



Allan Thomas Haniffee Sr.

October 24, 1932 - May 17, 2024

Allan T. (Al) Haniffee, Sr. of Chestertown, MD passed away on Friday, May 17, 2024 at UMMS Easton Hospital. Al was born on October 24, 1932 as the seventh and last child to Lydia (Newnam) and James P. Haniffee. In his early years, he showed leadership skills. In the 6th grade, he was the Captain of Safety Patrol. From 7th through 12th grades, he was the President of his class each year. In the 11th and 12th grades at Chestertown High School, he was the editor of the monthly newspaper (Reflector), as well as the President of the Student Council. During 12th grade, he was the editor of the yearbook (The Dragon). Allan played varsity soccer all 4 years of high school. During his senior year of high school, he took a competitive written examination for a Maryland Senatorial Scholarship and was awarded the 4-year scholarship to Washington College. At Washington College, he played varsity soccer all 4 years, and was team captain during his senior year when the team won the Mid-Atlantic Conference Championship against Haverford College. He was also Chairman of the World University Fund and a member of the Lambda Chi fraternity.

After college, Allan went into the military. He was stationed near the Czechoslovakian border as a tank commander and courier. During temporary duty year (TDY), he did parts of 2 years playing soccer for the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment.

After serving in the military, Allen began his teaching career at Sudlersville High School, teaching geography and English. He became interested in why some students were not reading as well as others, so he enrolled in University of Maryland College Park for 5 years for special classes in reading. He taught reading in elementary, middle, and high schools in Queen Anne's County. Later, he returned to College Park for special courses in speech therapy, where he worked in the 9 schools that were open in the county at the time. While teaching in the Queen Anne's County School system for 37 years, he was Elementary School PTA President and President of the Queen Anne's County Teachers Association. He also taught classroom teachers Maryland History, for those who came from out of the State of Maryland, without the Maryland State Department Certification. Allan was the head teacher and manager for the Federal Migrant Program for 12 years. In addition to teaching, Allan coached baseball for seven years at Sudlersville High School, with a record of 80-18. He refereed high school soccer and basketball.

In 1996, Allan and his wife Barbara purchased a home and moved to Chestertown. In 1999, he was elected for (2) 6-year terms to the Kent County Board of Education. He served as the Kent County Representative to the Maryland Association of Boards of Education (MABE) for all 12 years. He attended monthly meetings in Annapolis, in addition to other meetings across the state. He attended meetings at the State Department of Education and across the state representing Kent County Board of Education. While on the Board of Education, Allan was President of the Kent County Enrichment Foundation, which raised monies for afterschool and summer programs. During this time, he was also elected to the Kent County Chamber of Commerce. Allan also represented the Kent County Board of Education on the Eastern Shore Educational Consortium. Allan also taught GED and homebound students and did private tutoring.

He retired from teaching in 1991. Softball was his game. He was named

Commissioner of Adult Modified Fast Pitch in 1973 for Maryland ASA, where he served until 1999. In 2000, he was elected Commissioner and President of the new organization UMSA, along with representatives of the Atlantic Coast state teams. He served in this capacity for 10 years, retiring in 2010. Allan had also been a player, manager, and league president during his softball career. Allan was tournament director for four major National Men's Softball tournaments. He and his wife Barbara hosted two college students attending Washington College – Marcus Korgsar of Tallin, Estonia and Gabrielle Hernandez from Tegucigalpa, Honduras. The students had tuition but no room or board. Allan and his wife Barbara were married 58 years before she passed away in 2018.

He is survived by 3 children, Allan Thomas Jr. (Amy) of Goldsboro, MD; Greg (P.Kaye) of Chicago, IL; Jennifer of East New Market, MD; 6 grandchildren, T.L. Haniffee of Harrington, DE, Dr. Tawes A. Harper of Easton, MD, Crystal Haniffee of Chestertown, MD, Tara Haniffee of Still Pond, MD, Tess (Dr. Spencer) Van Decar of San Antonio, TX, and Jack (Emma Naden-Johns) Haniffee of Seattle, WA and two great grand-children, Charlotte and Penelope Van Decar of San Antonio, TX. He is also survived by sisters- and brothers-in-law Janet and Charles Reynolds of Church Hill, MD, and Joyce and Bill Hodgson of Chestertown, MD, as well as many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents and wife, he was predeceased by his brothers and sisters Mae Wallace, James Haniffee, William Haniffee, Mary Haniffee, Betty Mount, and Jack Haniffee, as well as sister- and brother-in-law Helen and Charles Stevens.

