



Barry Edward Adkins Sr.

August 20, 1945 - January 11, 2023

Barry Edward Adkins, Sr.

Barry Edward Adkins, Sr., the oldest of four children, was born on August 20, 1945, to the late Malchi Sr., and Iona Whitehead Adkins, of Charles City County, Virginia. He was raised near his paternal and maternal grandparents. He often spoke of the many memories he experienced with them, alongside his aunt, Connie, who was just two years older in age. Barry joined St. John Baptist Church at an early age and remained in fellowship all his life. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his son, Phillip D. Adkins.

After graduating from Ruthville High School in Charles City, Virginia, in 1963, Barry matriculated at Virginia Union University, receiving his Bachelor of Science degree in Biology in 1968. Upon graduation, Barry was drafted into the United States Army, serving a tour in Korea. He later earned his Master of Science in Education from Virginia State University.

Barry's entire career evolved around educating young minds through teaching and coaching. He was employed for seven years by Goochland County Public Schools and 25 years with Richmond Public Schools. In addition to his public school service, Barry was an integral part of the Virginia Union University Upward Bound Program for 32 years. For leisure, Barry enjoyed playing baseball and was a member of the Charles City Black Sox. Later in life, he

found the love of playing spades and spending quality time with his grandkids.

Barry, Sr., is survived by his devoted wife of 26 years, Barbara Adkins; his children: Barry Edward Adkins, Jr., Chanthony Whiting, Tashika Nixon-Williams (Timothy), and Carl L. Daniels; daughter-in-love, Jamila Flowers; grandchildren: TaVonya, Ashawnti, and Chase Whiting, Chandler Nixon, Cali Daniels, and Lutrell Williams; great-grandchildren: Charity and Amayah Ellis, who were the light of his life; siblings: Malchi, Jr., Byron Adkins, Sr. (Bernice), and Mona Adkins-Easley; nieces and nephews: Breshae Bedward (Corne!), Byron Adkins, Jr., (Nicole), and Kaci Easley (Justin Minor); great nieces and nephews: Brooklyn and Chase Bedward, and Byron, III and Bellamy Adkins; aunts and uncles: Phyllis Charity, Vivian Walker, Carolyn Whitehead, Connie Crawley, Langston Whitehead Sr., and Estella and Robert Leftenant; five sisters-in-law: Carolyn Stevenson (Lewis), Wanda Crawford (William), Jackie McIntosh, Cozetta Dunham, and Teresa Dunham; a host of cousins, extended family, and friends.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Memorial Service with live streaming

JAN 18. 2:30 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Tribute Wall



“ *March Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Barry Edward Adkins Sr.*



March Funeral Homes - January 17, 2023 at 05:09 PM

RC

“ *THANK YOU FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO UPWARD BIUND & HER STUDENTS!*

-REV. DR. CAROLYN CLARK, Former UB student



Rev. Dr. Carolyn Clark - January 18, 2023 at 10:31 PM

EW

“ *Evelyn Washington lit a candle in memory of Barry Edward Adkins Sr.*



Evelyn Washington - January 18, 2023 at 12:42 PM

CG

“ Cynthia Graham-Aaron lit a candle in memory of Barry Edward Adkins Sr.



Cynthia Graham-Aaron - January 18, 2023 at 07:59 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Barry Edward Adkins Sr..



January 18, 2023 at 06:27 AM

YC

“ To The Family of Mr. Barry Adkins,

I was saddened to hear of the passing of our Teacher/Mentor Mr. Barry Adkins.

He taught me when I was in the VUU/Upward Bound Program 74-77. All of the lessons he taught me will be with me always!

Death cannot take away a person, so he will always remain alive in our hearts. All my grave condolences are with you.

Sincerely,

Yolanda L. Coleman



Yolanda L Coleman - January 17, 2023 at 10:09 PM

SM

“ Sending condolences to the family of Barry Adkins Sr.. I felt your impact at Open High School(class of 97) as well as the Upward Bound Program at VUU. Your humor and facts of life will live on in memories of all the students he taught. My favorite was K.I.S.S- Keep it simple stupid 😊



Sindi Morton - January 17, 2023 at 06:52 PM

TS

“ The Open High School Staff purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Barry Edward Adkins Sr..



The Open High School Staff - January 17, 2023 at 06:04 PM

CW

“ On behalf of the VUU Upward Bound Alumni Association, sincere condolences to the Adkins family. Mr. Adkins was a tremendous teacher who provided valuable guidance to the students of the Upward Bound program. May he rest in peace.

