“I was just doing something that I saw that needed to be done, not that I was trying to reach any special points or anything, but I think that when you see something that needs to be done, let’s not wait, let’s do what needs to be done.

Allensworth is the town that refused to die. We couldn’t let it die and there’s much more that needs to be done.

We are the ones that have been forgotten in the community but we have risen again.”

-Nettie Morrison

In honor of Nettie’s life, work, and dedication, her family carries on her legacy in Allensworth. Fighting for clean drinking water, coordinating youth education programs, running community organizations, chairing on the school board, creating a model for small-scale sustainable agriculture, and so much more! If you would like to contribute to Allensworth’s future and the work Nettie’s family continues to do please contact us at info@allensworthpa.org
Nettie Morrison was born on March 19, 1935 in Denison, Texas. In 1975 she and her husband owned and operated Nettie’s Bakery in Wasco. After moving to Allensworth in 1979, Nettie became an advocate for the Allensworth community.

Nettie was the founder of the Friends of Allensworth, served as Chairperson on the Allensworth Community Council, was a member of the Allensworth Community Services District, and established the Food Commodities Program for Allensworth to ensure that essentials are distributed to the community on a monthly basis. Nettie coordinated and organized hundreds of community and state park events, highlighting and celebrating the history and the future of Allensworth.

Nettie Morrison knew the history of Allensworth before relocating there and was a member of the Allensworth Study Panel that created the Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park.

“I love history,” she said. Initially, she served as a docent and helped organize a citizens’ effort to support the park. In time, though, she turned her attention to the town, “and I have been fighting ever since for one thing or another.”

Nettie Morrison also founded the Allensworth Christian Church and both lobbied and fundraised for its move from the State Park into the Allensworth Community.

“Every house has a kitchen where you get your food. I believe that every community has a table for their spiritual food.”

In 2007 when Nettie heard about plans to build two mega dairies next to Allensworth she sounded the alarm, calling friends and supporters throughout the state. Bus loads of supporters turned out to the Board of Supervisors meeting to voice their concerns about the negative impact that the dairies would have on Allensworth.

In the summer of 2007 the California Assembly voted to establish a 2.5 mile dairy-free zone around Col Allensworth State Historic Park.

Christened “Mayor of Allensworth” by community members and public officials her leadership was recognized in December 2011 by the Tulare County Board of Supervisors in a proclamation “honoring Nettie Morrison for 30 years of advocacy and dedicated leadership to the community of Allensworth.”