



Ann J Allen

June 24, 1939 - January 31, 2025

Ann J. Allen (nee Luca), 85, of Lorain, passed away Friday January 31, 2025 at her home after a long illness with dementia. She was born June 24, 1939 in Lorain, the oldest of 5 children to Steve & Stella Luca (nee Sirotar).

Ann graduated from Lorain High School in the 1957 B class. She married Dick Bobek on May 30th 1959, and started to build their family. Ann was proud of her large family. From her 5 children, 15 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren, she was always there to help when needed.

Ann worked multiple jobs during her lifetime. Early on she worked at the Hoop Restaurant. After marrying Dick, she was an Avon Lady, dental receptionist for Dr. Reber and finally retired after working many years with Lorain City Schools. In her spare time, she worked the fish fry at the American Slovak Home and at the Hallmark Store. She also volunteered at Mercy Hospital.

Ann was a member of St Peter Parish in Lorain and a member of the former Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Lorain where she was a member of the Holy Name Society.

Ann was a member of the 7Ettes, a group of seven lifelong friends from the Lorain High School Class of '57. They met regularly for dinners, fellowship and travel.

She was very proud of her Slovak heritage and the local Slovak community; she passed down many holiday traditions, love of Slovak food and dancing the polka to her children and grandchildren. She was a member of St. Ann's Lodge FCSLA Branch 114, where she volunteered as treasurer for many years.

She loved that Lorain was known as the International City. She hosted foreign exchange students for over 10 years, staying in close contact with Leo Chan from Hong Kong.

Ann had a passion for travel. Starting off with family camping trips across the USA to numerous international destinations, including a trip to visit family in Czechoslovakia. She also took numerous cruises, and visited many of the foreign exchange students.

In 2003 Ann married Jack Allen. Jack and Ann loved to go on casino bus tours, dancing at the Italian club, and taking summer vacations with her large family in South Carolina.

She loved crafting, gardening, crocheting, baking, cooking and decorating her children's birthday cakes. Ann also had many, many collections. She was involved in Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and Indian Guides.

The family would like to thank Brenda and the staff at Griswold Home Care, Crossroads Hospice and her daughter Laurie who was always there for Ann in the last 5 years.

She is survived by her husband of over 20 years John "Jack" Allen; children: Laura Jones, Janis Baron, Tom Bobek (Audrey), Bob Bobek and Rick Bobek (Laura); grandchildren: Ryan Jones, Krista Werling, Kayla Teague, Courtney

Jones, Kelsey Shanks, Nick Jones, Blake Rotterdam, Meghan Whelan, Areal Jones, Emily Bobek, Anna Baron, Samantha Bobek, Charlie Baron, Tim Bobek and Will Bobek; great grandchildren; Nathan, Brooklyn, Zachary, Hayden, Loxley, Jackson, Emmett, Hudson, Kinsley, Cora (and one on the way!); sister: Rosemary Eiden, brothers: John Luca (Ellen) and Jim Luca (Debbie); sister-in-law Elaine Luca; stepsons: Tom Allen (Denise) and Tim Allen (Julia); step-grandchildren: Nathan Allen, Andrew Allen, Alanna Allen and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her first husband Richard Bobek in 1993, her parents, granddaughter Jessica Bobek, brother Steven Luca and brother-in-law Larry Eiden.

The family will receive friends Saturday February 8, 2025 from 11:00 am until 12:00 pm at St Peter Parish, 3501 Oberlin Ave, Lorain. Members of the St Ann Lodge Br #114 will pray the rosary in church on Saturday beginning at 11:00 am. The mass of Christian Burial will begin at Noon with the Rev Craig Hovanec, pastor, presiding. Burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery in Lorain.

The family invites relatives and friends to join them for food and refreshments beginning at 1:30 pm at the Amherst Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie # 1442, 1165 Milan Ave, Amherst

Memorial contributions can be made to the Dementia Society of America, PO Box 600, Doylestown, PA 18901 www.dementiasociety.org or St Peter Parish, 3501 Oberlin Ave, Lorain, OH 44053.

Previous Events

Rosary Prayer

FEB 8. 11:00 AM - 11:20 AM (ET)

St. Peter Parish
3501 Oberlin Avenue
Lorain, OH 44053

Visitation

FEB 8. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Peter Parish
3501 Oberlin Avenue
Lorain, OH 44053

Funeral Mass

FEB 8. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Peter Parish
3501 Oberlin Avenue
Lorain, OH 44053

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FEB 8. 1:30 PM - 5:30 PM (ET)

Amherst Eagles #1442
1161 Milan Ave
Amherst, OH 44001
<https://www.foe.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ann J Allen.*



February 06, 2025 at 04:44 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ann J Allen.

