



Allan R. Loudell

July 23, 1955 - July 6, 2020

Allan R. Loudell, age 64, of Bear, DE, passed away Monday, July 6, 2020. Allan is survived by his loving wife of 40 years, Barbara Loudell; and his children, Allison Loudell (fiance, Brandon) and Michael Loudell.

A visitation will be held Tuesday, July 14, 2020, from 10-11 AM at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, 345 Bear Christiana Rd., Bear, DE 19701 followed by a Memorial Mass at 11 AM. Burial will follow in All Saints Cemetery. In memory of Allan, please wear your favorite t-shirt. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, 66 Progress Parkway, Maryland Heights, Mo. 63043-3706. For directions or to send an online condolence visit www.stranofeeley.com

Cemetery Details

All Saints Cemetery

6001 Kirkwood Highway
Wilmington, DE 19808

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church
345 Bear-Christiana Road
Bear, DE

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *My condolences to the family and friends of Allan Loudell. I've known Allan for over 20 years, from his days at WILM and then at WDEL. He spoke to many of my broadcast announcing classes over the years, and I know my students greatly benefited from his insights into the profession. I will be forever thankful that I was able to include a feature about him in my textbook, where he provided excellent advice for those aspiring to a career in broadcast journalism. Thanks, Allan, for generously sharing your knowledge and wisdom to future generations.*

*Philip A. Thompsen, Ph.D.
Professor of Communication and Media
West Chester University*

Philip Thompsen - November 09, 2020 at 08:57 AM

PL

“ *I got to know Allan through the annual Shortwave Listeners Fest. He was knowledgeable in many areas, and I enjoyed talking shop with him. He was gracious enough to let me interview him a time or two for my own radio station, and I will always cherish his kindness. Anytime we got a new QSL card, Allan wanted one, so I would send him one before they were available to listeners, and will miss doing that.*

Allan was very good at what he did, and his listeners, colleagues, and those of us who knew his work--and him--are better for it.

*Paul Ladd
Senior Correspondent
World Christian Broadcasting*

Paul Ladd - September 30, 2020 at 12:04 AM

JO

“ *I met Allan at the University of Illinois around 1977, as we were both taking the same class (though I forget which one now). Even then he had a presence, so reading about all his accomplishments was no surprise.*

God speed, Allan,

*Joseph O'Reilly,
Long Beach, CA*

Joseph O'Reilly - September 28, 2020 at 10:55 PM

KB

“ Please accept our sincere condolences. I used to catch up with Allen every year at the St. Helena’s Church Carnival. Allen was my son Tom’s godfather. I am so saddened to hear that Allen has passed. He was an extraordinary human being, so smart and so highly principled. He will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Kathleen B.Soper - July 16, 2020 at 10:02 AM



“ Allan was a class act no matter where he was or what he was doing. Smart but not pompous, kind but not patronizing and most of all-fair.

Mike Protack - July 15, 2020 at 08:41 PM

MC

“ I was a.m drive editor and then News Director for Allan when he first arrived at WILM. He was one of the most interesting people I had met and have met since. To Allan, the details mattered, which is a shorthand way of saying that he drilled down into the details, so as to bring the depth and importance of the story to light. I am sorry to hear of his passing and send prayers to his family.

Mark Cassel

Mark Cassel - July 14, 2020 at 07:53 PM

JC

“ Janis D. Shields, friend and former WILM colleague purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Allan R. Loudell.



Janis D. Shields, friend and former WILM colleague - July 14, 2020 at 11:26 AM

NP

“ A very sad day; he will be missed.
Love, hugs ,and tears
The Pilchard family



N L Pilchard - July 14, 2020 at 08:37 AM

SS

“ I was fortunate to have gotten to know Allan back in the 1990s when we both volunteered for the Hugh O’Brian Foundation. Allan was an excellent presenter at HOBY seminars and a solid member of the board. He had an excellent way of clarifying difficult social and political issues so that both the general public and HOBY Ambassadors could grasp the complexities. I would always tune my radio to his show when I was traveling to upstate Delaware. Gone too soon!
Steve Schwartz, Seaford, DE

Steve Schwartz - July 13, 2020 at 02:40 PM

FF

“ I thought I was heart broken when Allan was yanked off WDEL!
An incredible loss for his family, friends, and Delaware.
My sincere sympathies.
Avid listener and fan.

