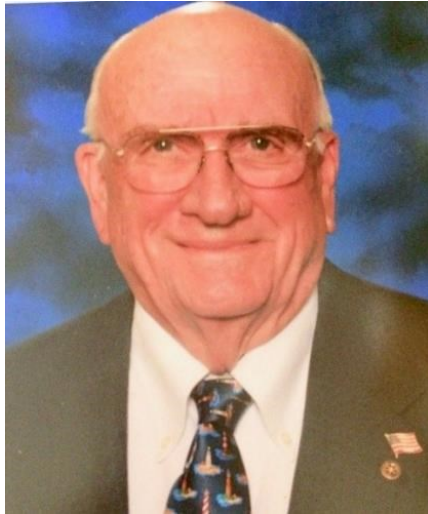


George Allen Obituary

Millard Allen Jr.



G. Millard Allen Jr., 91, of St. Simons Island, passed away on April 28, 2025.

Born in Shreveport, Louisiana, Millard was the son of George Millard Allen Sr. and Lucille Sweeney. After the early loss of his mother, Millard was lovingly raised by his stepmother, Vera Williams, who was a constant source of encouragement and support throughout his life. A 1951 graduate of C.E. Byrd High School, Millard continued his education at Marion Military Institute in Alabama before receiving an appointment to the United States Naval Academy, graduating in 1956 with a B.S. in Engineering Technology.

In May 1957, he married the love of his life, Frances Jouett. Their marriage marked the beginning of an extraordinary journey, raising four daughters, moving more than 20 times over 30 years, and ultimately settling on St. Simons Island in 1988. Millard proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy, spending five years on active duty and 15 years in the Naval Reserve, retiring as a Commander. He qualified in submarines aboard the USS Threadfin in 1958 and later served as Executive Officer on the USS Marlin. His reserve career took him to cities across the country, including Dallas, Cleveland, Detroit, Pittsburgh and Chicago, where he commanded a Reserve Submarine Division. For Millard, submarine service embodied the values of teamwork and dedication - principles he upheld throughout his life.

Following his military career, Millard became a leader in the computer and telecommunications industry, holding key roles at IBM, Texas Instruments, Honeywell, among other significant early tech companies and when huge mainframes were considered new, innovative technology. He eventually founded his own consulting firm, T-Fin Inc. He worked with clients around the world to drive strategic sales growth and business development in the rapidly changing tech landscape.

Deeply committed to his community, Millard dedicated himself to numerous civic causes after moving to St. Simons Island. He served on the boards of the Chamber of Commerce, the Military Officers Association of America, and the Coastal Symphony of Georgia. From 2007 to 2018, he was a valued member of the Glynn County Board of Education, including several terms as Chairman. Under his leadership, the district saw measurable improvements in academic performance and graduation rates.

Millard's life was grounded in his faith, family and an unwavering commitment to service. He was a man of deep conviction, known for his warmth, generosity and ability to make connections wherever he went - he never met a stranger. His boundless energy, enthusiasm and positive spirit left a lasting impact on all who knew him. He was a man of conviction and a man of his word.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Frances Jouett Allen.

He is survived by his four daughters and their families, Beth Allen Kirkman of Plano, Texas, and her children, Kyle Kirkman (Hannah), Erin Foreman (Kevin) and Tyler Kirkman (Kristina); Janet Johnston of Marshall, Texas, and her children, Adrian Close (Waine) and Brooks Johnston; Amy Cooke (Greg) of Northbrook, Illinois, and their children, Dan Cooke (Hannah), Katy Cooke and Tim Cooke; Susan Shipp (David) of Boerne, Texas, and their children, Sam Shipp (David) and Charlie Shipp. He is also survived by his devoted sisters-in-law, Jerre Jouett and Lyn Woods; as well as 10 great-grandchildren who continue to honor his legacy with respect, enthusiasm and love.

Millard Allen's life was a testament to integrity, perseverance, dignity and service. He was a true dedicated patriot and loved his country.

He will be deeply missed and forever remembered by his family, friends and the many communities he helped strengthen and inspire.

A celebration of life service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his honor will be gladly accepted by St. Simons Presbyterian Church, Coastal Symphony of Georgia, Military Officers Association of America.

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