



Allen E. Jensen

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Allan Eugene Jensen was born March 7, 1939 in Fort Worth, Texas to the late Spence and Clara Geisler Jensen. He was baptized at St. Paul's Lutheran and confirmed at Zion Lutheran, both in Fort Worth. He was a 1957 graduate of Polytechnic High School (Fort Worth) and from what is now the University of Texas, Arlington (1961) with a BA in Business Administration. During his college years Allan was enrolled in ROTC. In 1960 he participated in a 6 day, 160 mile march from Arlington to Fort Hood for ROTC camp. For this feat Allan and those cadets who also walked 160 miles, were honored at the University of Texas at Arlington Military Science Hall of Honor in 2004. Following graduation, Allan served in the U.S. Army from January 1962 until January 1965 ending as a 1st Lieutenant of Ordnance and serving in Kassel, Germany.

Following military service Allan began a career in hospital financial management, beginning at Harris Hospital in Fort Worth, TX, and then at Washington Hospital Center and INOVA Hospitals in the Washington Metropolitan Area. He was serving as a health care consultant at Ernst and Young at the time of his death. Allan was married to the former Carol Walter in 1970 in Fort Worth.

Allan Jensen is well remembered at Our Savior, Arlington, where he has been a Servant Leader at almost every level of the congregation, including Vice President, Chairman of the Board of Elders, Member of the Boards of Christian Service, Finance, Sunday school and Altar Guild. He may be best remembered by the members of Our Savior as a faithful choir member and as the congregation's Lutheran Hour Representative. He was also the Director of the congregation Sustained Giving program during which funds were raised for the new school and gymnasium construction in 2000-2001. Alan was also an officer in the Arlington Chapter of Thriven Financial for Lutherans.

Allan loved nature and the outdoors. He had a special interest in bird watching, enjoying the opportunity to travel to ten countries in Latin America, from Mexico to Tierra Del Fuego, over the past ten years. He was also an avid reader and music lover.

Allan Jensen is survived by his sons David, of Marshall, Virginia, and Phillip, of Burke; by sisters Carole Anderson, of Harker Heights, Texas, and Bobbye Manire of Bedford, Texas, and by three nephews and two nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents, and by his brother Douglas and his sister Bettye.

Allan was in the first four-year graduating class and in the first group to receive a U.S. Army Commission in May, 1961. He also marched with the Jodies for four years and was one who walked to Fort Hood in the summer of 1960. Allan was surprising; he looked a bit frail but, he could always go as far as the toughest man in the Corps. Zach Prince