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Memorial Resolution **John “Jack” Kenneth Allyn** **July 26, 1942 - December 2, 2021**

John "Jack" Kenneth Allyn (age 79), an honorably retired member of our presbytery, passed away on December 2, 2021. Jack had been pastor of Lake Shore Presbyterian Church in Jacksonville from 1992 until 2003. He later served as a parish associate at First Presbyterian Church of Jacksonville. At the time of his death, Jack and his wife AnnaBelle resided at Florida Presbyterian Homes in Lakeland, Florida.

As summed up in his obituary, "Jack was a soldier, minister, and a born leader." He was born in Coral Gables and received his Bachelor of Arts in Commercial Art from the University of Miami. Jack was commissioned on September 11, 1965, as a Second Lieutenant, Field Artillery Branch in the U.S. Army. In April of the next year, he married AnnaBelle, who was “the girl next door” from his childhood.

In 1971 Jack left active duty to attend Princeton Theological Seminary, graduating with a Master of Divinity Degree. After ordination, he returned to active duty as a chaplain. He was a veteran of two tours in Vietnam as an artillery soldier and a tour in Operation Desert Shield/Storm where he served as the 2nd COSCOM Chaplain, training 62 Unit Ministry Teams serving 26,000 soldiers in Saudi Arabia.

In 1992, Jack retired from the Army and was called to serve as the pastor of Lake Shore Presbyterian Church. He cared deeply for the congregation and was known for his organizational skills and positive attitude. He also served on several presbytery committees and as its recording clerk. After his retirement, Jack and AnnaBelle lived for four years on their sailboat, fulfilling a dream that they had shared for a long time.

When he was received into membership in this presbytery to serve at Lake Shore, Jack wrote in his statement of faith, "my beliefs all derive from my encounter with the true and present word of God: Jesus, the Christ, Crucified Savior and Lord. So if you call me, you are calling one whose first commitment is to the truth, who is Jesus Christ. Everything else is just the joyful reaction of one whose life has been redeemed and who has to share the good news." His motto, which was printed in the church bulletins where he served, stated, "There are no strangers here, only friends we have not met yet."

Jack is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, AnnaBelle Minear Allyn; two daughters Rebecca (Clayton) Spencer, Laurabeth Allyn, and grandson Benjamin Spencer, all of Jacksonville, Illinois; and sister Joyce (Bob) Coleman of Georgetown, Texas.

We give thanks for Jack's life and ministry and lift our prayers for AnnaBelle and his family and all who shared his earthly life. We are inspired by his joy in living and are grateful for his example of following God's call to faithful discipleship. Now that Jack's baptism is completed in his death, we commend Jack to God's merciful care in the faith of Christ our Lord, who died and rose so that we may have life everlasting.

This resolution is written with thanks to God Almighty and shall be placed in the minutes of the 2022 Winter Stated Presbytery Meeting held on February 5, 2022.