

Idona Isolene Tolman Allen was born April 19, 1912 in Lava Hot Springs. She was the daughter of Joseph Holbrook & Mary Ellen Cahoon Tolman. She moved with her family that same year to the Inkom area.

As a child she enjoyed school. She was a good student and won most of the spelling bees. Whenever her father came for a visit she knew she would most likely not make it to school on time. Her father insisted on leading family prayer which could last up to an hour or more. Isolene & her sisters would sneak out one by one to go finish getting ready for school. They quickly learned at exactly what point they needed to be back & on their knees for the end of the prayer. Because he prayed so long should would have to run to school & most likely still be late; therefore, she would have to stay after to make up for her tardiness. She also loved being outdoors. She liked to roll up her sleeves and take off her hat, which was not proper because it would tan her skin, whenever she could.

In 1929 she was employed by Sheriff J.D. Jensen to cook for the prisoners in Bingham Co. and to care for the Jensen family. It was here that she met Erwin Alton Allen. Isolene & Win were married Friday Feb 13, 1931 in American Falls, ID. She always considered it as the luckiest day of her life. They had gone to American Falls to be married because they were told it was the most beautiful place in Idaho. The next morning when they woke they found the whole town under medical quarantine. They were later sealed in the Logan Temple on Oct 24, 1934.

Shortly after her marriage the Wapello ward held a get-together; here the people found out Isolene was a runner. She beat everyone hands down at foot racing. They kept her running trying to find someone to best her. After her 9th race and his 1st Sidney Call finally won. Even after her family came along she still beat everyone when it came to running.

In 1951 she was hired by Blackfoot School District as a cook for Wapello

Elementary. She enjoyed cooking and made it an art. She retired 26 years later in 1977. She also enjoyed gardening, fishing, & dancing. Isolene & Win were dance directors for the church's youth group for 10 years.

She was a member of the LDS Church, serving in various callings in R.S. Primary & Mutual either teaching or in their presidencies.

After the death of her husband she always spoke of her Wapello friends and how grateful she was for them.

She was proceeded in death by her husband, a daughter June Marie, 6 full brothers & sisters, 16 half brothers & sisters.

She is survived by 3 sons, Erwin L, Dean, and Kenneth, One daughter, Darlene Baird, One sister Lavaughn Fowler, 16 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

Whenever we lost you we'd look in the pea patch or in the raspberries and find you with your straw hat on or a coffee can tied around your waist. Shelling peas for weeks, at least it seems that long, bed bug jelly, sprinkle candy, getting to go to work with you, and eating hot rolls. Fresh raspberries -- bowls & bowls of them -- always fish down at Summit Creek -- never up. Peeling apples, more apples, buckets of apples, and still more apples, but letting us watch soap operas while peeling them. Laying by the heater when cold, huge cinnamon rolls with a cherry on top, stirring fudge in a spoon with a match. Fruit cake & cherry chocolates at christmas, your tiny sink -- just right for us kids, peepholes in the door being changed to your shorter height, gathering eggs in the hen house, shaking out piles and piles of rugs, climbing up the cherry tree with us to pick cherries, canning everything in sight, gooseberry pie, stuffed stomachs and leaving with food in your hands, cold cereal above the stove ready and waiting for us when we arrived to eat before bedtime, changing your curtains with each season, helping us mow the lawn. Doing laundry in the barn and getting to put the clothes through the ringer, walking the top fence rail out front to see who can go the

furthest before falling. Sitting on the porch watching the sunset -- Thanks
Grandma for the Memories.