



Crystal Allen

October 20, 1946 - April 10, 2021

Crystal Allen, age 74, of Sherrard, WV passed away Saturday, April 10, 2021 at Ruby Memorial Hospital, Morgantown, WV.

She was born October 20, 1946 in Wheeling, WV, the daughter of the late Charles E. and Willadean Starkey Hart.

Crystal was a 1976 graduate of West Liberty State College where she graduated with highest honors. She worked as a receptionist for Dr. Ortiz, then taught at Bridgeport Junior High, and then went on to work as a caseworker for DHHR.

She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Wheeling, WV,

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by a sister, Patricia Arthur.

Survivors include her husband of 56 years, John Allen; a sister, Candice Simmons of FL; nieces and nephews, Howard (Suzanne) Arthur and Tommy (Evelyn) Arthur all of OH and Lori (Steve) Decker and Eric Simmons all of FL; a brother in law, Harold Arthur of OH; and her beloved dogs, Lizzie and Lucy. Family will receive friends on Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8pm at Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, 1 Ridgecrest Road, Bethlehem/Wheeling, WV where funeral services will be held Thursday at 11am with Bishop David Phillips officiating.

Interment in Halcyon Hills Memorial Gardens, Wheeling, WV.

Memorial contributions may be made to the following- American Heart Assoc.,

162 Court St., Charleston, WV 25302 or Marshall Co. Animal Shelter, 37
Animal Shelter Dr. Moundsville, WV 26041 or ASPCA at aspca.org.

Cemetery Details

Halcyon Hills Memorial Park

Sherrard, WV 26003

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 14. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory- Wheeling/Bethlehem
1 Ridgecrest Road
Bethlehem/Wheeling, WV 26003
(304) 232-0400
<https://www.grisellfuneralhomes.com/>

Visitation

APR 14. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

APR 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

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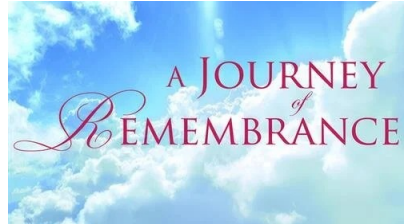
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Tribute Wall



“ *Grisell Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Crystal Allen* ”



Grisell Funeral Homes - April 13, 2021 at 09:23 AM

JA

“ I met Crystal shortly after returning home from the Navy and instantly fell in love with her sparkling eyes and beautiful smile. That was when I became aware of her intelligence. Crystal was and is the most intelligent person I ever met. She was an avid reader, and a great communicator. Her thirst for knowledge never ended. She was a loyal, kind, and loving companion. Like all families we faced challenges, and I always relied on her sound advice, because I knew it was based on facts and reasoning. Crystal had many talents: she loved to sew, crochet, make crafts, and read to grade school students. She loved her family and spent endless hours researching their family history. She also wrote entertaining stories. She enjoyed visiting and entertaining close friends, discussing books with members of her book club, and walking, talking and laughing with her friends at the Wellness Center pool, but most of all she loved staying at home with her pets, and she devoted herself to their every need.

At the end of each day we give thanks for our many blessings, say prayers for those who are sick and afflicted, and end our prayers by praying for comfort for those that have recently lost loved ones. Crystal always ended her prayers by asking “Always remember the good things about the departed.”

We miss her, and we also ask this of you “Always remember the good things about Crystal.”

Her Loving husband,
John and our pets Lizzie and Lucy.

John Allen - April 20, 2021 at 08:48 PM

MO

A lovely tribute, John. It will be very easy to remember all the good things about Crystal. We will miss her.

Michelle Oliver - April 27, 2021 at 06:26 PM

BW

“ John,
So sorry to hear of the loss of your wife, Crystal. We know there is now a smile on her face from above as she leads you through these trying times. Our prayers are coming your way. As always, we are looking forward to seeing you.

Carole and Bill Wilhelm

Bill Wilhelm - April 16, 2021 at 03:32 PM

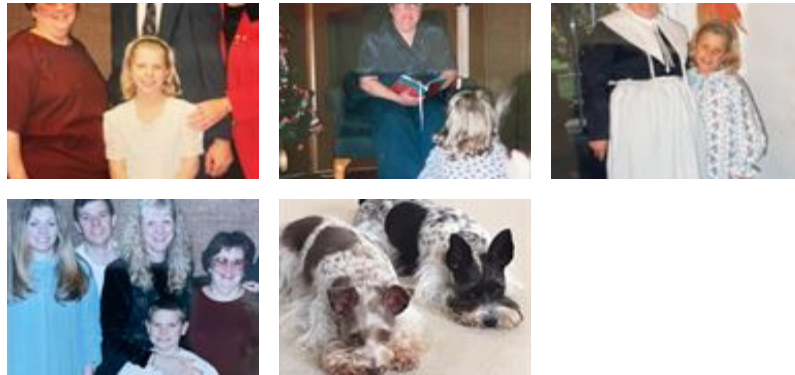
EC

“ So sorry for your loss, John. The death of a spouse is an overwhelming pain. Prayers 🙏

Elaine Whipkey Cole - April 13, 2021 at 09:21 AM



“ 9 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Grisell Funeral Homes - April 13, 2021 at 09:20 AM

PW

“ Crystal was an intelligent witty great-hearted friend. She & John saw to the needs of so many for many years, often anonymously. She loved her friends with her whole heart. I was blessed to be one of them. Her passing brings me great sorrow but sure faith that she is happy & that our friendship will someday continue, never to end. “Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal“ We love you Crystal & are here for you John,
Patty and Chuck Wylie

