



## Stanley Clee Allison

November 12, 1924 - February 7, 2022

Stanley Clee Allison passed away quietly in his home on February 7, after a short illness. He was 97 and enjoyed good health, never being hospitalized until his last weeks.

He is survived by his wife of 78 years, Violet Gregg Allison; daughters Sharon Allison and Jerri Lynn Allison; and sister: Elaine Freshour. Preceding him in death were his father, Charlie Allison; mother, Myrtle Gregg Allison Freshour; infant daughter, Janet Kaye Allison; brothers: Charles Allison (Carolyn) (Cleveland, Ohio), Frank Allison (Flossie), Jeter Freshour, Ralph Freshour, Johnny Freshour and Carl Freshour; sisters: Ina Mae Allison Brady and Marie Freshour Ford.

Of Scottish ancestry, Stanley was born November 12, 1924 in Parrottsville, Tennessee. He attended local one-room schools, including O'Dell, St. Tide and Point Pleasant. As the oldest of ten children, he left school at age 14 to help his mother provide for the family. In addition to plowing and hoeing corn for 25¢ a day, he would do any other work he could find. To make a living in the 1940's, he and Lynn Ealy plowed gardens with their trusty team of mules, Red and Rhodie. In the early 1950's Stanley worked for Red Baxter, delivering ice and the coal he would travel to Louisville, KY, to pick up.

Stanley's true talent and passion, however, were discovered when Lawrence Gregg – a neighbor and later, his brother-in-law – took Stanley under his wing, letting him do some work at his garage on Clear Creek Road. It was evident early on that Stanley was gifted with a knack for mechanics. This affinity for

the inner workings of motors would serve him well throughout his life, from providing for his family, to becoming a legend in the local racing community. Stanley and Lawrence began building race cars, including many that were driven by L.D. Ottinger on a dirt track in Newport. At that time, the area garages had a baseball league, and Stanley played for the Lawrence Gregg Garage team.

In 1962, Stanley began his “off the track” career, working for Polly Parrott Garage as a mechanic. Later he joined Kickliter Ford, where he served for 27 years as Service Manager, retiring in 1989.

During the 60's, 70's and 80's Stanley remained involved in racing, building cars from the ground up. His team raced frequently at Bulls Gap, Bristol, Lowe's Speedway in Charlotte, Daytona, Smoky Mountain Raceway in Maryville, Newport Speedway and many others. After retiring from Ford, Stanley continued to build custom engines for a variety of clients in the racing industry. At Newport Raceway, he served for many years judging whether engines met specifications when there were protests.

Though his business slowed as years passed, Stanley continued working on engines until closing his shop in 2016. Retiring “for good” at the age of 90-plus, he could be found relaxing in his porch swing or taking drives around the countryside. In his distinctive straw hat, Stanley was a familiar figure 'around town,' especially on his daily trips to Walmart, where he would invariably encounter friends and neighbors he'd stop to chat with.

In earlier years, Stanley enjoyed quail hunting with close friend Charlie Kickliter and their loyal bird dogs, brothers Red and Brownie. Stanley had a lifelong love of nature. He spent many summers raising a bountiful vegetable garden, with plenty to give away to neighbors and friends. He loved nothing more than to take a box of his prized tomatoes to the “girls at US Bank.” Stanley had a sharp wit and was a good neighbor. As he said so often, “There's nothing like good friends.”

The Allison family would like give special thanks to the Smokey Mountain Home Health nurses, Chelsea, Carla, Amanda and Julie, who did a wonderful

job taking care of Stanley. Also, much appreciation to Stanley's longtime physician, Dr. David Kickliter.

A visitation is scheduled for Saturday, February 12, from 4:00 – 7:00 pm, at Manes Funeral Home. A graveside service will be held at Union Cemetery on Sunday, February 13, at 2:00 pm, with Ben Watts and Zane Stuart officiating. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to East Tennessee PBS or the Newport Animal Shelter.

Family and friends may sign the guest register online at: [www.manesfuneralhome.com](http://www.manesfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements by Manes Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Receive Friends

FEB 12. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Manes Funeral Home Chapel  
363 East Main Street  
Newport, TN 37821

## Graveside Service

FEB 13. 2:00 PM (ET)

Union Cemetery Inc  
420 Mineral St  
Newport, TN 37821-3900  
(423) 623-6918

# Tribute Wall



“ *Manes Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Stanley Clee Allison*



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**Manes Funeral Home, Inc.** - February 11, 2022 at 10:21 AM

CB

*One of the good ones. Missed by Coot Benson*

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**Coot Benson** - February 12, 2022 at 11:22 AM



“ *Stanley Clee Allison*

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November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM

JK

“ *Prayers for the family.*



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**Jeff Kyker** - February 11, 2022 at 09:08 PM

