



Leonard Allan Lipsett

August 10, 1950 - January 6, 2020

Leonard Allan Lipsett, known to all as Allan, passed away on January 6, 2020, following heart complications. He was 69.

Allan spent his life in journalism and media, and, despite his strong presence, he never made himself the story. After getting his start in the newspaper world in Jonesboro, GA, he fulfilled his dream of owning a newspaper when he and his wife and partner in all things, Cathy, purchased the Southeast Georgian in Kingsland, GA, when he was only 26. Together, they grew that paper through a booming economic time for the region before selling the paper and setting out a new course in Marietta, GA.

In Marietta, Allan manned the metro editor's desk at the Marietta Daily Journal for many years before joining as press secretary for an up-and-coming politician in the minority party in Congress, Newt Gingrich. Allan handled the Georgia media for Congressman and later Speaker Gingrich from 1992-1998 before returning to work with his favorite business partner, Cathy, in growing their public relations firm, Lipsett & Associates. Since 2005, their partnership has included publishing the Brightside Newspapers in Smyrna/Vinings/Mableton/Austell. Since that time, Allan and Cathy have become deeply involved in the South Cobb community, winning Smyrna Business Persons of the Year in 2007. Also in 2007, he and Cathy were named Small Business Journalists of the Year from the Georgia Small Business Administration. In the Vinings community in 2013, they were named Business Members of the Year by the Vinings Business Association.

Allan modeled work-life balance, loving his work but also playing important roles in the community. A member of the First Presbyterian Church of Marietta since 1989, he has spent many years lending the church his tenor talent and has served as a Deacon. He was a long-time member of the Marietta Kiwanis Club and more recently of the Smyrna Golden K Kiwanis Club in Smyrna, where he served as president from 2010-2011. He also served on the board of The Extension.

Above all, Allan was committed to his family. He leaves behind a loving family: his devoted

wife of 47 years, Cathy; his younger sister Phyllis Lipsett; son Peter Lipsett and daughter Katie Long, and their respective and much loved spouses, Ann-Bailey Lipsett and Drew Long; and four granddaughters in whom he took so much delight - Peter's Lilly Bell and Harper and Katie's Addie and Caroline. To them, in his quiet way, he modeled compassion, hard work, empathy, commitment, respect, patience, and, above all, love. Their memories of his love will long outlast their grief.

Services to honor the life and legacy of Allan Lipsett will take place Thursday, January 9 at the First Presbyterian Church, Marietta, with visitation at 1 p.m. and service at 2 p.m. with a reception to follow.

Contributions can be made in loving memory of Allan to First Presbyterian Church, Marietta, Music Ministry or Gift Trust.

Events

JAN 9 Visitation 01:00PM - 02:00PM

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First Presbyterian Church
189 Church Street, Marietta, GA, US

JAN 9 Funeral Service 02:00PM

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JAN 9 A Reception will immediately follow the service.

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Comments



“ To Cathy, Peter and Katie,
I just heard this sad news. He taught me so much at The Southeast Georgian. He let me try my hand at anything I had a mind to do. I know he will be missed by many. Many prayers for you and your family.
Denese Proctor

Denese Proctor - June 17, 2020 at 02:04 PM



“ I just talked to Isaac yesterday and he told me the sad news. That makes three newspaper friends I've lost since September. I enjoyed working for Allan at the Signal and Forum and always admired his professionalism and calm demeanor. If he ever sweated anything or situation, I never saw it.

Jock Ellis - May 09, 2020 at 04:49 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss of Allan. In 1994 when I ran for Congress in the 5th district of Georgia I met Allan many times at political events. He was always a gentleman and always encouraged me in my tough political battle. I will always be thankful for his encouragement and his kindness. My prayers are with you, Cathy and your family.

Dale Dixon - January 18, 2020 at 05:23 PM



“ Cathy, I was saddened to hear of Allan's passing. You remain in my thoughts and prayers. Wishing you much peace and comfort during the difficult days ahead. -
Meral Clarke

Meral Clarke - January 17, 2020 at 11:42 PM



“ Cathy and family - I am so sorry for your loss. Allan was ever present in the business world of Austell, as well as all of Cobb County, and he will be missed. May all of your memories be a comfort to you in this time of sorrow.

Beverly Larsen - January 14, 2020 at 12:36 PM



“ Cathy, I was saddened to hear of Allan's sudden death. I was so very thankful for having your loving family as my next door neighbors while living in Marietta. I'm grateful to you both for introducing me to Newt and Bob Barr. Having known you, gave me greater insight into the Republican Party of which I'm still involved.

Know that you, Peter and Katie are in my prayers.