Fran Fletcher - July 13, 2020 at 07:14 AM

SD

“ On behalf of the Hugh O’Brian Youth Organization of Delaware (HOBY DE), please accept our sympathy and support for you and your family at this time. We, too, will miss Allan at future seminars. He could always be counted on to participate with enthusiasm and meaningful information for the HOBY participants.
Allan was a stable, interesting and entertaining speaker for many HOBY DE seminars. Over the years of Allan’s volunteering as a speaker, well over a thousand young Delaware high school sophomores had the privilege of being motivated, informed and challenged by Allan as he spoke and played Trivia games at the seminars.
His vibrancy and concern for the youth of Delaware will be sorely missed at future seminars. I was the seminar chair for 12 years and working with Allan was always a pleasure. The evaluations from the HOBY participants were always close to 5.0 on a 5 point scale. I am sure you have many T-shirts and other HOBY paraphernalia to show our thanks to Allan.

Sue Davis - July 12, 2020 at 06:17 PM

RM

“ Dear Family,

I had the privilege of spending monthly Mondays on the air with Allan and grew to honor and learn from him. His mind was quick, his wit so appropriate and his connection with me was so intimate. His energy and legacy will remain in my heart and actions. I can only hope to be as good a writer as Allan was a reporter. I only hope that the many wonderful memories will comfort you during this time of mourning. Please know that there are countless number of others sharing in your loss at this time.

*With sinere sympathy,
Rob Abel MD*

Robert Abel Jr MD - July 12, 2020 at 10:11 AM

NO

“ So sad to hear about the passing of my friend Allan loudell. Allan gave me an opportunity to host a show on WILM. I loved having he and John Watson on the radio and my tv show those guys where so much fun. I'm really sad 😞 what a great person.

*Your friend always
Stormin Norman Oliver*

norman oliver - July 12, 2020 at 08:59 AM

CM

“ I literally owe Allan the best things in my life.

And not just because he was an inspiration when we worked together in the news department at the University of Illinois college radio station, WPGU 107.1FM—where he didn't miss a chance to remind many of us that our work there was more important than academics.

If Allan hadn't passed up an opportunity to become news director at WMRO/WAUR in Aurora—and passed on word of the opening to me in 1977—I would not have been working there in 1978, when, returning home from work, I had the traffic accident in which I met my wonderful wife, with whom I've grown a wonderful family.

Nor would I likely have been working in Chicago-area radio, conveniently close enough to Chicago to apply (and, after three tries, to be hired) at WXRT—a job that has sprinkled fairy dust over virtually all the rest of my professional life.

Rest in peace, dear friend.

Charles Meyerson - July 11, 2020 at 07:07 PM

PH

“ *It's hard to imagine Delaware radio and news without Allan Loudell. No words are adequate to describe him or the loss - although I'm sure he could find them. He would pontificate until he resolved the paradox. I'm grief-stricken to know we no longer have his voice, his integrity, or his affable presence. Heartfelt condolences to Barbara, Allison and Michael. Thank you for sharing his brilliance with us. Wishing you comfort in the memories and love to get you through this terrible time. -Patty Hartman, WILM alum*



Patty Hartman - July 11, 2020 at 09:51 AM

CL

“ *He was a regular at the SWL-fest and will be greatly by many friends and acquaintances including me. CRAIG N3TPM*

Craig Leventhal - July 10, 2020 at 08:22 PM

SH

“ *On behalf of the directors and the members at large of the Canadian International DX Club, of which Allan was a longtime and cherished member, we extend our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Allan. Many of us had the great pleasure of spending time with Allan on numerous occasions at the Winter SWL Festival in Pennsylvania each March. Allan was a most interesting and fascinating person whose spirit, passion and love of so many things, including radio, was evident to all. We will all miss him greatly. If we can be any assistance to the family, particularly regarding his most impressive QSL collection, please do not hesitate to contact us. We all share with you the grief and sadness of his passing.*

