



Corporal Carey W. Allender

February 16, 1921 - December 27, 2015

Corporal Carey Warren Allender

Corporal Carey W. Allender peacefully departed this life on December 27, 2015. Corporal

Allender was born February 16, 1921, the son of the late Charles Clayton and Anna Laura

Allender. Corporal Allender is survived by his wife of 70 years, Augusta P. (Harman) Allender

and his beloved daughter Pamela Allender. He is preceded in death by one daughter Shelia, four

brothers, Allen, Conrad "Willey", Charles "Charlie" and Boyd who along with Corporal Allender proudly served in the United States armed forces during World War II. One brother, Boyd Allender died while serving in the Third Army during the Battle of Metz. Corporal Allender is additionally preceded in death by two sisters Julia and Francis, one sister-in-law Charlotte Sue (Wagoner) Harman, and brothers-in-law Deward, Loy, and Dewayne Harman.

Corporal Allender often recollected that he was "almost a stillborn" but ended up living much

longer than his siblings. He had a deep and abiding relationship with God and carefully

considered his interactions with his fellow man. He was a man of honor and high intelligence

and ideals, and worked diligently to live by the standards in which he so

strongly believed.

Corporal Allender, worked for Goodyear in Akron Ohio where he retired after 30 years of

service. His family was paramount in his life, and he worked tirelessly to provide a foundation for them. He single handedly built three homes for his family and believed that his relationships with God, his family and friends, along with hard work was the recipe for a long and happy life.

Corporal Allender was also a beloved “Uncle” to his many nieces and nephews who cherished

their time with him. As a child of the “Great Depression” and the need to help support his family,

Uncle Carey often reflected that his formal schooling ended without graduating from high

school. However, all who knew him will attest to his amazing wealth of knowledge and insight.

He enlisted in the United States Army in 1940 prior to the formal declaration of World War II and was stationed in Iceland as a part of the “Second Echelon” defending the United States against the Nazis who were at the time occupying Norway. He served on the outpost of Vestmannaeyjar Iceland as part of a unit charged with building an early radar system. During his deployment in

Vestmannaeyjar, his unit was subjected to “gale force winds.” Uncle Carey recalled that during guard duty a piece of volcanic rock was blown into his left eye. No formally trained medical personnel were stationed on the island, and the object remained in his eye for the duration of the War. Because of his permanent eye injury he was left partially blinded for the remainder of his life.

This did not deter Corporal Allender from engaging fully in life. During his enlistment, Corporal Allender was assigned to the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) which is the predecessor of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). He was stationed in London, surviving the London “Blitz” and was eventually deployed to Paris with the OSS where he served until the end of World War II.

Among his many achievements in civilian life is teaching himself to play the

banjo at the age of 40. He became a highly accomplished musician and was well known in

Bluegrass circles, having performed on a weekly radio program in Akron, Ohio.

Corporal Allender is survived by sisters-in-law, Avandelene (Harman) Cornell, Carolyn Luella

(Harman) Hanifan, Gwendolyn "Teddy" (Harman) Wentz, and Diana (Harman) Payne. He is

additionally survived by his brother- and sister-in-law Gary and Susan (O'Dell) Harman. Corporal Allender is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews who enjoyed his

interesting and entertaining stories and hearing his beautiful voice to the accompaniment of the

many instruments he mastered including the banjo, guitar, and mandolin. He taught them many

lessons and he will be deeply missed.

Graveside services will be held at 1:00 PM, on Tuesday, December 29, 2015, at the Indian Camp Cemetery. The Upshur County Honor Guard will conduct military honors at the graveside.

In lieu of flowers, Corporal Allender wished that donations be sent to the Wounded Warrior

Project at P.O. Box 758517 Topeka, Kansas 66675. Donations can be made online at: <https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org>.

Cemetery Details

Indian Camp Cemetery

Previous Events

Graveside Service

DEC **29**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Indian Camp Cemetery

Tribute Wall

BD

“ We extend our heartfelt condolences to Gussie, Pam and the entire Allender families. We first met Gussie 57 years ago when she worked for Brownie's Cleaners in Barberton, Ohio; and have known Gussie and Carey both for 45 years as members of the same church. Carey was the greatest "communicator" I ever knew and I'll never forget our conversations in our younger years. May God strengthen and comfort you.

Bob and Libby Dezso - Akron, Ohio

Bob & Libby Dezso - January 01, 2016 at 12:06 AM

DR

“ Hello Mrs Allender: Sorry to hear about Mr. Allender: i just want to thank you again for all the help you and Mr. Allender gave to Mom and our family..

I hope you are doing ok.. You will be in our Prayers

From Dave And Linda Ritter

David & Linda Ritter - December 31, 2015 at 01:17 PM

DK

*Mrs Allender
Freeman and I have fond memories of you both. You brought us together, meeting at your home. Thank you.
We were saddened to hear about Carey and pray God will give you strength and peace.
Freeman and Deb Kuhns.*

Debbie Kuhns - December 31, 2015 at 07:36 PM

LW

“ *Gus and family,
Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Lemoyne Wentz and family*

Lemoyne Wentz - December 28, 2015 at 08:31 AM

HW

“ *Augusta, your loss is heavens gain and I know that's the way you want it. Carey was a very sweet and loving man, and I know he will be truly missed, but we have the assurance that one day we will all be united together again and what a glorious day that will be! But for now may God give you much peace and comfort in the days ahead. If I can help you in anyway, please feel free to call me. Love and prayers, Hope and Don*

Hope Wamsley - December 27, 2015 at 08:15 PM