Friends in Faith and who share the same political views, Connie Holcombe

connie holcombe - January 13, 2020 at 11:15 AM



“ Cathy
I am deeply sorrow to hear about the passing of Alan. I want to send my heartfelt condolences to you and your family. He was such a wonderful presence in all that happened in Cobb County. He was such a great source of support and advice for me as President of the south Cobb Business Association as well as the golf tournaments I have run. He will be sorely missed by all of us in Cobb County who knew him. He exemplified all that good about the media in our society. He was always a consummate professional.



Richard Block - January 10, 2020 at 12:15 PM



“ I was so sorry to hear of his passing.
He was the sweetest man. Every time I saw him at ABA meetings he gave the best hugs
. Will miss him very much. He was a good friend to our City.

Laura Lee - January 14, 2020 at 12:50 PM



“ Cathy, Sue and I are so sorry for your loss. I enjoyed my time working with Allan when we worked for Newt Gingrich where we became good friends and had the pleasure of being involved in Congress during such an exciting period. Allan was dedicated to excellence in whatever he did and I was privileged also to witness how much he loved you and your children. Our prayer is that God will temper your sadness with His Grace and your broken heart with hope.

We love you,

Sue and Fred Aiken

Fred Aiken - January 09, 2020 at 08:31 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Leonard Allan Lipsett.



January 08, 2020 at 08:53 PM



“ Cathy,
Please know that my prayers are with you and your family. I so enjoyed sitting with you and Allan at the Avondale Reunion in 2018. I have always looked forward to your columns in The Bright Side. Allan was always so kind and the epitome of a southern gentleman. He will be missed by so many.
Elaine Stephens-Prather

Elaine Prather - January 08, 2020 at 07:25 PM



“ His work on earth was done and the Lord called him home to the most beautiful, peaceful place beyond anything the mind can imagine, no more pain, sorrow or any of earth's tribulations where he will wait for family, loved ones and friends. "Though a man die yet shall he live again if he believes in Me" (Words of Christ). I love you Cathy, my heart and prayers are with you. God's Grace is more than sufficient !!

Bill Shattles - January 08, 2020 at 06:52 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Leonard Allan Lipsett.



January 08, 2020 at 05:39 PM



“ Foster Norman and Cobb CSB Staff purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Leonard Allan Lipsett.



Foster Norman and Cobb CSB Staff - January 08, 2020 at 04:05 PM



“ Dear Cathy and Family,

We are so very saddened by the sudden passing of Allan. Throughout our 16 years in Smyrna, it seems we would always see Allan and Cathy at virtually every important event. You both were always so gracious to us and we have enjoyed our many conversations.

Please be assured of our love and prayers as you walk this most difficult journey without your precious Allan. May you each receive a special measure of God's presence, peace, strength and grace for each new day.

God bless you all.

Pastor Shell and Missy Osbon
Life Church Smyrna

Shell Osbon - January 08, 2020 at 04:03 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Leonard Allan Lipsett.



January 08, 2020 at 02:22 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Leonard Allan Lipsett.



January 08, 2020 at 02:06 PM



“ The Jonathan Lynn Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Leonard Allan Lipsett.



The Jonathan Lynn Family - January 08, 2020 at 12:36 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Leonard Allan Lipsett.



January 08, 2020 at 11:45 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Leonard Allan Lipsett.



January 08, 2020 at 11:43 AM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Leonard Allan Lipsett.



January 08, 2020 at 11:00 AM



“ Beautiful Whisper was purchased for the family of Leonard Allan Lipsett.



January 08, 2020 at 10:21 AM



“ I can see Allan now sitting across from me at the Warner Robins Sun. We were young and full of energy and we had a good time gathering the news. I am so glad we spent this time together.

Tom Madden, Taos, NM.

Tom Madden - January 08, 2020 at 09:44 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Leonard Allan Lipsett.



January 08, 2020 at 08:31 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Leonard Allan Lipsett.



January 08, 2020 at 08:10 AM



“ I enjoyed serving with Allan on Mission Council at FPC. He was always quiet during meetings, but when we needed someone to step up and get involved, there was Allan! He had a dear heart for others, and we will miss him sorely.

Martie Moore - January 07, 2020 at 09:52 PM



“ I met Allan years ago when he was working for Newt Gingrich. He was always kind and helpful to me then and even recently as a fellow publisher in Cobb County. Sending prayers to the Lipsett family.

Cynthia - January 08, 2020 at 02:34 PM



“ My condolences on the loss of Allan. I saw him at a business meeting last month where he greeted me warmly. He was a gentle giant. Your family is in my prayers.

Shelia - January 13, 2020 at 07:41 PM