025 at 11am at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Blacksburg. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Rodney's name to your favorite charity.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **12.** 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

McCoy Funeral Home
150 Country Club Dr. S.W.
Blacksburg, VA 24060
(540) 552-3211
mccoyfuneralhome@verizon.net
<https://mccoyfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Mass

JAN **13.** 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
1205 Old Mill Rd
#3705
Blacksburg, VA 24060

Tribute Wall

TF

“ *The Thompson Family purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Rodney Joe Allen.*



The Thompson Family - January 11, 2025 at 03:33 PM

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“ *The Thompson Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rodney Joe Allen.*

The Thompson Family - January 11, 2025 at 03:33 PM

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“ *Love, Matt, Robin, Chase, Skyler & Codey purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Rodney Joe Allen.*



Love, Matt, Robin, Chase, Skyler & Codey - January 11, 2025 at 01:44 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Rodney Joe Allen.*



January 10, 2025 at 10:59 PM



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

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“ The F. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rodney Joe Allen.

The F. - January 10, 2025 at 03:48 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Rodney Joe Allen.



January 10, 2025 at 10:54 AM



“ So many memories of Rodney as Scout Leader, including waiting for bikers and hikers at the end of trails with food and water. And a trip to Appomattox Court House with a stay at the Allen cabin. Such a gracious person!!

Marion Ehrich - January 09, 2025 at 05:22 PM

DT

“ *DN Southeast Regional Sales Team purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Rodney Joe Allen.*



DN Southeast Regional Sales Team - January 09, 2025 at 05:13 PM

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“ *DN Southeast Regional Sales Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rodney Joe Allen.*

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