



Karl Rogers Allen

April 23, 1931 - March 5, 2015

Karl Rogers Allen, Jr., the son of Carl R. Allen and Cody Harris Allen was born April 23, 1931, in Tallahassee, Florida. He died on March 5, 2015, at age 83. He graduated from Leon High School in 1949, received a bachelor's degree in political science from Florida State University and was awarded a Master of Business Administration from the Harvard University Graduate School of Business.

Karl worked with the Florida Park Service during his study at FSU and with the Florida Development Commission following his graduation. His study at FSU was interrupted after his first two years when he volunteered for the U.S. Army, was awarded his commission from the Infantry School OCS at Fort Benning, Georgia, and served a tour of duty in Korea. Several decades of Karl's working years were spent in hotel and bookstore management in the Washington, D. C., area and with DuBey's Bookstores in Florida. More recently Karl was the genial owner/manager of the Black Cat News, which was located in the heart of down- town Tallahassee. Karl encouraged all readers and he and his two black cats welcomed and hosted book readings and signing events for many local authors, and in the mornings offered hot coffee to downtown "early birds." Survivors are many friends and a large number of loving family members, including his brother, Jimmy Allen (Betty) and sister, Charlotte Williams (Ernest), of Tallahassee and eleven nieces and nephews and their children.

A memorial service for Karl will be held at a later date. Those wishing to may make memorial contributions to the Laura Jepson Institute (Lichgate) 1401 High Road, or to Big Bend Hospice. Susie Mozolic of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family with their arrangements. (850-385-2193 www.bevisfh.com)

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“Karl was a friend and a mentor. We worked together at Dubey's Bookstore in downtown Tallahassee for two years. One of the most intelligent and generous people I have met in my almost 65 years. God rest your soul dear friend ❤️🙏

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