October 6, 2009

IN MEMORIAM

David J. Allen, Indiana '57
May 3, 1935 - October 2, 2009

We are saddened to report the sudden passing of International President Brother David J. Allen. Dave died on Friday, October 2, 2009 at the Indiana University Hospital in Indianapolis of acute myeloid leukemia.

Brother Allen's funeral services will be held on Friday, October 9, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. central daylight time at Christ Lutheran Church, 7051 Indianapolis Boulevard, Hammond, Indiana. A calling is also scheduled at Burns-Kish Funeral Home, 8415 Calumet Avenue, Munster, Indiana from 3:00-7:00 p.m. central daylight time on Thursday, October 8, 2009.

Chances are that if you became an Acacian during the last 30 years, you have either met or know of Brother Allen. If you met Dave, you remembered him and he remembered you.

Since his undergraduate years at Indiana University, Dave had remained active in the affairs of the Fraternity, serving on the IU House Corporation Board and as Chapter Advisor. He has served the International Fraternity as Judge Advocate and was currently fulfilling his second term as International President.

As Judge Advocate, Dave served in four administrations and was the driving force in the re-codification of the Laws of Acacia. Elected president in 2002, Brother Allen commissioned a task force to create Acacia's Strategic Plan as a guiding document for the next decade. An outgrowth of the Strategic Plan is Acacia's new Membership Development Program, Cornerstones. He was a recipient of the Fraternity's George F. Patterson, Jr. award, the Acacia Award of Merit, and the Order of Pythagoras.

Survivors include his cousin, Maryann Johnstone, and Maryann's daughter and grandsons, Jennifer, Mitchell and Dean Jordan, of Bloomington, Illinois. Also surviving are his cousin Robert Allen, and Robert's children, Eric, Danny, Clifford and Robin.
Donations in memory of Brother Allen may be made to the Acacia Fraternity Foundation, 8777 Purdue Road, Suite 225, Indianapolis, Indiana 46268.

To read more about Brother Allen's remarkable life and accomplishments, and to share your own stories about Dave, please visit the memorial page on our website.