



Allen Abner Jonas

April 7, 1932 - February 11, 2018

Bluefield, VA - Allen Abner Jonas of Bluefield, VA died Sunday, February 11, 2018 at his home on Mountain Lane. Born April 7, 1932 in Becker County, MN, he was the son of the late Abner Bastian Jonas and Josephine Hilder Harju. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his wife of 33 years, Anne Buffat Jonas and his brother Abner Jonas (Kathleen).

Survivors include his loving wife of 20 years, Dorothy Jonas, sister, Joan Jonas Enger (John) of Powell, WY, daughter, Katherine Jonas of Chattanooga, TN, son, David Jonas of Atlanta, GA, and three step-sons Dusty Gess (Charlotte) of Bluefield, VA, John Gess (Brenda) of Blacksburg, VA, and David Gess (Rebecca) of Barboursville, VA. Allen was a Professor of Art at Bluefield State College for 25 years (1969-1994), having a BA in Economics and Political Science from Concordia College, an MA in Art from the University of Iowa, and a MFA in Painting from the University of Cincinnati. He was an active member in the National Art Education Association, the West Virginia Art Education Association, and the College Art Association.

Allen was an exchange professor with the Bluefield State College Center for International Understanding, travelling to China on three occasions and hosting many visiting scholars at his home with his wife Dorothy. Allen has been an active member at Westminster Presbyterian Church of Bluefield, WV for over 45 years, serving there as both a deacon and an elder.

The family will receive friends from 6:00-8:00pm on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at Mercer Funeral Home and Crematory.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11:00am on Wednesday February 14, 2018 at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Burial will follow at Grandview Memory Gardens. Pallbearers will be family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial donations be made to a favorite charity.

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting www.MercerFuneralHome.com Mercer Funeral Home of Bluefield is serving the Jonas family.

Cemetery Details

Grandview Memory Gardens

Bluefield, VA

Previous Events

Funeral Service

FEB 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

Westminster Presbyterian Church
2005 Washington Street
Bluefield, WV 24701

Tribute Wall



“ *Allen Abner Jonas*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *It was such a comfort to read everyone's kind words about my brother Allen. They surely expressed what is on my heart. John and I will miss his Saturday phone calls ~ his birthday cards ~ his envelope art. He sometimes gave me a hard time but it was all in good humor and I couldn't love him less because of it. He was a man of faith and faithful to his family. He will be sorely missed. (Mrs John) Jo'an Jonas Enger*

Joan Jonas Enger - February 27, 2018 at 07:53 PM



“ *A sweet and gentle spirit has left us to enjoy the glories of Heaven. Allen was a fun, talented, and always interesting person. Charlie and I so much enjoyed his company and his conversation over these last 37 years at Westminster. I treasure fond memories of Anne as well. Allen and Anne raised two remarkable children who continue the legacy of faith and service. Sending love and prayers to Dot, David, and Katherine along with my deepest sympathy.*

Mrs. Charles Sacre (Charlotte)

Charlotte Sacre - February 14, 2018 at 10:55 PM

PM

“ I will miss kissing Allen on the forehead. I guess that was an Allen and me thing. He always made me smile and I smile now knowing he's home and basking in the Lord. Until we meet again my brother. Shalom! -Pastor Doug McDaniel

Pastor Doug McDaniel - February 14, 2018 at 03:39 PM

RL

“ I was one of the last art majors at Bluefield State from 1974 until 1978. I had Mr. Jonas for several art classes and enjoyed him very much. I have appreciated his contribution to my life and I am thankful for his encouragement.

Sincerely,
Rick Lindamood

Richard Lindamood - February 14, 2018 at 03:07 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Allen Abner Jonas.



February 13, 2018 at 08:18 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Allen Abner Jonas.



February 13, 2018 at 02:11 PM

LB

“ I’ve known Mr. Jonas and his family most of my life growing up on Union Street! He always had a happy hello with a bit of joking. His quick wit was one to listen for with a grin to join his wit. I can see him and Anne sitting the balcony at church along with him and Dot sitting downstairs in his he sactuary! I will miss him; he Added so much to our church and community; he will be missed! Love and prayers to him family!

Lindsey Grubb Barilla - February 13, 2018 at 12:21 PM

PW

“ Always had to call him “Uncle Allen” and he and I would share a laugh. He was so good for Aunt Dot when she needed someone to share her life with. Will miss his birthday cards and just his presence at family events. Know that he is at peace now and healthy again.

Pete Wallace - February 13, 2018 at 12:13 PM

DS

“ What a sense of humor. So sorry for your loss Dot and the family. May God bless you in this time of need.

Danny Speejs - February 13, 2018 at 08:31 AM

RS

“ Seeing this picture made my heart flutter for a second. I only knew Mr. Jonas for a brief time around 1985 when I took my required art class which I had dreaded so much at Bluefield,St. as a kid and although I was no art professional at the end of it he opened my eyes to things that I still can appreciate to this day. He was always kind and patient to the stupid kid like myself or the real art student. Mr. Jonas' family will be in my prayers in this difficult time. Godspeed Sir, RIP.

Rick Spriggs - February 13, 2018 at 01:28 AM

MK

“ Allen was a very respected and loved friend. I always admired his art talent and his humor! I will never forget the beautiful birthday post cards he sent us!! He will be missed by his church family! May God bless and comfort his lovely family.

margaret smith kibler - February 12, 2018 at 10:54 PM

JC

“ Student and colleague, I knew Mr. Jonas for over forty years. In those years, he was a nurturing and supportive instructor who shared both his knowledge and time in generous measure. As a colleague, he was equally generous with his time and knowledge, and patient with those of us who struggled with the "system" just as he did.

Though our tastes and styles rested at opposite ends of a wide spectrum we were stiff friends, and truly, the world will be a little less colorful without him in it.

Jerry Conner - February 12, 2018 at 09:12 PM

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