



## Mary Ella Allen

June 29, 1921 - December 6, 2021

Mary Ella Allen, 100, of Petersburg passed away on Monday, December 6, 2021 at Regency Care. She was born on the family farm on Sand Ridge in Menard County on June 29, 1921, one of seven children born to William H. and Ella Richards Montgomery.

She married Thomas R. Allen September 2, 1946 in Petersburg. He preceded her in death on January 6, 1977. She was also preceded in death by her sister Margaret Bergen and Brothers Paul, Howard, David and Ken Montgomery.

Mary Ella graduated from Petersburg Harris High School in 1938 and attended the University of Illinois/Champaign. She was a member of the Central Presbyterian Church of Petersburg, American Legion Auxiliary, Lincoln League and Menard County Historical Society. She and Tom owned and operated Allen Lumber Co. in Petersburg until the late 1960's. She then worked as a library aid at the Porta Elementary School and retired from the Menard County Treasurer's Office in 1994. After Retirement she volunteered at the Porta Elementary School Library and New Salem Museum Gift Shop at New Salem State Park for over 15 years.

She was a kind, loving and giving person who loved God, family and friends. She enjoyed having her great grandchildren read to her, playing bridge, reading, working crossword puzzles, talking with visitors at the New Salem and hosting her annual neighborhood Christmas Eve Party. She was the last surviving member of the original neighborhood gang on the hill in Petersburg and proud of the fact that she and her siblings continued to manage and

maintain their family farm where they were all born and raised.

Surviving are two sons, James (Cathy) Allen of Springfield, David (Patty) Allen of Petersburg, two granddaughters, Kari Allen (Scott Claycomb), Amy Allen of Springfield, step grandson John Wesley Virgin (Jenny) of Petersburg, two step granddaughters Kayla and Shaye Virgin of Petersburg, twin great grandchildren Wren and Kale Claycomb of Springfield, one brother Raymond Montgomery of Petersburg and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, December 18, 2021 at 11:00 AM at the Central Presbyterian Church in Petersburg. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM also at the church. Burial will follow at Oakland Cemetery in Petersburg. Memorial contributions may be made to the Music Department at Central Presbyterian Church.

Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.hurleyfh.com](http://www.hurleyfh.com) Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg, IL is assisting the family with arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Central Presbyterian Church of Petersburg  
210 W. Douglas  
Petersburg, IL 62675

## Funeral

DEC 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Ella Allen*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *I had the pleasure of taking care of MaryElla during her last months here on earth. I have never met such a sweet, genuine, funny, and caring woman. MaryElla was encouraging and often prayed with me when discussing my plans for the future or any frustrations in life. she often reminded me that tomorrow was a new day and to simply “go to sleep and pray about it”. As simple as her advice was, it helped me daily. I lost my grandparents a few years ago, and MaryElla “adopted” me as her grandson. I know that she is up in Heaven, meeting my grandparents and the 3 of them are looking down on me, still encouraging me and are my guardian angels. I will always remember MaryElla with so much respect, love, and care! God bless the family and thank you for sharing MaryElla with me* 💕💕💕

**Sean Michael Butler** - December 18, 2021 at 12:43 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Ella Allen.*



December 13, 2021 at 06:55 PM

HD

“ *Allen Family,*

*When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure.*

*Author Unknown*

*We certainly treasure our memories of Mary Ella. She always had a smile and a kind word for everyone. She inspired others to do the same and will be missed by all of us who had the pleasure of knowing her.*

*Phil & Helen Deverman*

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**Helen Deverman** - December 10, 2021 at 01:57 PM

EL

“ *Ellen lit a candle in memory of Mary Ella Allen*



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**Ellen** - December 09, 2021 at 11:56 AM

LH

“ *Larry And Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Ella Allen*



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**Larry and Mary Hundt** - December 08, 2021 at 08:26 PM

LE

“ I shall always remember attending Mary Ella's Christmas Eve parties ahead of the Christmas Eve service, and how much she loved hosting them.

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**Leah Elrod** - December 08, 2021 at 05:17 PM

SE

“ Allen Family,

Your mother will be missed by our community what a sweet loving lady! Always, smiling and a kind word.

Enjoyed, Christmas Eve open house few times. She was such a gracious hostess.

Hoping, soon your tears will be replaced by smiles of your mom.

Friends,  
Johnny & Sandy Estill

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**Sandy Estill** - December 08, 2021 at 10:23 AM

DP

“ We lived in the same neighborhood. When my sisters and I would walk past her house on the way to school, she ALWAYS had a smile on her face and a "hello to us. Such a familiar face in Petersburg my whole life!

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**Deborah Price-Schrowang** - December 08, 2021 at 09:57 AM

KS

“ Kari, I am so so sorry for the loss your family is going through. I know Gram was always with you and yours. Keep her alive by speaking of her always. Karen Le Seure

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**Karen Le Seure** - December 08, 2021 at 09:54 AM

JK

“ *Mary Ella was such a lovely lady! Our prayers are with her family!!  
Jeff and Jan Koch*

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**Jeff Koch** - December 07, 2021 at 05:27 PM

EB

“ *Dear Jim , Dave and Family. We just learned of the passing of your  
Mom, She was such a lovely person and a greet neighbor for  
several years, Our prayers are with her and all of you. Eldon and  
Linda Becker*

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**Eldon Becker** - December 07, 2021 at 04:44 PM