



## Amy Allen

August 27, 1936 - April 9, 2015

Amy Ernestine Allen of Inez, Kentucky passed away on Thursday, April 9, 2015 at the age of 78. She spent much of her time focused on her family and the enrichment of her beloved Martin County Community.

Amy is survived by her husband of 57 years, Jimmie Dale; son, David (Lynetta) Allen of Indianapolis, Indiana; daughter, Susan (Rick) Witherite of Lexington, Kentucky; grandchildren, Logan, Joe, and Sara. She is also survived by her sister, Roberta Maynard Swisher of New Haven, West Virginia and brother, Ermal Preece of Cambridge, Ohio. She is preceded in death by her parents, Garfield and Vina Preece; infant son, Timothy Allen; brothers, James Ray Preece and "A.D." Preece.

Amy was born on August, 27 1936 in Martin County, Kentucky. She was a graduate of Inez High School, Pikeville College, and Morehead State University. She spent 58 years as a devoted educator in the Martin County School System where she influenced many lives. She was a faithful member of the Inez First Baptist Church. Amy became a member of the Order of the Eastern Star in August 1958 where she served loyally for 57 years. She received the honorable distinction of Kentucky Colonel in 1993. She was also involved with the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Martin County Retired Teachers Association, Chairperson of the Council of the Martin County Extension Office and leader of the Junior Historical Society.

Amy's passion for the past 17 years has been the Martin County Historical and Genealogical Society. Her role as an educator was expanded and

continued even after retirement. As a co-founder, charter member, Vice President and volunteer, Amy worked tirelessly on achieving the Historical Society's goals. She could be found at the historical society building, sometimes working 3 days a week, always "on call" coordinating special events, fundraisers and general research. The Society's goal is "to preserve and record the history of Martin County". With this goal in mind, Amy was involved in many events and achieved several accomplishments including: Martin County Courthouse placed on National Registry; built the Arminta Ward steps to her grave site as a memorial to the lady who owned the land of now what is Inez; secured the Moses Stepp cemetery and made improvements by building a block wall to support the cemetery of the Revolutionary War Veteran, Moses Stepp; published two books - Martin County Pictorial History and a second book honoring Martin County Veterans; was successful in getting Inez High School State Champion basketball teams of 1941 and 1954 into the KY Living Legends Hall of Champions; sponsored a chair for the KY governor's mansion in the "County Seat Project" in honor of Martin County; the ongoing project of data logging Martin County cemeteries; supported the KY Humanities Council by sponsoring two speakers annually of the KY History and the Chautauqua programs. On November 7, 2014, MCHGS obtained The Himler House Property through a donation by the Mountain Missions Development Corporation which began the Himler House Restoration project which is the most ambitious project in the Society's history to date.

Amy's involvement in her community and life of friends and family will never be forgotten. She is cherished by many, loved by all and a valuable member of society. Her legacy will surely be carried on by those she has touched throughout the years.

Funeral services will be held at the Richmond-Callaham Funeral Home in Inez on Sunday, April 12th at 1:00 pm with Sam Schmidt officiating. Friends may visit at the funeral home on Saturday, April 11th starting at 6:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the Martin County Historical Society would be

appreciated via the Inez Deposit Bank at (606) 298-3511. Arrangements are under the direction of the Richmond-Callaham Funeral Home, Inez, Kentucky.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **11**. 6:00 PM (ET)

Callaham Funeral Home, Inez Location  
278 West Main St.  
Inez, KY 41224  
(606) 298-3501  
kellycallaham@yahoo.com  
<http://www.richmond-callaham.com>

## Service

APR **12**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

MF

“ I feel so blessed that my friend Linda Preece and I got to work with Mrs. Allen through the art exhibit a few weeks before she passed. She insisted that we called her Amy, though. We grew so fond of her and felt such a loss for us and especially for those who knew her much closer than we had and for the county. She was one of the most dedicated people I have ever known to her career and to preserving the history of Martin County. May her legacy live on through the Historical Society and the Himlerville Project.