CW

“ *Sorry for your loss*

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**Charlie & Lana Williamson** - February 11, 2022 at 08:38 PM

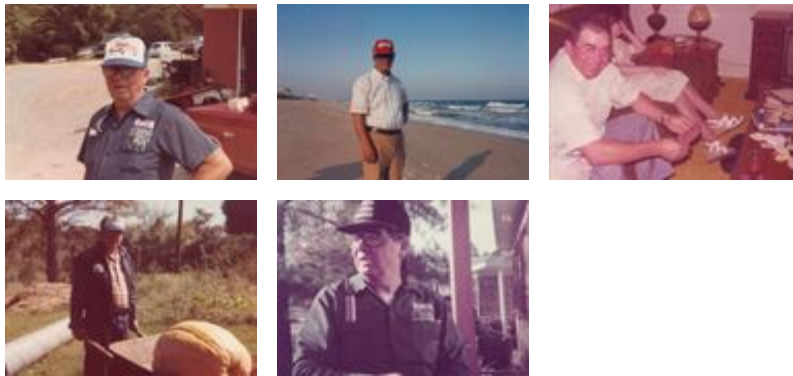
LR

“ Stanley, was my mother's ( Charlsie Allison Johnson) first cousin. The tribute written for him was wonderful man. I only met him a few times but I remember that straw hat. I bought my first car from Kicklighter Ford. My mother spoke highly of Stanley. Wish I could have known him and his precious family. Prayers for God's comfort during the sad time.

Linda Johnson Rice - February 11, 2022 at 07:36 PM



“ 66 files added to the album LifeTributes



Manes Funeral Home, Inc. - February 11, 2022 at 10:01 AM

EK

“ Sorry to hear about Stanley, I really liked him, he was a fine man. May you have Peace during this time.

Ed Knight - February 10, 2022 at 01:19 PM

RM

“ We are so sorry to hear of Stanley's passing. Stanley was a legend in the field of racing and engine building. We always looked so forward to his visits at our shop. He had so many stories to tell and knowledge to share. In the summers he brought us tomatoes and pomegranates from his garden. He also was kind enough to share some photos with us of his early racing career. These we will treasure forever. The world has lost a true friend and mentor. May your family find peace in this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family now and in the difficult days to come.  
*Bob, Michael and Delilah Myers*  
*Performance Automotive Machine*

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**Robert Myers** - February 10, 2022 at 11:46 AM

JP

“ STANLEY WAS A MAGICIAN WITH AN ENGINE , HE WOULD NEVER BRAG ABOUT WHAT THEY DID ON THE RACETRACK. THE ORANGE NO. 10 WAS A FAMILIAR SIGHT IN VICTORY LANE AT THE TENNESSEE CAROLINA SPEEDWAY WITH L.D. OTTINGER BEHIND THE WHEEL.

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**JIM PHILLIPS** - February 09, 2022 at 11:54 PM

DB

“ Prayers and sympathy to the family of Stanley - he's in all likelihood the best mechanic that ever turned a wrench , diagnosed what was wrong with vehicle - sharp beyond words- a true treasure



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**Dot Barnes** - February 09, 2022 at 07:55 PM

LA

“ *Laura sent a virtual gift in memory of Stanley  
Clee Allison*



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**Laura** - February 09, 2022 at 07:43 PM

LD

*Love you all. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Laura Davenport** - February 09, 2022 at 07:53 PM

NS

“ *Remembering Stanley as a beautiful life lived.  
To the family, our hearts go out to you. You've lost someone who  
touched the lives of so many, and who will be deeply missed. May  
God give you peace in the darkest days of grief, and may you find  
comfort in the precious memories you hold forever in your heart .*

*Norma & Edmon Seay*

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**Norma Seay** - February 09, 2022 at 05:09 PM

DO

“ *One of Cocke County's treasures!*

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**Duay O'Neil** - February 09, 2022 at 02:01 PM

BH

“ *My condolences to the family. Becky Hensley, TWRA*

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**Becky Hensley** - February 09, 2022 at 12:25 PM

Robin Ellison

“ Robin Ellison sent a virtual gift in memory of Stanley Clee Allison



Robin Ellison - February 09, 2022 at 12:12 PM

Robin Ellison

“ Uncle Stanley... you will be missed. Love to Family and Friends. Robin

Robin Ellison - February 09, 2022 at 12:10 PM

MA

“ Marian Anderson lit a candle in memory of Stanley Clee Allison



marian Anderson - February 09, 2022 at 12:02 PM

LR

“ I am so sorry for your loss! I grew up in the Clear Creek Community and remember Stanley! He and the family were the best neighbors! Prayers for the family

Lorri Myers Rollins - February 09, 2022 at 11:35 AM

RO

“ Stanley was a true friend .Always kind always helpful

Richard Owens - February 09, 2022 at 10:58 AM