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“ CC Neonatal Nurse Practitioners purchased the *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* for the family of Ann J Allen.



CC Neonatal Nurse Practitioners - February 06, 2025 at 12:12 PM



“ CC Neonatal Nurse Practitioners planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ann J Allen.

CC Neonatal Nurse Practitioners - February 06, 2025 at 12:12 PM



“ *Melissa B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ann J Allen.*

Melissa B. - February 06, 2025 at 12:06 PM



“ *Your Xngage Crew purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Ann J Allen.*



Your Xngage Crew - February 06, 2025 at 11:38 AM



“ *Your Xngage Crew planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ann J Allen.*

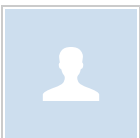
Your Xngage Crew - February 06, 2025 at 11:38 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Ann J Allen.*



February 06, 2025 at 11:21 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ann J Allen.*

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RD

“ Rocky River Home Depot purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Ann J Allen.



Rocky River Home Depot - February 05, 2025 at 05:03 PM

DS

“ The Luca and Drop cousins together in the 1940s. Ann and Betty Jane are in the middle. Sorry I missed this earlier.



Diane Santos - February 04, 2025 at 09:16 PM

“ How do you say thank you and goodbye to someone who completely changed the course of your life? My host mom, Ann, made a decision in 1989 that altered my future forever. Even though all her children were grown, she chose to host another foreign exchange student—and because of that choice, my life was never the same.

Without her, I wouldn't have decided to go to college in the U.S., stayed, and eventually become a citizen. Without her, I wouldn't have met my wife. Without her, my daughter wouldn't have been born.

I still remember the day she came to Cleveland Airport to pick me up in 1989. She brought a couple of her grandchildren with her, welcomed me with a warm hug, and handed me a small American flag. From that moment on, she treated me like one of her own. I've always called her “Mom” because that's exactly how I saw her.

She took care of me during my time with her family—nudging me to go out more, study a little less, and encouraging me to make friends. Even when I got into a fight at school and was suspended, she treated me with patience and love. She brought me to church for Mass, included me in her children's weddings as part of the family, and shared with me the warmth of her home and heart.

I will never forget the amazing food she made. The first time I tasted baklava was when she spent an entire day making it. It was so good that I asked for it every time I visited. I remember bringing some back to my friends in my twenties—they were so impressed, just as I had been.

Even long after my exchange program ended, I stayed in touch with her and her family. Now, I'm around the same age that my host mom was when she welcomed me into her home, and I am truly in awe of how extraordinary she was. Opening your home to a stranger for a year is no small act of kindness. But Ann had a deep

curiosity about other cultures—she loved learning through both traveling and hosting foreign exchange students. She continued to host three or four more after me, and many before me as well. I know that all of us who were lucky enough to be her exchange students owe her a debt of gratitude.

I'm grateful that she was able to meet my wife and daughter again eight years ago, when her memory was beginning to fade but she still remembered us. It broke my heart when she lost her memory completely a couple of years ago, and now, as she has left us physically, I feel an immense sadness. But the memory of her will never be lost.

It will live on in her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. It will live on in all of us who had the privilege of being her exchange students—and in the children of those students.

Miss you, Mom.

—Leo

Leo Chan - February 04, 2025 at 07:48 PM

KS

Leo - wow - what a beautiful tribute to our grandma. It sounds like she truly left an impact on you and your family's life. Thank you so much for sharing this - she was an amazing person and we miss her dearly.

Kelsey Shanks - February 04, 2025 at 08:12 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Ann J Allen.*



February 04, 2025 at 02:52 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ann J Allen.

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“ Our family has so many memories of Ann Jeanette. My mother Betty Jane and Ann were first cousins and the same age. They grew up houses apart and were in the same class at school for twelve years. They were like sisters. They got married one year apart and each had five kids. Over the years between the "Club" kid's Christmas parties, pinics, and our families going on trips and camping together, we had alot of fun. Please accept my condolences and prayers. She is at peace now after suffering for so long.

*Diane (Boone) Santos
Largo, FL*



Diane - February 04, 2025 at 01:57 PM

BO

“ 19 files added to the tribute wall



bobekj - February 04, 2025 at 01:11 PM

JB

“ 9 files added to the tribute wall



Janis Baron - February 04, 2025 at 11:11 AM

LC

“ Leo Chan purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Ann J Allen.



Leo Chan - February 04, 2025 at 10:34 AM

LC

“ Leo Chan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ann J Allen.

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ann J Allen.



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Janis Baron - February 04, 2025 at 09:12 AM