

Cheryl M Fisher – Allen

Cheryl M Fisher –Allen was born in Providence on August 8, 1950. She was a graduate of Gilbert Stuart School, Central High School and Rhode Island College where she earned a bachelor of science in education. She taught in several Providence Schools, including E.W. Flynn Elementary, Dr. Martin Luther King Elementary, Nathaniel Greene Middle School, Gilbert Stuart School and Alfred E. Lima Elementary School. In 1991 she earned the Milken Family Foundation's National Educator Award. The Milken Award cited her innovative curriculum on conflict resolution and her involvement of the community in a celebrity reader program. With the \$25,000 grant that came with the Milken award she established the Charles J Fisher Jr. overall improvement award named for her father gave it out annually to a graduating elementary school student. The Milken Award was one of many accolades Cheryl Fisher –Allen received during her career. In 1985, she was cited by the Speaker of The House of Representatives for coordinating the program called "Children helping Children" a citywide fundraising campaign for victims of famine in Ethiopia. In 1988 she was proclaimed Teacher of the Year and was honored with a resolution from the City Council. Cheryl was part of the "Teaching Matters" roundtable, a year long project started in 1997 by the Providence Journal and Channel 10 to examine public education in Rhode Island. Her greatest pride was a play about the civil rights movement that her students produced in 1984, which was attended by Rosa Parks. Cheryl Fisher Allen was also a recipient of the John Hope Settlement House Paris Vaughn Sterret Award for outstanding leadership and service, the Central High School 1991 Alumnus of the Year Award and the 1995 PROBE Excellence and Education Award. She was a member of the Rhode Island State Ethics Commission, the Providence Teachers Union, the West End Community Center, and the Alfred Lima School Design Team for two way bilingual education. She leaves a daughter Che'La and her niece April Dennis and her two nephews Jason and Kori Dennis! Her husband Leonard Allen and her Sister Deborah Dennis have since passes away! She passed away on September 9, 1999.