



## Allen Edward Shinn

April 30, 1942 - December 1, 2023

Allen Edward Shinn was born on April 30, 1942 in Elmira, NY. On August 4, 1942, he was adopted by Howard M. Shinn, Jr. and Edith Goldberg Shinn. He passed away in Tallahassee on December 1, 2023.

The family relocated to White Plains, NY in November, 1944. Allen attended the public schools there, graduating from White Plains High School in 1960. Subsequently, he earned a BA degree in Spanish from Dickinson College in Pennsylvania, an MA degree in Spanish from Middlebury College in Vermont, and an MA degree in library service from Columbia University. Allen was employed by Florida State University Libraries from 1981 to 2007. In retirement, he volunteered at Leroy Collins Public Library, and enjoyed participating in group exercise classes, first at the YMCA, then at Premier Health and Fitness Center.

Allen is survived by husband Ruel Cabaltera, brother Steven Shinn and brother-in-law Richard Gallo, both of Wilmington, NC; niece Dana Gallo of New Rochelle, NY; nephews Christopher Shinn of Cincinnati and Brian Shinn of Seattle; and one grand nephew and four grand-nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister Karen Gallo.

The family will be receiving guests for a reception at Bevis Funeral Home (200 John Knox Rd.) on Friday, December 8, 2023 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. In lieu of

flowers, memorial contributions to the Leon County Humane Society are encouraged.

Breanna Green of Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193 or [www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com)) is assisting the family with their arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Reception

DEC 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home & Crematory  
200 John Knox Rd  
Tallahassee, FL 32303  
(850) 385-2193

# Tribute Wall

SO

“ I wrote Allen a happy birthday note on WhatsApp but received no reply; I thought to search the obits and here I am to find out he passed 5 months ago. I've known Allen for over 20 years, geography and citizenship kept us apart but we shared some wonderful moments and a long friendship. I even met the other poster Pete and Margaret. My fav is Butler, Allen's little Schnauzer. Allen was bewildered that Butler would always snuggle up to me even in his presence. I'm glad that he found his love and got married although at the twilight of his life. And I even got to see Allen sometime in 2018(?) when he attended his nephew's wedding in Seattle and came to visit me in Victoria Canada. We went to see the sites and on to Vancouver as well before saying what would be our last goodbyes in real life. See you again on the other side Allen.  
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So - May 02, 2024 at 02:34 PM

PB

“ Allen and I became good friends when I moved to Tallahassee and joined the faculty at FSU in 1990 where I lived until I moved to Indiana, PA in 2005. We had several things in common probably most notably was that we had both studied Spanish and we both had and loved dogs as pets. We helped each other out by caring for each others' dogs when we traveled. I especially appreciated when Allen went with me to select a West Highland White Terrier puppy over in Banifay and whom I named Margaret. Allen was a good friend with whom I remained in contact after I moved from Tallahassee. I shall miss his friendship deeply.

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Pete Brooks - December 04, 2023 at 11:37 AM