



## Richard Allen

February 20, 1922 - November 3, 2007

Heading: Richard Allen (Veteran)

Dateline: Greenville

Richard Allen, 85, died November 3, 2007 after a brief bout with cancer. He has gone to be with his Lord and Savior, who he so diligently loved and served.

Born February 20, 1922 in Athens, Georgia, he was the son of the late James General and Birdie Leard Allen. Due to the early death of both parents, Richard was raised at his beloved Thornwell Orphanage.

After proudly serving in the United States Army during WWII, Richard lived in Monterey, California, where he managed the Fort Ord Officers Club for over 50 years until his retirement. He moved to Greenville 5 years ago to be close to his family. He is survived by a sister, Azilee Allen Wham, nieces Brenda Garrett, Patsy Wham Robertson, Kim Henrikson, Tricia Reamer and nephews William and Edward Allen and well as many local family members he has discovered and grown to love through his passion and study of Genealogy.

Richard was predeceased by three brothers, Clifford Allen of Washington State, Edward Allen of Charleston, J.G. Allen of Athens, GA and his nephew Kyle Robertson. He is survived and predeceased by many of his dear Thornwell brothers and sisters as well.

A skilled artist and caricaturist, he has degrees from the Famous Artist School in Westport, Conn. and Kingsland School of Puppetry in Brandon, VT where he received training in art, cartooning & puppetry. He was a very special

“Uncle Richard” to his nieces and nephews always entertaining them when they were young with his many “magic tricks”. He traveled extensively enjoying life along the way as well as friendship with his friends & family and sharing a hearty laugh. In his last years, he devoted much of his time to studying God’s word and praising his Heavenly Father.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. Monday at Wood Mortuary conducted by Rev. Tom Riddle.

Visitation will be held 10:00-11:00 a.m. Monday at Wood Mortuary.

The family is at the home of his niece, Patsy Robertson, 304 Piney Mountain Rd., Greenville, S.C. 29609.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Thornwell Home, P.O. Box 60, Clinton, S.C. 29325-0060.

Online condolences may be made at [www.thewoodmortuary.com](http://www.thewoodmortuary.com)

# Previous Events

## Service

NOV 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

THE WOOD MORTUARY CHAPEL

300 West Poinsett Street

Greer, SC 29650

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# Tribute Wall



“ I am so sorry to hear of Richard's death. I knew him for only a few years, but he was such a nice man. I loved how enthusiastic he was about genealogy and how willingly he shared all the work he had done on the family history. I will miss him. My thoughts and prayers are with Azilee and the rest of his family.##imported-begin##LouDean Mayes##imported-end##

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November 08, 2007 at 11:54 AM



“ Your family has been through so much this year and my love and prayers are with all of you. God Bless. Dianne##imported-begin##Dianne S. Gilstrap##imported-end##

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November 07, 2007 at 10:40 AM



“ Nancy and I are saddened to hear of Richard's passing. Although we only met in person once we got to know Richard through correspondence. His talents were impressive and we are sure he will be missed by all that knew him.##imported-begin##Ken and Nancy Leaird##imported-end##

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November 04, 2007 at 06:28 PM



“ We were very disheartened to receive the distressful news of Richard's death. The judge has known Richard since the mid 30's. His presence and outreach to others made the world a better place in which to live. We have nothing but appreciable and fondest memories of him. Like all parades, he passed by too quickly. We pray that Heavenly Father will assuage the special grief that his family and friends are bearing.##imported-begin##Judge Jerrell R. Davis, Ret., & Kelly, his wife##imported-end##

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November 04, 2007 at 06:08 PM



“ Dear Family,  
We are sorry to hear about Richard's passing. Sending our greetings, sympathy and love to you all.  
Richard's 1st cousins in Arkansas:  
Juanita Leaird Gregorin  
Anne Leaird Pruitt  
Donna Schwieder  
Danny Schwieder  
Kristin Schwieder  
Karin Schwieder  
Heidi Smith  
Jacie Luedecke  
Debbie Jensen##imported-begin##Donna Schwieder##imported-end##

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November 04, 2007 at 06:04 PM



“ I am saddened to hear of the death of Richard Allen. I shared Richard's passion for family genealogy and have copies of much of his research material in my files. He was one of the first of our kin to do a comprehensive genealogical listing of The McLeaird (Leaird) (Leard) family, and he did a wonderful job of it, all the while doing everything before computers and the Internet.

*I was sorry I never got to meet Richard in person, but I certainly felt a close kinship to him. To his family I want you to know I share in your grief, but also share in your pride in "Uncle Richard."*

*Richard Leard*

*Tyler, Texas##imported-begin##Richard Leard##imported-end##*

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November 04, 2007 at 03:31 PM



“ Azilee I am so sorry about Richards passing. You are distant cousins,I had the good fortune of meeting you and him at Thornwell several years ago when he had flew in from California..Take Care , Myra##imported-begin##Myra Moody##imported-end##

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November 04, 2007 at 11:57 AM



“ I am so sorry to the family of Richard Allen! I volunteer at Piedmont Living Center and his room mate told me what happened last night. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

*Sincerely,*

*Emily Thomason.##imported-begin##Emily Thomason##imported-end##*

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November 03, 2007 at 09:36 PM