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**Mary E. Preece Fields** - April 17, 2015 at 02:40 PM

YD

“ I have so many fond memories of my aunt Amy. My dad A.D., Amy's brother, passed away when I was five years old. Ma Preece & Amy were always looking out for our best interest. They always encouraged us to do well in school. She was a true educator. My children and grandchildren knew they could go to her with school issues. After Ma Preece passed, Amy became the glue that held the Preece family together. It is hard to believe that two weeks after I visited Amy in the hospital she's gone. I had no idea she was that close to death. We had a good visit. She was intent that I join the Martin County Historical Society and help save the Himlerville Mansion. Amy was such a strong willed lady. I'm thankful that she didn't have to suffer. The celebration of life and beautiful eulogy was a wonderful reminded of how special Amy was. She will be missed by so many. I'm so glad to know that she's in a better place and the promise I have to see her again.

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**Your niece, Debbie** - April 16, 2015 at 03:25 PM

YD

*Your niece, Debbie.*

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**Your niece, Debbie** - April 16, 2015 at 03:26 PM

DJ

*Debbie Preece Johnson*

**Debbie Preece Johnson** - April 16, 2015 at 03:27 PM

 Susan Witherite

“ *Richard (rick) Lee Witherite, jr. was added to the Family Tree.*

**Susan Witherite** - April 16, 2015 at 02:43 PM

 Susan Witherite

“ *Logan Andrew Allen was added to the Family Tree.*

**Susan Witherite** - April 16, 2015 at 02:03 PM

 Susan Witherite

“ *James David Allen was added to the Family Tree.*

**Susan Witherite** - April 16, 2015 at 02:01 PM

 Susan Witherite


“ *Susan Elaine allen Witherite was added to the Family Tree.*

**Susan Witherite** - April 16, 2015 at 01:58 PM

PM

“ *Russ and I will always hold fond memories in our thoughts. She was a very fun loving woman and was a lot of fun to be around. We were always excited to visit or when she came here to visit with her family. Forever in our hearts. Amy we loved you.*

**Patty and Russ Maynard** - April 16, 2015 at 11:43 AM

 Susan Witherite

“ *Jimmy Dale Allen was added to the Family Tree.*

**Susan Witherite** - April 16, 2015 at 11:34 AM

GB

“ It's always hard to say goodbye, especially when you are so loved by everyone but I'm only going to say goodnight Amy, rest well till we meet again. Tell my aunt Wilda that I'll see her again too, now you girls can have a reunion. Love & hugs to you both❤️

Greta Blackburn - April 16, 2015 at 11:34 AM

TC

“ Miss Amy was one of a kind she kept us going when she helped with Project Graduation and dearly loved homemade candy always made sure I asked parents for that, she will be missed by all,FLY HIGH MISS AMY

Thelma Cook - April 16, 2015 at 11:33 AM

 Susan  
Witherite

“ Vina Stepp Preece was added to the Family Tree.

Susan Witherite - April 16, 2015 at 10:25 AM

RH

“ Words can not express our love & memories of Amy. Roger & I have had such good neighbors Amy & Jimmy Dale included. Amy came to a party I had a few months ago and it was on Friday night, so she was kinda in a hurry she said it was her & Jimmy's date night. My daughter & I thought that was so sweet. She will be missed by so many.  
Love & prayers Roger & Tillie Hinkle

Roger & Tillie Hinkle - April 16, 2015 at 10:05 AM

AN

*I still find it hard to believe Amy is gone! She was supposed to stay here till she was at least 100. But God decided He needed her more than me. She is in a better place and is probably helping JESUS welcome others who have passed on. Mom misses her sister and I miss her. But we have wonderful memories of this wonderful person called AMY ALLEN! We love you Aunt Amy. You will never be forgotten! Rest in peace.*

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**Ann Zirkle - Amy's niece.** - April 16, 2015 at 11:17 AM

JV

“ *I have never met a woman more devoted to her family. I'm proud to call her Aunt.*

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**Jennifer Vanover** - April 16, 2015 at 09:57 AM

 Susan  
Witherite

“ *Garfield Preece was added to the Family Tree.*

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**Susan Witherite** - April 16, 2015 at 09:40 AM

