



## Ann Allen

October 8, 1934 - September 10, 2015

Elizabeth "Ann" Allen, 80, of Akron, Indiana passed Thursday, Sept. 10, 2015 at her residence. She was born Oct. 8, 1934 in Kosciusko County, she was the daughter of F. Leon and Margaret L. Hammerel Kindig. After graduating from Akron High School in 1952, she attended Indiana University. She married Loren Sheetz on June 28, 1953. They divorced in 1983. On July 30, 1989, she married Robert L. Allen Sr. in Akron. He preceded her in death on April 15, 2003.

Editor of the former Akron/Mentone News, she worked for many years as a correspondent for the Rochester Sentinel and Farm World. She also served as marketing director for the former Akron Exchange State Bank. She wrote several books, including Born Again...but still wet behind the ears, Someone has to Pop the Corn, From Ties to Technology: A History of Pike Lumber Company, and The History of the Akron United Methodist Church in addition to a number of articles for the state and national publications. She was a member of the Akron United Methodist Church and a former president of the Woman's Press Club of Indiana.

Survivors include five sons, Todd (and wife Cindy) Sheetz, Waynetown; Doug (and wife Karleen) Sheetz, Columbia City; Robert Allen Jr. (and wife Susie), Collierville, TN; Phillip Allen, Akron; Michael Allen; and a daughter Mary Alice Gibbs, Dallas, TX. Also surviving are 17 grandchildren, six great grandchildren, one brother, Alan (and wife Beverly) Kindig, a niece and a nephew and five great-nieces and nephews.

Services will be held 10:30 am, Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2015 at the Akron United Methodist Church with Rev. David Eaton officiating. Burial will be at the Akron Cemetery. Visitation hours will be from 2 pm to 8 pm, Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2015 at Hartzler Funeral Home 305 West Rochester Street Akron, Indiana. Memorials can be made to the Akron United Methodist Church.

# Cemetery Details

## Akron Cemetery

S 1075 E  
Akron, IN 46910

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **15**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Hartzler Funeral Home  
305 West Rochester Street  
P.O. Box 856  
Akron, IN 46910  
(574) 893-4423  
[info@hartzlerfuneralservices.com](mailto:info@hartzlerfuneralservices.com)  
<https://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com>

## Funeral Service

SEP **16**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Akron United Methodist Church  
121 N Mishawaka St  
Akron, IN 46910  
<http://a-umc.org/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Hartzler Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Ann Allen*



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**Hartzler Funeral Services** - September 14, 2015 at 04:31 PM

BS

“ *Ann will be greatly missed by all those who were touched by her cheerful smile & her enlightening personality. May she rest peacefully in the arms of the angels & may God comfort her family & friends through this difficult time. Her legacy will live on forever!! I will truly miss you my friend!!*

*Betsy Stowasser*



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**Betsy Stowasser** - September 16, 2015 at 10:39 AM

SS

“ *We are very saddened to her of Ann's passing. We were Blessed to know Ann for just a short time but her energy and wit were a joy to witness. We will miss her greatly and we pray that God will comfort her family and friends during this difficult time.*

*Stan & Kathy Singpiel*

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**Stan & Kathy Singpiel** - September 15, 2015 at 05:00 PM

MG

“ *Ann Allen was a valued member of Woman's Press Club of Indiana and a dedicated and talented journalist and publisher. In her later years she wrote articles for the Rochester Sun Sentinel. Wednesday's edition will be the first one in a long time without one of her articles. She was a true leader and had a great heart. She was Woman's Press Club of Indiana's Communicator of Achievement in 1912. We will miss her terribly. We hope she is doing research and writing articles wherever she is. ---- Marion Garmel, secretary, Woman's Press Club of Indiana.*

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**Marion Garmel** - September 15, 2015 at 04:53 PM



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



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September 15, 2015 at 01:30 PM

LT

“ *Ann left her footprints on our hearts. We are so sad but at the same time so full of JOY for having known her. She was Joyful Ann to us.*

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**Linda Tucker** - September 15, 2015 at 06:10 AM

HB

“ Ann was my classmate all thru school at Akron. After we moved away, Ann kept us informed of things around Akron and news of the Class of 1952. She helped organize many class get-togethers for us to keep in touch. We will miss her very much, but know that she is gathering notes in Heaven.

*Howard D. Burns and Kay A Burns (Class of 1954)*

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**Howard & Kay Burns** - September 14, 2015 at 07:34 PM



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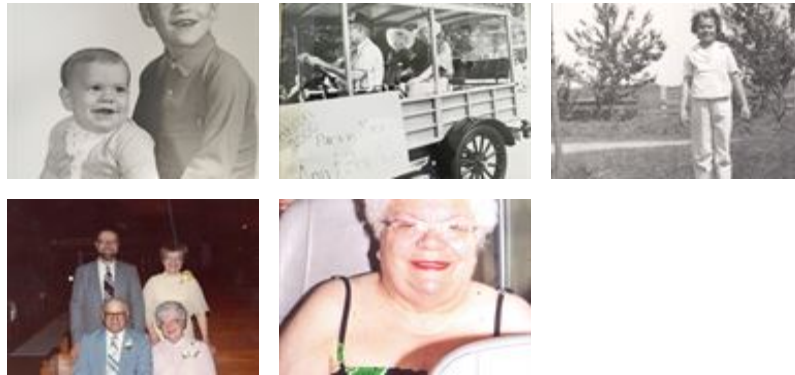


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**Hartzler Funeral Services** - September 14, 2015 at 02:34 PM



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**Hartzler Funeral Services** - September 14, 2015 at 07:11 AM

LB

“ *Laurie Baker lit a candle in memory of Ann Allen*



**Laurie Baker** - September 13, 2015 at 07:00 PM

  
Christine  
Bixler

“ *Christine Bixler lit a candle in memory of Ann Allen*



**Christine Bixler** - September 12, 2015 at 03:29 PM

WS

“ Proud to know Ann since our days at Akron High School. She will be missed by friends, family and the community. My deepest sympathy to her family.

