

Frank L. "Jim" Allen

Frank "Jim" Allen, 97, of Lamar, Missouri, passed away Friday, June 17, 2005, at 2:02 p.m. at the Truman Healthcare Center, in Lamar, following a brief illness.

Frank was born May 2, 1908, in Alicia, Arkansas, to William Robert and Emma (Shup) Allen. Frank was in the first class to graduate at Alicia from a fully accredited 12-year high school in May of 1927. After graduation Frank worked in Oklahoma and Missouri for AT&T, transferring to Lamar where he later met Hazel

Benford. They were married on June 13, 1930, in Lamar.

Frank lived in Lamar most of his adult life. He was administrative assistant to the Lawn-Boy Mfg. chief engineer for several years. He worked as a Lamar City Clerk, served on the Lamar City Council and was an alderman for 13 years. He later was a municipal judge in Lamar. He was involved in the development of the Lamar City Park as a WPA superintendent.

He was a member of the United Methodist Church of Lamar. He was a recognized member of The Retired Senior Citizens Volunteer Program USA. In 1959 he was Master of Masonic Lodge No. 292 A.F. & A.M. when President Harry S Truman visited for the dedication of the Truman Birthplace. Frank was a dedicated lodge member for 63 years.

Frank is survived by a daughter-in-law, Claudia Browning; two grandchildren, Ann Allen Coulter and William John Allen, Jr., all of Baton Rouge, La. and five great-grandchildren, Michelle Marie Grady, Wesley Ryan Grady, Jennifer Nichole Leake, Carolyn Coulter and Cathryn Coulter, and several nieces and nephews.

Frank was preceded in death by his wife and two sons, William John Allen, Sr. and Terry Ray Allen; one brother, William P. Allen; and one sister Emma Rose Pound.

In Memory Of

Frank L. "Jim" Allen

May 2, 1908 ~ June 17, 2005

Services

*Monday ~ June 20, 2005 ~ 5:30 p.m.
United Methodist Church, Lamar, Missouri*

Officiating

Pastor Tom Sullenger

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Masonic Lodge No. 292 A.F. & A.M. Services

Soloist ~ Cindy Thieman & Organist ~ Tammy Dighero

Song Selections

*"Just As I Am" ~ "Precious Lord Take My Hand"
"How Great Thou Art" & "God Be With You"*

Pallbearers

*J.C. Allen ~ Gerry Miller ~ Terry Riegel ~ Don Volkman
Jerry Dale ~ Thomas Loveall ~ Warren Lowe*

Interment

Memory Garden Cemetery, Lamar, Missouri

Arrangements Under Direction Of

Konantz-Warden Funeral Home, Lamar, Missouri