

Mrs. Allen

5th Grade Teacher

I was born in Indianapolis, Indiana but moved to southern Illinois when I was very young. I grew up in southern Illinois (Edwardsville). There I gave my life to Christ at a young age, met my future husband (Brian) at age nine, and decided I wanted to be a teacher while in fourth grade.

My family moved back to Indianapolis my second year at Purdue University.

I transferred to the Indiana University/Purdue Indianapolis campus (IUPUI) 2nd semester sophomore year. I graduated in 1990 with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Education. My specialty in English, and I have a minor in French.

The day before I graduated, I attended Brian's graduation for his master's degree. I had not seen him in twelve years. We were married December 22, 1990, six months later.

I taught English and French at Morristown High School from 1990-1993. I left teaching shortly before starting a family.

I have four children. Charlotte (13), Caryn (11), Carissa (9), Charlton (5).

Due to Brian's ministry as a pastor, I have lived in Connecticut, Pennsylvania, California, Maryland, and Indiana.

We moved to Minooka, Illinois in late October when Brian accepted the Executive Director position at the Christian Youth Center in Joliet. We absolutely love it here, and we plan to make this our permanent home.

In May I became a new 5th grade teacher at Trinity thereby fulfilling a dream to one day teach upper elementary.

I love reading and writing. I am passionate about children knowing how loved and special they are to God and how He has an amazing purpose and plan for their lives.