 Susan  
Witherite

“ Mom, I can't believe you are gone. I don't know how I am going to carry on without my mother's guidance and love. I know you think I am the strong one. I believe that even more now than ever before after you chose to take your last breath with only me in the room to hold your hand, pet your head, and tell you that it is going to be OK. I have and will continue to try to be strong for you and for the rest of the family as I know that is what you want from me. You were loved by SO many people. I think I took for granted how lucky I was to be your daughter. I regret not realizing that until now. I am going to try to do everything in my power to make you proud of me and carry on your legacy. I know how much community meant to you and your beloved Martin County Historical Society. I want you to know that we have raised over \$1,350.00 (& more are coming in) in donations to the Historical Society in your honor. Also, I have volunteered to be a part of the Save the Himler House Project with help from Mandy (my sister- LOL!). Logan, David, Lynetta, Rick & I will look after Dad. He misses you terribly. We will try to keep him busy as you would want. I LOVE YOU, MOM!! I miss you SO much already. I will NEVER EVER forget you or the values you instilled in me. You have and always will be MY SUNSHINE!!

*Please continue to guide me from above. I still need you!!*

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**Susan Witherite** - April 16, 2015 at 09:12 AM

 SJ

“ I didn't know Mrs. Allen personally or have her for a teacher but I just read her obituary and she sounds like a remarkable lady. I admire her even though I don't know her. I know her husband, children, grandchildren and friends were Blessed and proud to have had her in their lives. I'm sorry for your loss..but you must have some wonderful memories stored away about her. Thinking & praying for all of you..Sharlene Jude

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**Sharlene Jude** - April 12, 2015 at 10:20 AM

KH

“ April - 2015 - You visited me often and I recognized you when you walk through the door.

*In our earlier friendship years, we concentrated on our family. You had Susan and David before I had Stuart. We laughed and cried together while trying to sort out stuff that was dished out to us for understanding. We worked on projects that would benefit others. We also absolutely loved to just spend time together. Your last visit 2 weeks before you passed you held my hand, hugged me, and told you how much you loved me.*

*My mental health has been lost while your physical health declined. Over the years, we made a good team! I love you my friend!! I wish I could have told you that before you left this world and also wish I could be providing words of comfort to Susan, David, Jimmy Dale and all the family since you had to depart! I will see you again in another life!*

*With love - Peggy Blankenship Stepp*

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**Karen Harvey** - April 11, 2015 at 11:15 PM

FB

“ Frank And Sue Baldrige lit a candle in memory of Amy Allen



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**Frank and Sue Baldrige** - April 11, 2015 at 08:40 PM

FB

“ Amy was there for so many of us. When we received bad news there came a card and a loving gift, which meant so much. She was and is a very loving caring person. Last time I saw her was at Christmas at the community center. I talked with her on the phone several weeks ago. She was always upbeat and had a smile on her face and always ask if she could do anything for us. I will miss her. So sorry she had to go. But our loss is Heavens gain. She is rejoicing with our Lord. She will not be forgotten.

Frank and Sue Baldrige - April 11, 2015 at 08:38 PM

KW

“ Lots of love and prayers for the family of Amy Allen. Such a sweet soul, who will be truly missed. To the family, always remember, our loved ones never leave us. They become our angels, who come to us when we need them the most. May God give you peace during this difficult time.

Katrina Ward - April 11, 2015 at 03:38 PM

TF

“ The Webber Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Amy Allen.



The Webber Family - April 11, 2015 at 02:22 PM



“ 137 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Callaham Funeral Home - April 11, 2015 at 09:51 AM

AS

“ We have lost a champion in my Aunt Amy Allen. She was a champion educator with high expectations for herself and her students. She was a champion for our community serving tirelessly to improve this area. She was a champion with family and friends by always being there in time of need. She was always smiling and inspired others to be better. She was the magnet in our family. She would call to tell me the aunts, uncles and cousins were coming. She was my link to my Dad and shared stories of them growing up together. I loved and admired you Amy. RIP



Anna Stepp - April 11, 2015 at 08:25 AM

SM

“ Amy was our neighbor, when I was growing up and was my teacher/librarian when I started school. She was a wonderful woman who inspired many of us to read/love books--a love that has stayed with me, my entire life. I just messaged her last October to let her know that I STILL remembered the poem "Little Orphan Annie" by heart. Amy helped our class memorize that poem, when we were VERY young. She has left a legacy of caring, devotion and service to her community--as well as education--that will truly be unmatched. My prayers to Jimmy Dale and the rest of her family...



