

# Charles J. Allen

## Chicago

- 1908 Charles J. Allen is born in Jackson, Mississippi (death certificate).
- 1925 Playing with the Hugh Smith band (Chadbourn).
- 1927 Playing with Doc Cook's Doctors of Synchronopation (Chadbourn).
- 1930 #3523 S. Calmut St, Chicago, dance hall musician (census).
- 1931-1934 Plays trumpet in the Earl Hines band (Chadbourn).
- 1935 Plays trumpet in the Duke Ellington band (Chadbourn).

1935 *International Musician* ad

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**3523 Calumet Avenue      Chicago, Ill.**

- 1937 Now back with the Hines band (Chadbourn).
- 1940 #3523 S. Calmut, night club musician (census).
- 1950s Charlie becomes a music educator and makes custom mouthpieces used by Cat Anderson, Louis Armstrong, Clark Terry, and others (Chadbourn & Dale Olson recollection).
- 1960s Charlie joins the administration of the Chicago Musicians' Union (Chadbourn).
- 1972 Charlie dies of a heart attack on November 19; still living at #3523 S. Calumet, Chicago (death cert.).

Mouthpieces existing are for cornet, trumpet & trombone and are called the diamond model for the pattern around the rim.

Most of the information here came from a biography by Eugene Chadbourne found on [www.allmusic.com](http://www.allmusic.com).