Allan and Barbara donated to many organizations, including Chestertown Fire Company, Kent and Queen Anne's Co Rescue Squad, Hospice, Children's Health and Research Organizations, Veterans Groups, and animal organizations.

A viewing will be held from 5-7pm on Thursday May 23, 2024, followed by services at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home at 130 Speer Rd, Chestertown, MD 21620. A private graveside service will be held on Friday, May 24, 2024. Donations may be made in lieu of flowers to Kent and Queen Anne's County Rescue Squad (kentresquesquad.com).

Previous Events

Viewing

MAY **23**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Chestertown Location
130 Speer Road
Chestertown, MD 21620
(410) 778-0055
info@fhnfuneralhome.com

Service

MAY **23**. 7:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home
130 Speer Road
Chestertown, MD 21620
<http://www.fhnfuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Allan Thomas Haniffee Sr.*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - June 17, 2024 at 10:22 AM

MW

“ *Jennifer and T.A. - I'm very sorry for your loss. My deepest condolences.*
Marlene Windsor

Marlene Windsor - May 28, 2024 at 11:14 AM

RM

“ *Rosa Mateo purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Allan Thomas Haniffee Sr..*



Rosa Mateo - May 22, 2024 at 03:31 PM

JM

“ *So many memories with Allen, school, softball, and family.*



Jo Manning - May 22, 2024 at 01:55 PM

SF

“ Shirley Foster lit a candle in memory of Allan Thomas Haniffee Sr.



Shirley Foster - May 22, 2024 at 01:09 PM

LH

“ Lyn Higdon lit a candle in memory of Allan Thomas Haniffee Sr.



Lyn Higdon - May 22, 2024 at 08:48 AM

JN

“ Al Haniffee was my lead teacher as I was a student athlete at Washington College. He was a tremendous mentor and as a WC alum he took great care of me. I went into teaching and coaching because of Mr Haniffee . He was as solid as they came ! Thank you Al for your service to so many in education and military
John Nostrant 86

john nostrant - May 22, 2024 at 06:42 AM

LL

“ Hugs to my high school friend Jennifer Hanniffee. Our dads were both umpires, and loved to argue plays and rules. Sending hugs and prayers for healing.



Lisa Lister - May 21, 2024 at 11:57 PM

JA

“ Jane Anthony lit a candle in memory of Allan Thomas Haniffee Sr.



Jane Anthony - May 21, 2024 at 06:09 PM

AN

“ Anonymous purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Allan Thomas Haniffee Sr..



Anonymous - May 21, 2024 at 07:48 AM

KR

“ Mr Haniffee taught me I believe in Middle school. I remember him teaching us with this phrase in a sing song voice: what, where, when, how much and how often. He was a great teacher.



Karen Reed - May 20, 2024 at 07:50 PM

SJ

“ Mr. Haniffee taught me, and he was a favorite.



Suzanne Jackson - May 20, 2024 at 07:07 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Allan Thomas Haniffee Sr..



May 20, 2024 at 03:34 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Allan Thomas Haniffee Sr..



May 20, 2024 at 02:46 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Allan Thomas Haniffee Sr..



May 20, 2024 at 02:41 PM



“ Bo And Amy Greenwood lit a candle in memory of Allan Thomas Haniffee Sr.



Bo and Amy Greenwood - May 20, 2024 at 12:12 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Allan Thomas Haniffee Sr..*



May 20, 2024 at 09:10 AM



“ *Terrence Moody lit a candle in memory of Allan Thomas Haniffee Sr.*



Terrence Moody - May 20, 2024 at 12:59 AM