



William Elias Adams

November 20, 1944 - August 7, 2012

Funeral service for William Elias Adams, age 67, of Decatur, will be Friday, August 10, 2012, 11:00 a.m. at Shelton Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Sherry Harris officiating. The family will receive friends on Thursday, August 9, 2012, from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Graveside service and interment will be Friday, August 10, 2012, 1:30 p.m., Winston Memorial Cemetery, Haleyville. Mr. Adams, who died Tuesday, August 7, 2012, at VA Medical Center in Birmingham, was born November 20, 1944, in Lawrenceburg, TN, to George W. Adams and Bessie Cotton Adams. He was a member of Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church. He is survived by his wife, Martha Bonds Adams of Decatur; two sons, Richard Adams (Angie) of Florence, and Wesley Adams (Jennifer) of Phenix City; two brothers, George W. Adams of Muncie, IN, and Sam Adams of Foley; one sister, Bernice Wakefield of Double Springs; three grandchildren, Kaleigh Adams, Caleb Adams, and Catie Adams; and a host of wonderful extended family. Pallbearers will be Carl Hunter, Kyle Hunter, Prentice Johnson, Kim Miller, Casey Bonds, and Morgan McVay. The family would like to express their most sincere gratitude and special thanks to the physicians, nurses, and support staff of the Safe Harbor Palliative Care Unit at the VA Medical Center for their genuine concern for them and for their compassionate care of Mr. Adams.

Tribute Wall

DS

“ Martha, Richard and Westley, I had the honor and great privilege to share an office with Bill for about 5 years before he retired. I learned so many things from him and appreciated his sense of humor and talent for taking care of business. I saw the joys of his grandchildren, and the pride of his sons. Martha, he so enjoyed the adventures that you and he shared on those weekend get-away trips. Those really kept him going and brought a smile back to his face after days on end of dealing with business. I would hear him on the otherside having conversations with vendors and I have to say that your husband, (and father) had the most integrity and honest policy in business affairs. I inadvertently learned more from Bill than I ever would have in a classroom. We were a mismatched pair for office mates, but I wouldn't change the experience we shared for anything at all. Having a wall between us, and two coffee pots in the back room, didn't change the fact that we were working toward the same goals. I quit the plant shortly after Bill retired over 5 years ago. I moved my family to Houston and just moved back home over the summer. I was hoping to run into him sometime, and remind him how much he meant to me, and how he influenced my life through the years. Sadly, I just learned of his passing, and will never get that chance meeting. I'm sure he knew, though. Please accept my sincerest condolences for your great loss. Bill was a great and honorable man and a spark of his memory will always remain for those who knew and loved him.



Dorothy Stephenson - October 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ Martha, Sorry to hear of you mate's death. Gloria and I are praying for you and your family during this time. Bob Prater Warm Springs, Georgia



Bob Prater - August 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Dear Martha and family, Sorry to hear of William's passing. The last time I saw him was at our last Winston Co. High School class reunion. Great guy! I know the days ahead will be difficult ones. Just know that the Lord will be there to comfort and meet your every need. Next year will be our 50th high school reunion. How sad to know that William will not be there. I know that sadness is multiplied a hundred fold in your daily lives. May the memories of a wonderful husband and Dad help you during those sad times. Remember--for us as Christians, we do not grieve as others because of the hope we have in Christ. God bless you. With love, classmate of " 63, Johnny Kilgore



johnny Kilgore - August 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Martha, Our prayers are with you and your family on your loss of your loved one.



John & Betty Hunter - August 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WT

“ Martha and family, I was so sad to hear about William. He was truly one of the good ones. I have many wonderful memories of all of us during high school. He will be greatly missed. You all are in my prayers. Love you.



Wanda Peak Thessen - August 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Martha, Wes & Richard, So sorry to hear about your Dad and husband. I have so many wonderful memories of all of you way back when you boys were in school. I got to know your Mom and Dad then. Such a wonderful family. Please know Wes my prayers are with all of you and may God be with you during this time of such sorrow. Becky Nell



Becky McCollum Fuller - August 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MI

“ Martha and Family: I was deeply saddened to learn of William's passing. He was along time school mate and friend. He was always saying something funny and fun to be around. He will be greatly missed by all that knew him. You will be in my thoughts and prayers for peace and comfort .



Martha Ann Williams, Irby - August 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ So sorry to hear of William's passing. I feel very fortunate having known him. I will never forget the last humorous thing I heard him say. A sense o humor like his is very rare.



Gary Overton - August 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM