

**Maryon
P. Allen,
Made a
Senator
by
Husband's
Death,
Dies at 92**

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Maryon Pittman Allen, who was appointed to fill her husband's seat in the United States Senate just days after his sudden death in 1978, died on Monday. She was 92 and was one of only two women ever to serve in that chamber from Alabama.

Her nephew Trip Pittman, an Alabama state senator, confirmed her death but did not say where she died. She lived in Birmingham, Ala.

Ms. Allen, who was 52 at the time, served in the Senate for five months, starting in June 1978, less than two weeks after her husband, Senator James B. Allen, a Democrat, died of a heart attack at 65.

Gov. George C. Wallace of Alabama appointed her to occupy the seat until a special election could be held to fill the remaining two years of her husband's term, his second in the Senate.

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