



Harold W. Adams

July 2, 1942 - January 13, 2021

HAROLD WENDELL ADAMS was born in Baltimore Maryland, on July 2, 1942, to the late William S. Adams Sr, and the late Mary Emma Cornish Adams. He was the fifth and final addition to the Adams children and was regarded with fondness and care by his three sisters, Gloria, Clara and Erma, and his brother William, Jr. Harold departed this life peacefully on January 13, 2021 to be with his Lord and Savior, with his beloved wife by his side.

Harold received his early education in Baltimore City Public Schools. Upon graduating from Dunbar High School, he attended Morgan State University, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Music Education.

As Harold established his music career, he also achieved a distinguished, decades-long, tenure in social work, Working for the Maryland Department of Mental Health and Hygiene, and later in private industry, he served as a fervent advocate for humane treatment of individuals with developmental disabilities.

During that time, Harold also met and fell in love with the woman whom he would spend the rest of his life with, Amy L. Jenkins. After a couple of fated sightings at a nightclub, the two were introduced and later became regulars on Baltimore's jazz club scene- Harold on stage and Amy Chatting it up close by!

The inseparable duo married in 1977 and, altogether, celebrated a total of 50 vivacious years in love.

Harold and Amy were blessed with three sons from previous unions and a total of twelve grandchildren who each brought pure joy to Harold's life. He was lovingly referred to as Pop-Pop, as he thoughtfully developed a relationship with each grandchild

Harold was always willing to do whatever it took to ensure their happiness and wellbeing-even seemingly trivial things like going to the grocery store in the pouring rain, so his granddaughters could enjoy their hamburgers "with cheese" .

Of all his accomplishments, Harold is perhaps most well-known for his larger-than life stature and talent on stage as a tenor and soprano jazz saxophonist. He played in numerous bands and ensembles throughout the region for well over 50 years- most notably with Moon August during the last quarter of his career. Harold understood the profound influence of music and played for crowds of all ages; from elementary school students to seniors in assisted living; at venues as relaxed as Caton Castle, and as grand as the U.S Embassy in Japan. He showed the same reverence for every performance, Harold enriched the musical landscape and his legacy will live on for generations to come.

Harold leaves to cherish his memory; his devoted wife Amy Jenkins Adams; his father-in-law, Bruce Jenkins Sr., three sons, Keith L. Tyler, Steven B. Adams, and Robert D. Jenkins; one sister, Gloria Adams Jones; two brothers-in-law, Marshall W. Jones, and Bruce Jenkins, Jr; three sisters-in-law, Betty Adams, Joyce Jenkins and Elena Jenkins, twelve grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, and other beloved relatives and

friends.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Cemetery

2130 Woodlawn Drive
Baltimore, MD 21207

Previous Events

viewing

JAN 21. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home - East
1101 E. North Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21202

Wake

JAN 22. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Harold W. Adams, Please Click the Link below.*



March Funeral Homes - January 20, 2021 at 09:02 AM



“ *Harold W. Adams*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *I'm just hearing about this--i was a big fan of Harold, loved his playing with Moon August, 1980- '85 when i lived in Baltimore and a really nice guy. So sorry I didn't get to see him again since then. My most sincere condolences to his family and loved ones.*
Keith Brooks

Keith Brooks - February 18, 2021 at 10:12 PM



“ *Edna Mack lit a candle in memory of Harold W. Adams*



Edna Mack - January 22, 2021 at 10:32 PM

SA

Thank you

Steven Adams - January 24, 2021 at 06:59 AM

RS

“ *Rae Smith lit a candle in memory of Harold W. Adams*



Rae Smith - January 22, 2021 at 10:31 PM

RS

My prayers & thoughts are with your family during this time.

Rae Smith - January 22, 2021 at 10:33 PM

SA

Thank you

Steven Adams - January 24, 2021 at 06:59 AM

DJ

“ *To Amy and family, please know that you are in our prayers. May the Lord grant strength and peace over your lives as you go through this difficult time. We love you!*

Robbie & Cakey

Donna L Johnson - January 22, 2021 at 09:45 PM

LI

“ *To Amy and the Adams Family, My deepest condolences but you and Harold will always be in a special place in my heart together.*
Leslie Imes

Leslie Imes - January 22, 2021 at 11:52 AM

DH

“ *The Hawkins family gives their deepest condolences and prayers at this difficult time. May God Bless you Dallas Hawkins and family.*

Derica Hawkins - January 22, 2021 at 11:28 AM

DH

“ *Derica Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Harold W. Adams*



Derica Hawkins - January 22, 2021 at 11:22 AM

DR

“ *Dr. T. Joan Robinson wish to express my condolences to the family. May he Rest In Peace.*

Dr. T. Joan Robinson - January 22, 2021 at 11:12 AM

DS

“ *A true musician and Morgan State University and Baltimore Ravens fan, Harold was a person easy to love. Constantly giving and sharing, cooking and making sure everybody stays comfortable, he was just a caring people person.. Miss you Harold. Rest in peace my brother.*



Diane Smith - January 22, 2021 at 09:07 AM

DA

“ *May God Bless Amy & the Adam's family. Harold made everyone around him feel special. I enjoy his outstanding musical talent but most importantly his smile. His memories will live on through the many people he touched. From Ms. Peggy, Darcel & the Estep Family.*



Darcel - January 22, 2021 at 02:02 AM

DC

“ *My deepest condolences to The Adams family Harold will be truly missed he was a wonderful neighbor always so kind much love to the Heavenly skies to Harold* 💕



Denise Coles - January 21, 2021 at 10:38 PM

GN

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family, Rosewood family, friends and loved ones during this most difficult time. RIP dear friend and thank you for your kindness, care, dedication and compassion shown to those at Rosewood, we so appreciated all that you did for us during your/our tenure there. Gone but never forgotten* ❤️💕🙏🤝👤 *Gretchen Norris-Robinson*



Gretchen Norris-Robinson - January 21, 2021 at 01:09 PM

DB

“ DR. AND MRS. Guy Bragg purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Harold W. Adams.



DR. AND MRS. Guy Bragg - January 21, 2021 at 11:47 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Harold W. Adams.



January 20, 2021 at 02:32 PM

PD

“ In our times of deepest need, the tenderness and grace of Christ is a refuge like no other. He alone understands our sorrows and draws near love to wipe away our tears. Praying that his comfort and assurance will give you peace in your time of loss.



Patricia Dixon - January 17, 2021 at 04:24 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 15, 2021 at 10:19 AM