



Robert J. Allen

January 22, 1949 - May 4, 2025

Albany, NY-Robert J. Allen was born on January 22, 1949 in Philadelphia, PA. He completed his undergraduate studies at Franklin & Marshall, where he was elected phi beta kappa. He began his doctoral work at the University of Connecticut, where he met the love of his life, Joanne Allen (Ormsby) of Albany, NY, to whom he was married for 54 years.

A devoted civil servant, Bob served as the Director of Psychiatric Services and Research Institute Support for NYS for over 25 years. He was known for his booming laugh, fierce devotion to his family, intense intellectualism and deep distaste for vegetables. His knowledge base was such that his kids didn't need to source reference materials for school reports- they just had to ask dad. None of them ever lost points for accuracy.

Bob is survived by his wife Joanne, children Robert Allen, John Allen and Meghan Claudius (Matt), all of whom will miss him deeply. He is also survived by his brother and sister in law Thom and Beth Ormsby and their son Steven. He is preceded in death by his infant daughter Maureen.

Special thanks to Dr David Shaffer, Dr. Ronald Hoenzsch and Dr Rahul Ravilla for their excellent and compassionate care.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Bob's family Thursday, May 8,

2025 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm at McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206. Please enter the funeral home from the rear parking lot entrance only.

Funeral services Friday, May 9, 2025 at 11:30 am at All Saints Catholic Church, Albany, NY where his Funeral Mass will be celebrated. The Rite of Committal will be held at St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands, NY immediately following the Mass.

To leave a special message for the family please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the St. Vincent's food pantry.

Cemetery Details

St. Agnes Cemetery

48 Cemetery Ave
Menands, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 8. 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.
208 N Allen St
Albany, NY 12206
(518) 489-0188
info@mcveighfuneralhome.com
<http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com>

Funeral Mass

MAY 9. 11:30 AM (ET)

All Saints Catholic Church
16 Homestead St.
Albany, NY 12203

Tribute Wall



“ *Joanne and Family,
I an so sorry to read about Bob's passing. Bob and I worked
together in three State agencies. Always respected his knowledge,
good humor and integrity. I hope your many good memories bring
comfort and peace.*

Kathleen Economides - May 08, 2025 at 10:06 AM



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

May 07, 2025 at 08:55 PM