



# Gwendolyn Allbright

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**G**wen Allbright died peacefully at her home on Monday, September 27th. She was born March 18, 1931 in Electra, Texas, the only child of C.P. and Brunetta Sanderlin. Gwen attended public schools in Longview and then received a Bachelor of Science degree from East Texas State in 1952. She taught in the Pine Tree, Greenville and Beckville ISDs before continuing graduate studies at Stephen F. Austin where she earned her Masters Degree in Education. Gwen continued her teaching career in the Pine Tree and Hallsville ISDs before retiring after 32 years of service in the public schools system.

While teaching was Gwen's lifelong passion, she also enjoyed tending her flower gardens and took great joy in watching wildlife come to feed in her back yard. She was a gifted crafts artist who generously shared her unique talents with others. Gwen held lifetime memberships in the Texas State Teachers association and PTA. She was a member of Alpha Delta Kappa. Gwen was the first woman honored with the Community Builder Award by the James F. Taylor Masonic Lodge #169.

Gwen was an active member of the First United Methodist Church in Hallsville where her love of God was reflected in her devotion to her faith, family, and friends. She counted her fifty-two year marriage to Harry Allbright as one of her richest blessings. Her children were paramount in her life and she celebrated in the love and joy that their chosen spouses brought into the close-knit family. She took great pride and delight in her three cherished grandchildren who loved her beyond compare.

Gwen was preceded in death by her father, C.P. Sanderlin and her daughter, Anita Louise Allbright Spradlin.

Gwen is survived by her husband, Harry Allbright, Jr.; a son, Harry Allbright, III and his wife , Merry; a daughter, Laurie Allbright Gunn and her husband, Glenn; her mother, Brunetta Sanderlin; and three grandchildren, Carina Allbright, Abby Gunn and Sam Gunn.



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The family would like to thank everyone who supported Gwen with prayers and expressions of love. She was surrounded by friends and family to the end. A special thank you is given to the staff of Greater Hospice of Texas who made Gwen's courageous end-of-life journey more comfortable.

The family will receive friends Thursday evening from 6 to 8 PM at Rader Funeral Home in Longview. Services will be 2 PM Friday, October 1st at the Rader Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Dan Darby officiating. Interment will follow at Lakeview Memorial Gardens. Those wishing to do so may make memorial contributions to the Hallsville First United Methodist Church Building Fund at P.O. Box 365 Hallsville, Texas 75650



## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I didn't know Mrs. Allbright personally but through her commitment to First Friends I felt as if I knew her well. I know that she has touched many lives because of caring and generous heart. She will be sadly missed yet not forgotten.##imported-begin##Judy Bayne, First Friends##imported-end##

September 30 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Mr. Harry and family,I am so sorry to hear of your loss, but I know that the angels in Heaven are rejoicing in Mrs. Gwen coming home.I remember Mrs. Gwen being principal at the 4th grade when I was subbing there. I was fortunate to know her more when I joined the church. I know she was a true servant of God and a wonderful advocate for the First Friends Preschool. Her presence will surely be missed.##imported-begin##DeAnna Cartwright##imported-end##

September 30 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Harry, Gwen was a special lady, a good mother and true friend of the persons with disabilities. We are so sorry but know she is in a better place. Take care of yourself and your family.##imported-begin##Joe & Dale Simpson##imported-end##

September 29 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I was so sorry to read of Mrs. Allbrights passing. She was a great lady and a super principal. She will be remembered for all the good she did for every child that passed through her school days, both as a teacher and a principal. I enjoyed knowing her in the days I worked at Hallsville school as well as the time my girls were in school. She will be greatly missed and I sent my sympathy to all her family.##imported-begin##sandra ross##imported-end##

September 29 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Take care I will be in touch.##imported-begin##Jay Gillis##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

I am very sad to learn of the death of Mrs. A. She was a very special lady. I had the pleasure of working on her Hallsville Intermediate School Campus for seven years. I grew to love and respect her, not only as my boss, but as my friend. May God be with her family as they go through the days to come.##imported-begin##Jeannie Brooks##imported-end##

September 29 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I didn't know Mrs. Allbright very well, but I did know of her heart and service for her church and the preschool there where she was on the board of directors. I have taught at First Friends Preschool for the last 3 years and Mrs. Allbright has always been a support and encouragement to all of us. She will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Diana Bayne##imported-end##

September 29 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Harry, Laurie, Lee and Aunt Brunetta was so sorry to hear of Gwen's recent illness and death. Take solace in your wonderful memories. She was a great mother, daughter, wife and teacher and so many were influenced by her caring ways. Jack and I hope to attend the service on Friday and are trying to rearrange schedules in order to do so. Hope to see you then. All my love-- Julie##imported-begin##Julie Benoit Cormier##imported-end##

September 28 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I was saddened to learn of Gwen's passing. I have many fond memories of her from our high school days. My thoughts and prayers are with you, Harry, and your family; and I trust that God's Grace will be a comfort to you all. I regret that a prior commitment prevents me from attending the services, but I will be thinking of you during that time.##imported-begin##Richard Ash##imported-end##

September 28 at 7:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Mrs. Allbright taught me at Beckville School many years ago and she was a lovely person. I never knew where she had moved to but noticed the obit. on line and wanted to offer my sympathy to her family.##imported-begin##Dianne D. Martin##imported-end##

September 28 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I have many fond memories of growing up at Gwen & Harry's house with Karen & Anita. She was a second mother, and my prayers are with the family.Love always,Jolinda##imported-begin##Jolinda Carlton##imported-end##

September 27 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Harry, Laurie, Lee,Glenn,Carina, Abby, Sam & dear, dear Mrs. B, YOUARE ON MY HEART. I am so sorry. GWEN WAS SO VERY, VERY SPECIAL. She stood by me through Jimmy's home-going--dear and precious, talented, loving & caring Friend. I will cherish always & forever precious Memories of visiting her in GSMC-not one word mentioned about her health-as a Volunteer, I knew nothing. Thoughts and prayers will continue. I thank God that Gwen was my Friend. I loved her so.##imported-begin##Millie Terry Harper##imported-end##

September 27 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

HARRY I AM SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT MRS.A SHE WAS THE PRINCIPAL AT HALLSVILLE WHEN MY KIDS WERE IN SCHOOL. I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER HER SMILE AND THE LOVE THAT SHE GAVE EVERY CHILD SHE CAME IN CONTACT WITH. SHE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW HER. YOU AND YOUR FAMILY WILL BE IN MY PRAYERS.BET TY CRAIG##imported-begin##BET TY CRAIG##imported-end##

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