



Mary Louise Adams

December 10, 1935 - August 8, 2020

Mary Louise Wethington Adams, Seymour, life-long learner and educator, devoted wife and mother, loving grandmother and caring friend to many, departed this life on August 8, 2020. Born December 10, 1935 in Dunnville, Kentucky she was the daughter of Walter C. and Stella Mae (Garrett) Wethington.

From an early age, Louise loved education and developed a lifelong love of reading. Mrs. Adams attended schools in Dunnville, KY; Cincinnati, OH; and North Salem, IN; where she graduated from high school in 1953. She attended Purdue University and graduated in 1957 with a Bachelor's Degree in Science and later received a Master's Degree in Education from IUPUC in 1980.

On the campus of Purdue, she met and fell in love with Carroll Boyd Adams, and they married on June 1, 1955. Louise and Boyd celebrated 50 years of marriage on June 1, 2005, with a family celebration, and had 52 ½ years together before his death in 2008. Louise and Boyd lovingly raised a family of 5 children, traveled the United States and the world, served their church and community faithfully and enjoyed the richness and laughter of 10 grandchildren, and 15 great grandchildren. They had a rich life filled with family and friends from college, church, and their neighborhood, and many adventures in travel. Louise was an excellent teacher, working in schools in Seymour, Crothersville and Brownstown. She taught general math, algebra, calculus and German, and it was a particular joy of hers to meet former students many years after she had retired. She was a long-time member of the First United Methodist Church, serving in many volunteer and leadership roles. She was also a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, the women teachers' honorary, and Kappa Kappa Kappa sorority. Louise had many hobbies, including reading, needlework, crossword puzzles, and watching the birds in her yard. It brought her great joy to spend time with her family, whether traveling to national parks and foreign countries or visiting in her own home and at annual family reunions. She encouraged and passed on her love of reading to her children and grandchildren.

Survivors include her five children: Sharon (David) Copley, Floyd's Knobs; Dr. Mary Beth Adams, Elkins, WV.; Lt. Col. (ret.) Kevin (Tracie) Adams, Amherst, NH; Tami (Ron) Wolownik, Cumming, GA; Mona (Mike) McClellan, Holland, MI; 10 grandchildren: Nastasya (Tim) Hnat Bartlett, TN; Jacob (Lydia) Copley, New Albany; Marissa Carroll

(Peter) Waters Floyds Knobs; Seth and Beka Adams, Amherst, NH; Derek (Crosby) Wolownik, Flowery Branch, GA; Samantha and Daniel Wolownik, Cumming, GA; Sam McClellan, Lafayette, IN; Mary Beth (Noah) Likkel, Grand Rapids, MI.; 15 great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren. Louise is also survived by her sister, Betty Weyls, Burlington, IA; and 3 brothers: James Wethington of Phoenix, AZ; Ray Wethington, Oxford, IN; and Jeff Wethington, Colorado Springs, CO.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, four sisters: Berniece, Madeline, Charlotte and Aline; two brothers: Walter (Junior) and Joseph Dillard (J.D.); and one great-grandchild: William.

A memorial service will be held at 1:30 PM, Saturday, September 5, 2020 at First United Methodist Church in Seymour with Pastor Rick Bell officiating. The service will be conducted in accordance with all appropriate COVID precautions and will be streamed as well for those unable to travel. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to the Jackson County Public Library, 303 W. 2nd Street, Seymour, IN 47274 or the First United Methodist Church of Seymour, 201 E. 3rd Street, Seymour, IN 47274. Please share memories at www.burkholderfuneralchapel.com. Arrangements entrusted to Burkholder Chapel of Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes, 419 N. Chestnut St., Seymour, IN 47274.

Events

SEP	Service	01:30PM
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	First United Methodist Church	
	201 E. 3rd St., Seymour, IN, US, 47274	

Comments



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Louise Adams.



September 02 at 08:56 PM



“ WVU, Division of Forestry and Natural Resources purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mary Louise Adams.



WVU, Division of Forestry and Natural Resources - August 31 at 10:11 AM



“ One of my earliest memories of my Mom, is sitting on her lap memorizing scripture for the Christmas play at church (First United Methodist Church). I am not sure how old I was, but I could not read at all yet, so pre-kindergarten? I just remember the feeling of how special it was to have Mom helping me say, “ Behold, there went out a decree....” over and over and over again. I felt loved, important and safe in her lap.



mona mcclellan - August 22 at 06:02 AM



“ Mona, I know you are going to miss your mother very much in the days ahead but I also know that you have profound faith that she is in heaven enjoying your dad's company. You have told me that you are so thankful she taught all of her children about Jesus. What a mother's privilege to teach about Jesus! Love you Mona, Colette Mills

Colette Mills - August 30 at 06:08 PM



“ Louise was a genuine, sincere friend. I'm grateful that we met each other at Purdue. You're in our thoughts and prayers. God bless every one of you dear ones. With love, Wilma "Willie Garrity" Binford and sons, Joe III and Jim

Wilma Binford - August 18 at 02:21 PM



“ I remember Mom talking of her friend "Willie" from her time at Purdue. Thank you
mona mcclellan - August 22 at 06:04 AM



“ You were such a great friend of Mom's -- a treasure, you and your family.
Mary Beth Adams - August 25 at 12:24 PM



“ Sharon,
Sorry to hear about your mom. I know how hard it is at any age to lose a parent. Thinking of you and your family, Joni

Joni Price - August 17 at 12:10 PM



“ What a beautiful tribute to your mom, Mary Beth. She has certainly left a legacy of love and dedication to life-long learning and appreciation of education, science, and nature that will live on though you and your family. With heartfelt sympathy, Therese Poland

Therese Poland - August 16 at 12:41 PM



“ Thank you -- Mom loved learning, its true.
Mary Beth Adams - August 25 at 12:25 PM



“ Sue and Marty Nilest purchased the Wildflower Seeds - Build A Memory Garden for the family of Mary Louise Adams.



Sue and Marty Nilest - August 13 at 09:42 AM



“ Sending Love and prayers to the Louise Adams Children and Grandchildren. So sorry but know she is in Heaven with that Beautiful smile she had.

Shirley LeGroux - August 12 at 02:39 PM



“ Thank you

mona mcclellan - August 22 at 06:07 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary Louise Adams.



August 12 at 12:37 PM



“ Dear Beth and Family,
Our deepest condolences to you all for the loss of your loved one. We hope you will find comfort in your memories and the love that you shared.
Sincere sympathy, The Mahoney's

Tina Hinrichs - August 12 at 09:25 AM



“ Linda Mcdonald lit a candle in memory of Mary Louise Adams



linda mcdonald - August 10 at 09:14 PM



“ Thank you

mona mcclellan - August 22 at 06:06 AM



“ Thank you

mona mcclellan - August 22 at 06:07 AM



“ Judi, Jim, Jan, and Jeff and families purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Mary Louise Adams.



Judi, Jim, Jan, and Jeff and families - August 10 at 04:12 PM



“ Anything for You was purchased for the family of Mary Louise Adams.



August 10 at 01:27 PM