Clarence Wilson - January 17, 2023 at 02:04 PM

LW

“ Linda Charity Washington lit a candle in memory of Barry Edward Adkins Sr.



Linda Charity Washington - January 17, 2023 at 09:58 AM



“ Katy Romig lit a candle in memory of Barry Edward Adkins Sr.



Katy Romig - January 17, 2023 at 06:38 AM



“ Elwin Black lit a candle in memory of Barry Edward Adkins Sr.



Elwin Black - January 16, 2023 at 05:41 PM



“ Rosette Byrd Turner lit a candle in memory of Barry Edward Adkins Sr.



Rosette Byrd Turner - January 16, 2023 at 03:05 PM



“ Janet & Nealy Crawley lit a candle in memory of Barry Edward Adkins Sr.



Janet & Nealy Crawley - January 16, 2023 at 01:43 PM

LH

“ *Lisa And Holly lit a candle in memory of Barry Edward Adkins Sr.*



Lisa and Holly - January 16, 2023 at 12:40 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Barry Edward Adkins Sr..*



January 16, 2023 at 08:30 AM



“ *You will always be remembered as a generous and loving person with an enormous heart and sense of humor. We love you, Barry.*

Brigette Newberry - January 16, 2023 at 08:28 AM

BH

“ *Brigette and Larry- Open High purchased the Fier y Lily and Rose for the family of Barry Edward Adkins Sr..*



Brigette and Larry- Open High - January 16, 2023 at 08:25 AM

LJ

“ *Lisa M Jones lit a candle in memory of Barry Edward Adkins Sr.*



Lisa M Jones - January 15, 2023 at 11:13 PM

KA

“ *You will be missed Barry thank you for teaching at Open High sir*

Keith Ashley - January 15, 2023 at 10:04 PM

NH

“ *We love and will miss you so much*



Nicole Holmes - January 15, 2023 at 04:35 PM

RC

“ *Rev Sheila Crump lit a candle in memory of Barry Edward Adkins Sr.*



rev sheila crump - January 15, 2023 at 11:32 AM



“ Evelyn Temple-Giebel lit a candle in memory of Barry Edward Adkins Sr.



Evelyn Temple-Giebel - January 15, 2023 at 09:30 AM

MC

“ Condolences sent to the family on the loss of your loved one.

Marilyn Crump - January 14, 2023 at 12:48 PM

DJ

Our sincere condolences to Barbara & all family. Keeping all in prayer.
Lem & Denise

Denise Johnson - January 14, 2023 at 04:29 PM

SC

“ Our Condolences to the family and if there is anything we can do let us know. 🌸

Troy and Tammy Crawley

Saunders Crawley - January 14, 2023 at 09:34 AM

EC

“ To the Family we are so sorry for your loss and we are sending our prayers and condolences to you. May you find peace in knowing God is still in charge and with him there is no more pain and suffering. Please continue to keep the good memories you shared sending our love to you all. Eugene and Judy



Eugene and Judy Crump - January 13, 2023 at 11:31 AM

JJ

May God continue to give you peace and understanding. He will not leave you nor forsake you!

Julian and Julie Jones ❤️🙏🦋

Julie Jones - January 17, 2023 at 09:52 AM

WB

“ *Extending our deepest sympathies and prayers to the family! Praying God gives you peace that surpasses all understanding during this trying time. May precious memories keep him forever in your hearts.*



Warren and JoAnne Bell - January 13, 2023 at 11:10 AM

AJ

May the Lord continue to bless the Adkins family in the moment of bereavement much love your cousin Jimmy Brown (chops) ❤️❤️❤️🙏



Arthur James Brown Jr. - January 15, 2023 at 12:20 PM

VG

To the Adkins Family, Lonnie and I send our deepest condolences to you on the loss of your loved one.

Veora Glenn - January 16, 2023 at 11:38 PM



“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

March Funeral Homes - January 13, 2023 at 11:02 AM

LW

Barry will be missed very much by the Charity Family. My Mom always looked forward to seeing him each Christmas or Christmas Eve. I last remember seeing him after Church many months ago and was looking well and expressing thanks to all for prayers. Rest in Peace Cuz, in the Loving Arms of God. Sending our Love and condolences to the entire Adkins Family. Cousin Linda and the Charity Family

Linda Charity Washington - January 17, 2023 at 09:57 AM