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**Shari Moore** - April 10, 2015 at 10:44 PM

SS

“ My sincere sympathy to Amy's family. If there is one person in Martin County I admired and respected, it was Amy. I became involved with the Girl Scout program when she brought it to the girls of Martin County, and it was wonderful working with her.

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**Sandra Smith Stottlemire** - April 10, 2015 at 10:33 PM

DS

“ Debbie Smith lit a candle in memory of Amy Allen



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**debbie smith** - April 10, 2015 at 10:31 PM

BH

“ I worked with Amy at Inez Elementary. Amy. Always had a smile on her face for everyone. Prayers for her family now and the days to come.



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**Brenda Hill** - April 10, 2015 at 07:47 PM

TH

“ No one worked harder for the betterment of Martin Co. Than my friend Amy. -- Teresa



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**Teresa Harless** - April 10, 2015 at 06:12 PM

SS

“ Condolences and Prayers to the family of Amy. She was the kind of teacher that we were all happy to have our children with on a daily basis. I never saw her without a smile and through the years, I had many opportunities to work with her on different projects for the school and community. I had enjoyed renewing our friendship through the Historical Society. She will be sadly missed by Martin County. Sue Sword

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**Sue Sword** - April 10, 2015 at 04:57 PM

JP

“ Sincere and heartfelt condolences to the Allen family. It was with great pleasure knowing Amy and to have been given the gift of time spent with her. Years separate our last conversation but grief still strikes these words written for you.  
Joey Proctor

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**Joey Proctor** - April 10, 2015 at 04:30 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Amy Allen.*



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April 10, 2015 at 03:49 PM



“ *Garland And Pat Rainey lit a candle in memory of Amy Allen*



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**Garland and Pat Rainey** - April 10, 2015 at 03:21 PM



“ *Your Friends and Family at Morgan and Pottinger purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Amy Allen.*



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**Your Friends and Family at Morgan and Pottinger** - April 10, 2015 at 02:56 PM



“ Amy was an enthusiastic teacher, a lover of the history of Martin County, and a wonderful lady. Martin County has lost a pillar of the community.



*I worked with Amy at Inez Elementary for twenty-nine years. She loved the children and shared the love of reading with them.*

*I send my love, prayers, and deepest condolences to her family.*

*Lana Hinkle*

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**Lana Hinkle** - April 10, 2015 at 02:49 PM



“ r.i.p. amy allen



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**Nyoka Maynard** - April 10, 2015 at 02:45 PM



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**mary musick** - April 10, 2015 at 02:09 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Amy Allen.*



April 10, 2015 at 02:01 PM



“ *Mary Musick lit a candle in memory of Amy Allen*



**Mary Musick** - April 10, 2015 at 02:01 PM



*You will be missed....*

**Mary Musick** - April 10, 2015 at 02:02 PM



*Remembering you from the annual Stepp Reunion. Loretta SteppTesterman and Jean Stepp Dials*

**Jean Dials** - April 10, 2015 at 02:29 PM



“ *Betty (Collier) Jacobs lit a candle in memory of Amy Allen*



**Betty (Collier) Jacobs** - April 10, 2015 at 12:25 PM

CK

“ Mrs. Allen was a good citizen of Martin County who was dedicated to the community and for many years, to the students at Inez Middle and Inez Elementary. Her faithfulness and commitment will be missed. May her soul rest in peace with our Lord.

Carl Kirk - April 10, 2015 at 12:10 PM

BP

“ Brenda Preece lit a candle in memory of Amy Allen



Brenda Preece - April 10, 2015 at 12:10 PM

TC

“ Thelma Cook lit a candle in memory of Amy Allen



Thelma Cook - April 10, 2015 at 11:29 AM

TC

*Love and Prayers*

Thelma Cook - April 10, 2015 at 11:29 AM

SH

“ *Sheila Harless lit a candle in memory of Amy Allen*



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**Sheila Harless** - April 10, 2015 at 10:53 AM

VP

“ *Amy was librarian to me, my son and to my granddaughter. Not many educators can say that.*

*Vicki Preston*

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**Vicki Preston** - April 10, 2015 at 10:05 AM