Patricia Wylie - April 13, 2021 at 05:48 AM

AT

“ John,

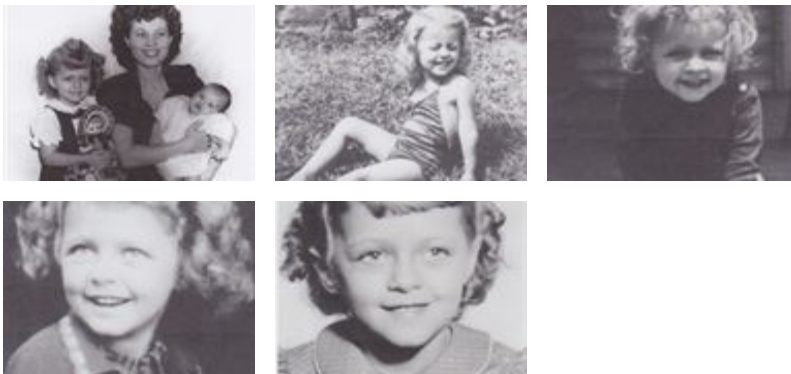
I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Ann Thomas

Ann M Thomas - April 12, 2021 at 04:05 PM



“ 53 files added to the album Life Tributes



Grisell Funeral Homes - April 12, 2021 at 01:08 PM

DM

“ I have many good memories of the time we rode together and had many classes together at West Liberty. Dave and I send our condolences to John and To Crystal's family.

Darlene Meeker - April 12, 2021 at 10:20 AM

DL

“ May the good Lord welcome Crystal home and watch over the Allen family and her extended family and friends during this difficult time.

Dan Livingston - April 12, 2021 at 06:18 AM

MO

“ Michelle Oliver lit a candle in memory of Crystal Allen



Michelle Oliver - April 11, 2021 at 08:31 PM

MO

“*Crystal and John have blessed our family in so many ways and we've witnessed their ongoing generosity over the years. I remember when they purchased tickets for several children of our church congregation to attend the Nutcracker ballet many years ago - I believe there were about 15-20 of us that attended. For many of the children it was their one and only opportunity to see this Christmas classic in person and it is a memory that many of them still discuss now that they are adults.*

Crystal served in church callings and assignments with great devotion and singular purpose. If she agreed to do something, you knew that it was going to be done promptly, thoughtfully, and with the absolute highest level of attention - nothing was ever done halfway or just enough to make do.

Her love of quilting and books inspired her friends - many of us spent wonderful hours in their home sharing excellent food and energetic conversation as she hosted our book clubs. Her quilts are incredible works of art.

Crystal's generosity included sleep overs for the young girls at church, sending birthday and celebration cards to everyone, sending letters of comfort to those who were grieving because of the loss of a loved one or beloved pet, or even to give wise counsel and emotional support to a young teen who didn't make the cheer squad in her middle school.

There are many specific things that I could share, but out of respect for Crystal's desire to remain anonymous, I choose not to make them public. Crystal embodied the biblical practice of doing her good deeds in secret, not letting the left hand know what the right hand was doing. Not wanting to be praised or acknowledged for "going about doing good", she would not be pleased if I told all the secret good deeds that I knew she had performed, but God knows and he is well pleased.

We love you, Crystal. We look forward to the day that we will see you again in eternal glory and splendor. God be with us, till we meet again, dear Crystal. You are beloved and we will miss you.

*Jim and Michelle Oliver and family
Katy and Tom Zane
Adam and Megan Oliver
Kelley and Mike Clawson
James and Jill Oliver
Emily and Ky Reams
Christian and Jenna Oliver*

Michelle Oliver - April 11, 2021 at 08:31 PM

SA

Thank you so much for your comments. It means so much to us. I am married to Crystal's nephew Howard. She was precious to us and we also saw evidence of her thoughtfulness & service to others. My mother in law (her older sister) was in a nursing home for the last 4 years of her life and every week mom looked forward to a note or a letter from Crystal. She & John also always welcomed us graciously into their home & made us feel loved and special. We are forever grateful for their service to others and to their community. They will always have a special place in our heart. 💕🙏

Suzanne & Howard Arthur

Suzanne Arthur - April 11, 2021 at 10:02 PM

JV

Crystal and I have been friends for over 40 years. We laughed and cried together and supported each other in good times and bad I will miss Crystal very much and my heart is healthy. John I want you to know that I realize what a great husband you or to her and she herself told me many times that she did not know what she would do without you. She told me that she wished that she would go first because she would not be able to carry on without you. I have been fortunate To call her my friend. Jenna

jenna vargo - April 14, 2021 at 08:57 PM

JV

I have been Crystal's friend for over 40 years. We have laughed and cried together and have been there for each other during good times and bad. My heart is heavy and I find it almost impossible to believe that she will no longer be there on the other end of the phone to share a funny story. John I know you have been a wonderful husband to Crystal and she told me many times that she did not know what she would do without you. She also told me that she wished she would go first because she did not think she would be able to function without you there. She will always be in my heart. Love Jenna

jenna vargo - April 14, 2021 at 09:01 PM

MO

Oh, Jenna! I'm so sorry that I didn't think to tell you right away. I would have been happy to have taken you to the funeral. Everything happened so fast, my mind was in a whirl and I didn't remember how close you were to her. I'm so sorry I didn't call you. Michelle

Michelle Oliver - April 27, 2021 at 06:33 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Crystal Allen.



April 11, 2021 at 08:06 PM