



Mr. Glenn Howell Allen

December 11, 1944 - May 15, 2026

Glenn Howell Allen, 81, passed away peacefully on May 15, 2026. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, friend, proud American Veteran and a man whose life was defined by courage, service, generosity, and dedication to his family.

Born on December 11, 1944, in Sykeston, Missouri, Glenn lived with honor and integrity throughout his life. He proudly served his country in the United States Army as a member of the 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne) during the Vietnam War. As a Signal Corps Radio Teletype Operator, he played a critical role in military communications under some of the most challenging and dangerous conditions.

In recognition of his extraordinary bravery, and sacrifice, Glenn was awarded the Silver Star, Purple Heart, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and Vietnam Campaign Medal. His Special Forces unit also received the Meritorious Unit Citation for extraordinary heroism and bravery under enemy fire.

A highly skilled soldier, he earned the Sharpshooter Badge, Marksman qualifications with both the pistol and M-14 rifle, and the Parachutist Badge, reflecting his dedication, training, and readiness to serve wherever duty called.

Following his military service, Glenn built an exceptional career as a journeyman electrician. He played a vital role in wiring and helping construct Tennessee Valley Authority nuclear power facilities, his expertise earned him the distinction of being recognized among the top one percent of electricians in his field, a testament to his professionalism and commitment to excellence.

His courage was equally evident in civilian life. He performed CPR on his neighbor until medics arrived and TVA recognized him for his bravery as he risked his own safety to rescue a stranded coworker when a guide cable snapped during an inspection on a TVA tower.

Yet his greatest accomplishments were found not in medals, awards, or professional recognition, but in the lives he touched through his kindness and generosity. He was the kind of man who never hesitated to help someone in need. Whether paying a struggling friend's utility bill, providing groceries for a family facing hard times, providing a vehicle to someone without transportation, or simply offering a helping hand, he quietly gave of himself without expecting anything in return.

Those who truly knew him best will remember him for his strength of character, quiet determination, generous heart, and deep love for his family.

He is survived by his daughter, Teresa; sons James, Kenneth, and Brad; granddaughter MeKenlea; grandsons Gabe, Lance, Tyler, Alan-Michael, Dylan, Justin, and Kabram; and great-grandchildren Hudson and Ashlyn, Lucas and Everett-Scott

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 53 years, Wanda; his parents, James and Thelma; his brothers, James Jr., Billy Joe, Kenneth, and Charles Allen; and his sisters, Yvonne, Betty Jo, and Dorothy.

A graveside service, with military honors, celebrating his life will be held on June 4 at 5:00 p.m. at Free Home Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Free Home Cemetery

Free Home Rd.
Grant, AL 35747

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUN 4. 5:00 PM (CT)

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