*William Smith*

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**William Smith** - September 12, 2015 at 03:26 PM

KO

“ I greatly appreciated Ann's support and encouragement during the 3 years I lived in Akron and was her pastor. Since that time I have enjoyed the great variety of quotations she was always posting on Facebook. They always made me think. May God's loving presence surround you in the months ahead and give you peace. Pastor Karen Ottjes

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**Karen Ottjes** - September 12, 2015 at 01:02 PM

AH

“ I first met Ann over a decade ago; we were both freelancers for Farm World, from different states, and it was at a conference for us writers. Not many years later I became one of her editors there, and it was always a riot to work with her. She had a great sense of humor, and she would always jokingly refer to me as "the other Ann," or TOA since having two people with the same name for one publication could get confusing. She was also a professional with a solid journalistic reputation and did an awesome job for us and other publications. I will miss her as a contributor, a friend, and a fellow Ann.

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**Ann Hinch** - September 12, 2015 at 12:43 PM

BS

“ *Always Friends, we will miss you. -Barb Smith*



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**Barb Smith** - September 12, 2015 at 08:38 AM

PH

*Ann came to our class (1953) reunions and took pictures of those who were there. She always had a smile on her face and she was listener. She always seemed as though she belonged to any group she was present in. She will be missed by many.*

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**Pat Henderson** - September 12, 2015 at 01:25 PM

MC

“ *Melody Craig lit a candle in memory of Ann Allen*



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**melody craig** - September 12, 2015 at 07:47 AM

PV

“ *Pam Vandermark lit a candle in memory of Ann Allen*



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**Pam Vandermark** - September 11, 2015 at 09:51 PM

SB

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



**Shirley Bickel** - September 11, 2015 at 08:58 PM

JC

“ *Jim & Virginia Conliff lit a candle in memory of Ann Allen*



**Jim & Virginia Conliff** - September 11, 2015 at 07:34 PM

JM

“ *Jeff And Tami Murphy lit a candle in memory of Ann Allen*



**Jeff and Tami Murphy** - September 11, 2015 at 12:35 PM

LB

“ *Laura Bickel lit a candle in memory of Ann Allen*



**laura bickel** - September 11, 2015 at 10:58 AM



“ *Ann Brucker lit a candle in memory of Ann Allen*



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**Ann Brucker** - September 11, 2015 at 09:36 AM



“ *Oh how I have enjoyed spending time with Ann as she was researching her latest book. We would discuss all things Akron and share memories of family and friends. You will be missed.*

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**Annette Hartman Wise** - September 11, 2015 at 09:18 AM



“ *Ann, was one of a kind, she will be remembered by all who were lucky enough to have been included in her life. I only wish I had her as a mentor for my lifetime, what a outstanding person she was, her smile will remain with me always. Please accept my regrets for the pain her loss has brought to her family and friends, She is still smiling.*

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**Ellen Kindig** - September 11, 2015 at 09:09 AM

JB

“ *Jacquie Bixler lit a candle in memory of Ann Allen*



Jacquie Bixler - September 11, 2015 at 08:34 AM



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Kathy Rocchio - September 11, 2015 at 06:15 AM

SB

*She laughed and loved those "Bones" brothers*

Shelly Bickel - September 11, 2015 at 12:49 PM

SB

“ *Shelly Bickel lit a candle in memory of Ann Allen*



Shelly Bickel - September 11, 2015 at 05:52 AM

JV

“ *Judy (Conner) Vaughn lit a candle in memory of Ann Allen*



**Judy (Conner) Vaughn** - September 11, 2015 at 01:24 AM

BB

“ *Bonnie Bickel lit a candle in memory of Ann Allen*



**Bonnie Bickel** - September 11, 2015 at 12:32 AM

BA

“ *I'll never forget when I was in 4th grade we did our Akron yesterday and today video and we had our interview at the Akron United Methodist Church in town with Ann and Kyle Brady did the interview and really she really was a great person to be around she will be missed*



**Ben Adams** - September 10, 2015 at 10:24 PM

RJ

“ *Ron And Pat Jones lit a candle in memory of Ann Allen*



**Ron and Pat Jones** - September 10, 2015 at 10:22 PM

KR

“ KATHY ROCCHIO lit a candle in memory of Ann Allen



KATHY ROCCHIO - September 10, 2015 at 10:19 PM

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KATHY ROCCHIO - September 10, 2015 at 10:13 PM

SD

“ Sandy Denton lit a candle in memory of Ann Allen



Sandy Denton - September 10, 2015 at 09:27 PM

LF

“ Liz & Duane Flaherty lit a candle in memory of Ann Allen



Liz & Duane Flaherty - September 10, 2015 at 08:05 PM

SB

“ Shirley & Jim Bickel lit a candle in memory of Ann Allen



Shirley & Jim Bickel - September 10, 2015 at 07:48 PM

MS

“ Ann was a very special friend to many, we will truly miss her and her stories, we will meet again someday Ann keep telling them stories to your heavenly friends, miss you always.

Mary Saner - September 10, 2015 at 07:31 PM

JW

“ Judy A Walgamuth lit a candle in memory of Ann Allen



Judy A Walgamuth - September 10, 2015 at 07:23 PM