



Allen Freeman

Jan. 21, 1932 ~ Jun. 11, 2026

Allen L. Freeman, originally from St. Paul, Minnesota, passed away with his wife and children surrounding him, on June 11, 2026, at the age of 94. He was an extraordinary man: kind, caring, and generous to everyone he knew. He is survived by his loving wife, Toba, of 67 years; his children, Nancy (Jeff) Getzkin, Mark Freeman (Jennifer Gray), Sue Freeman (Neil Borenstein), and Barb (Todd) Striker; and his 12 grandchildren, Allie, Annie, Jacob (Samantha), Josh, David, Isabel, Adam, Ben, Eli, Sam, and Annabelle. He is also survived by sister-in-law, Lynn Abramson; along with many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Allen was preceded in death by his parents, Ben and Stella Freeman; brothers and sisters-in-law, Art and Margie and Earl and Gretta Freeman; mother and father-in-law, Ann and Judd Miller; and brother-in-law, Bernard Abramson.

Allen was born on January 21, 1932. He grew up in St. Paul and attended Central High School, later going on to the University of Minnesota, where he earned a bachelor's degree in business. Allen served in the United States Army from 1955 to 1957. Although he never saw combat, he survived a life-threatening experience when a cargo plane on which he was a passenger crashed into the ocean. Fortunately, he was unharmed—though he often joked that it was the last time he ever accepted free transportation on a cargo plane.

Allen met the love of his life, Toba, when they were both teenagers. They were married in April of 1959 and together raised four children: Nancy, Mark, Sue, and Barb. In 1964, Allen designed and built a beautiful family home in Mendota Heights, where he and Toba lived for nearly 60 years before relocating to Golden Valley, Minnesota.

An entrepreneur at heart, Allen devoted his career to the marine industry. Alongside his brothers, Art and Earl, he owned and operated Spartan Products, a boat trailer manufacturing company in West St. Paul. Together, they built a successful business and a legacy of hard work, integrity, and innovation—an accomplishment in which they took great pride. Widely respected throughout the industry for his expertise, leadership, and business acumen, Allen served in numerous leadership roles with the National Marine Manufacturers Association and was a trusted voice among his peers.

Allen was a devoted sports fan whose loyalty to Minnesota teams never wavered. As a longtime ticket holder for the Minnesota Twins, Vikings, and Gophers, he rarely missed an opportunity to cheer on his teams. Whether under the summer sun or in the bitter cold, Allen could be found in the stands, enthusiastically supporting the teams he loved.

An avid fisherman, Allen treasured time spent at the family cabin in Balsam Lake, Wisconsin—a place that brought him peace, laughter, and countless memories with those he loved most. Whether casting a line on the water, sharing

stories around the table, or simply enjoying the beauty of the Northwoods, the cabin was one of his happiest places. He and his wife also shared a love of travel, spending years exploring the world alongside their closest friends. Together, they embraced new cultures, visited remarkable destinations, and delighted in unforgettable meals.

Allen was also admired throughout the community for his philanthropy, generously giving both his time and resources to causes close to his heart. He served on numerous boards and committees, including as president of the Temple of Aaron, the St. Paul Jewish Federation, and Sholom, where he was involved with both the Alliance and the Foundation.

While Allen was a dedicated entrepreneur and philanthropist, family was always what mattered to him most. Nothing brought him greater joy than when the whole family was together...celebrating, laughing, and, of course, eating. At dinnertime, you could often find him at the grill or in the kitchen during breakfast making his famous hopple popple. Whether sunning in Florida, cruising the Caribbean, boating at Balsam Lake, or hanging out at the family home in Mendota Heights, time spent with family was what Allen cherished.

As a grandfather, he relished attending his grandchildren's games, musical recitals, and plays, finding joy in every opportunity to be with them. Just days ago, he attended his youngest grandchild's Bat Mitzvah where he was called to the Torah for an Aliyah and recited the prayers with confidence and perfection.

When Allen turned 70, the entire family was invited to the house for a celebration and a surprise. As the doors opened, he appeared dressed in a full Superman costume. The adults smiled, the children laughed, and Allen stood there grinning from ear to ear. His family will never forget that birthday—or the extraordinary man behind the costume. His compassion, integrity, strength, resilience, and optimism touched countless lives. For his family, and so many others who knew and loved him, he will always be remembered as a Super Man.

Our family is forever grateful to Allen's caregivers, Pat, Kojo, and Louise, whose compassionate care helped ensure he was safe, comfortable, and happy. Allen held each of them in the highest regard, and their kindness, companionship, and dedication enriched his life immeasurably in his final years.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 pm, MONDAY, June 15, 2026, at TEMPLE OF AARON, 616 South Mississippi River Blvd, St. Paul, MN 55116; also available on the Temple of Aaron YouTube page (www.hodroffs.com/AllenFreeman). Shiva will be held on Monday, June 15, at 7:00 pm, at The Laurel Apartments, 250 Turner's Crossroad South, Community Room, Golden Valley, MN 55416. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to the Freeman Family Fund at Sholom or Temple of Aaron.