*Sheldon Harvey, President.
Canadian International DX Club*

Sheldon Harvey - July 10, 2020 at 04:29 PM

CR

“ *And so a great soul passes on.*

I was at WILM Newsradio in the 1980's when the station first hired Allan. He came in like no other. So full of incredible knowledge, a rich hunger for news and a thirst for world events that never went away. He only got better in the relationships he built and the knowledge he acquired the longer he stayed in the business. Allan knew more about more parts of the world and news organizations and world leaders than anyone and could have taught a zillion classes and amused many a student with both facts and stories. He dug deeper. He was fair-minded. He cared. I was constantly amazed by Allan in my young career days and only came to respect him so much more over time. He stuck to the news business at a time when many credible journalists left. Lucky for us. He loved what he did. An unforgettable and replaceable soul. Allan's voice will be greatly missed.

Cathy Rossi

Cathy Rossi - July 10, 2020 at 11:31 AM

MM

“ *Allan loved taking pictures of all the butterflies and moths he would find. Loved that he cared so much about God's small creatures,*

Mary Mazzella - July 09, 2020 at 10:43 PM

JB

“ *My condolences to the Loudell family. He was a outstanding newsman and very knowledgeable individual.*

Joseph Bolea - July 09, 2020 at 03:54 PM

KE

“ *We moved to Delaware in December of 1986. We have listened to Alan and his broadcasts through the years and will miss him.*

Katherine Erwin - July 09, 2020 at 01:48 PM

GM

“ *Please know that your family is in my prayers. Allan and I grew up around the corner from each other in Western Springs, Il and attended the same schools. I had not seen him in many years until we reconnected at our high school reunion in 2018. He was a joy to talk with and I know that he was proud of all of you. May you find comfort int he memories you share. Gary Mayor*

Gary Mayor - July 09, 2020 at 10:34 AM



“ I never had a better visit with my Allan and Barb then when I drove to Memphis after I graduated from ISU in 1981 and stayed with the two of them. For Allan not having any athletic skills at all, he kicked my butt in ping pong and I had the best history lesson I could ever ask for! Allan was the smartest and most articulate person I had ever met! Him and my sister made the absolutely perfect couple and had two of the best niece and nephew I could ever dream of being an Uncle to! Allan you will be missed everyday but heaven will never be the same, lol!



Thomas Saak - July 09, 2020 at 12:27 AM

TU

“ Tom Saak (Barbs brother & Allison and Mikes Uncle purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Allan R. Loudell.



Tom Saak (Barbs brother & Allison and Mikes Uncle - July 09, 2020 at 12:05 AM

PM

“ Allan was the consummate newsman who went straight to the source including having his own contact at Al Jazeera media network during the Iraq War. It was a privilege working with him on the board of the Society of Professional Journalists, Greater Philadelphia, and humbling when he asked me one year to be keynote speaker for the Delaware Press Association Awards banquet. Allan was one of a dying breed of old-time journalists. May he rest in peace.

Patti Mengers - July 08, 2020 at 06:54 PM



Godspeed Allan. Such a fine mind and a true kind spirit. Followed him from WILM and WDEL. Loved calling in to his trivia questions. Also loved seeing him at church carnivals with his booth and prizes. He was the consummate newsman. Amazed me how he would get contacts anywhere in the world to interview with a newsman in little old Delaware. He was one of a kind. Bless his family.

John Duffy - July 14, 2020 at 04:34 PM

DL

Allan was always a Delaware Treasure. I never met him personally but migrated my radio dial from WILM to WDEL when he moved radio stations. I contact WHYY when he was unceremoniously terminated at WDEL as he would have been a wonderful addition to that NPR station and I have not listened to them since.

Denison Hatch, long time listener - July 16, 2020 at 11:34 AM

PM

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Patti Mengers - July 08, 2020 at 06:46 PM