



Mrs. Marjorie N. Allen

December 8, 1931 - February 20, 2024

Mrs. Marjorie N. Allen, 92, of Pittsfield, MA passed away peacefully on Tuesday, February 20, 2024. Born in Manchester, New Hampshire, on December 8, 1931, the daughter of the late Andre and Laurette Elliot Nicholson, she graduated from Watertown High School, and later earned her bachelor's degree in Asian Studies from Smith College as an Ada Comstock scholar, graduating in 1989. One of the highlights of her life was spending a month in Japan with a host family as a part of her scholarship at Smith college.

Marjorie was a Unit Coordinator at the Berkshire Medical Center emergency room during the 70's and 80's, but her true passion was for writing. Her published books are as follows: "The Remarkable Ride of Israel Bissel, as Recalled by Molly the Crow", "One, Two, Three Achool!", Farley Are You for Real?" and "Marble Cake Cat" both co-authored with her son Carl, "What Are Little Girls Made Of", "Changes" (which received numerous awards, including the Ezra Keats Award), "100 Years of Children's Books in America: Decade by Decade" as well as "A Look Inside Alzheimers" co-authored with her niece, Susan Dublin, who had early alzheimers and wanted to help people understand the disease more intimately.

Marjorie was an editor for the Berkshire Eagle and did freelance editing for the New York Times. She also created a website to offer free editing to new and

hopeful authors with many helpful links and trade tips.

As a little girl, Marge enjoyed visiting her grandfather who was the lighthouse keeper at Two Lights in Cape Elizabeth, Maine. She would assist him changing the light bulbs and she loved playing at the ocean. As an adult, she spent many summers with her family at her parent's cottage on the Saint Lawrence River. Marjorie enjoyed singing with the Sweet Adelines for over 30 years, as well as acting in many community plays.

Marjorie was married to David Allen, of Watertown, NY, on July 6, 1957 and enjoyed 52 wonderful and happy years together, the last 10 years of which were spent at their seasonal home in Mexico on the Baja peninsula. David passed away in 2009. She was also predeceased by her son John's wife Jill S Allen who passed away in 2015.

She leaves behind sons John Allen of Lanesborough, MA and Carl Allen of Pittsfield, MA as well as a daughter Dena Allen of Pittsfield, MA, and her brother Edward Nicholson, of Ormond Beach, FL.. She also leaves her grandchildren Sean, Meghan, Matthew, and Taylor, as well as 9 great-grandchildren

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Mrs. Marjorie N. Allen will be held on Saturday, June 1, 2024, at 1pm at the United Methodist Church in Lenox.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the United Methodist Church of Lenox, 6 Holmes Rd, Lenox, MA 01240 in memory of Marjorie N Allen

Previous Events

Service

JUN 1. 1:00 PM (ET)

The United Methodist Church
Lenox, MA 01240

Tribute Wall

RB

“ Dena, John and Carl -

I was so blessed to have known Marge and worked with her (as well as Dena). She was a wonderful lady and I enjoyed having her here with me. I learned so much from her! May she rest in peace, now reunited with your father. And may you be comforted by the many loving memories and fun times you all shared.

Robbie Brassard - February 27, 2024 at 02:49 PM

TN

“ God bless my cousins, the Allen's... I have so many great memories of us all ramming around and driving the parents and Grandparents crazy! Having said that, Aunt Margie was such an incredible and talented woman. Always with the most positive encouragement, patience, and soft spoken wisdom! She was so proud of her children and Grandchildren. She was so genuine and her laugh made everyone around her smile regardless if you were in on the joke or not. Squinting her eyes into a big open smile while tipping her head back and a quick, soft, lady-like laugh that came from her belly. It was so genuine and always made you feel warm, special, and loved. My deepest respect, prayers and regards to John, Carl, Dena and the kids! Love you all. God bless you Aunt Margie! May you save us all a special place in heaven with Grandma and Grandpa Nicholson, Uncle Dave, mom (Aunt Val) and all of our loved ones! Many prayers and heart felt love in your memory. Your nephew, Tim

Timothy Scott Nicholson - February 26, 2024 at 03:19 PM

KS

“ John, Carl, and Dena,
I'm so very sorry to hear of your mothers passing. Her obituary was glorious and she certainly was a brilliant woman! I hope you find comfort in knowing she is with your dad now. God Bless you all and please accept my heartfelt condolences. Fondly, Kim Stegner

Kim Stegner - February 24, 2024 at 08:27 AM

DA

“ Mom, words can't ever express how grateful and blessed to have had you as my mother. You gave us love and strength to grow into who we are today 🙏 you will be missed, there is comfort in knowing your with dad now, dancing and having lots of laughs. Love you mom. RIP from your only daughter, Dena



Dena Marie Allen - February 22, 2024 at 03:48 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marjorie N. Allen.



February 22, 2024 at 08:25 AM

SJ

“ So from Japan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Marjorie N. Allen.

So from Japan - February 22, 2024 at 08:25 AM