



## Jean W. Adkins

January 27, 1951 - May 16, 2024

### Life's Legacy

Jean W. Adkins, a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, coach, and mentor, was born on January 24, 1951, in Richmond, VA, to the late Fred and Dr. Rosella Wooldridge. Her educational and athletic journey began at Henrico County Public Schools and continued to her matriculation at Virginia Commonwealth and Virginia Union Universities. At a young age, Jean became a dedicated member of the Church of God Tabernacle of Christ. Later in life, she embraced membership at Temple Beth Sheen.

In 1971, Jean married Carl Adkins. Theirs was an infectious love that touched and moved any and everyone honored to be in their presence. Jean and Carl were companions, partners-in-crime, confidantes, and the loves of each other's lives. They were blessed with more than 50 years of marriage and friendship.

Known affectionately as 'Coach Adkins,' Jean coached basketball from 1987 until 2011; she also coached volleyball and softball, all at Henrico High School. Jean's passion for youth and their development was evident in her tireless work with the Blue Angels basketball program. Through tutoring, scholarships, summer camps, and various academic and recreational activities, Jean provided disadvantaged youth with the mentorship and

attention they so desperately needed. Her commitment to the community extended beyond sports; she was a passionate activist and community leader, dedicating her life to giving unselfishly to others.

Jean's professional career spanned more than 35 years at Verizon (formerly C&P Telephone Company), where she retired after a long and distinguished tenure.

Jean W. Adkins was called home to be with our Lord on May 16, 2024, in Richmond, VA. Jean was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Fred Wooldridge, Jr., with whom she was close until his death on February 6, 2024. Jean leaves to cherish her memory her loving husband, Carl Adkins; their three daughters: Tracey Adkins of Fort Wayne, IN; Chantel Day (Dr. Pepper Day) of Port Orange, FL; and Kartera Adkins; grandsons: Kelonjee, Jaelen, Ty'Ron, and Jordan Adkins; granddaughters: Autumn Adkins-Sapp and Sage Day; great-grandson, Kyrie Adkins; and her siblings, L'Retta McCullough and Dr. Vernon Wooldridge. Additionally, Jean will be remembered fondly by her best friends, Johnna Jackson and Gwen Gordon; godchildren: Natasha Starks and Supreme Richardson; and a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins, other family members, and friends.

To know Jean was to love her. She had a big, beautiful personality that matched her big, beautiful heart. Jean loved her family, cherishing her grandchildren above all as her most precious treasures. Jean's memory will forever remain in the hearts of those who were fortunate enough to know her. Her unwavering dedication to her family, her community, and her faith will continue to inspire all who were touched by her remarkable life.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Cemetery

4000 Pilots Lane  
Richmond, VA 23222

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **24.** 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

## Family Hour

MAY **24.** 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

## Celebration of life with live streaming

MAY **25.** 9:00 AM (ET)

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



# Tribute Wall



“ *March Funeral Homes created a To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Jean W. Adkins, Please Click the Link below. in memory of Jean W. Adkins*



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**March Funeral Homes** - May 20, 2024 at 10:52 AM

HT

*Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted. Matthew 5:4*

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**Hazel B Talbert** - May 22, 2024 at 12:05 PM

LW

“ *Carl Adkins and Family my deepest sympathies on your loss!!*



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**Leslie D. Waller** - June 04, 2024 at 06:53 AM

RB

“ *Carl and family*

*We are very saddened of Jean's passing from us here on earth. She's with her Heavenly Father and family and hopefully you will hold on to that reassurance she's in an excellent place.*

*Kevin and I cherish the fond memories of both of you from 53 years ago when we met. Carl you always supported Jean in her ever energetic ways of playing basketball with all the guys at our apartment complex during those years. Jean was always straight forward and that's a gift we admired.*

*We feel your pain and we pray God will give all of the family peace and comfort in the times to come.*

*Christian Sympathy*

*Kevin, Rita Bonner & Family*



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**Rita Bonner** - May 26, 2024 at 12:56 PM

CS

“ *Chris Steward lit a candle in memory of Jean W. Adkins*



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**Chris Steward** - May 25, 2024 at 10:24 AM

CS

“ *My deepest condolences go out to my basketball family! Thanks Coach Adkins for the life lessons. Will miss you, Cassandra Scarborough*



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**Cassandra Scarborough** - May 24, 2024 at 09:48 PM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Jean W. Adkins.*



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May 24, 2024 at 11:54 AM

TF

“ *The Tucker & Llenarez Families purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Jean W. Adkins.*



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**The Tucker & Llenarez Families** - May 24, 2024 at 08:48 AM

CA

“ *Coach B. Andra Slaughter, Girl's AAU purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Jean W. Adkins.*



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**Coach B. Andra Slaughter, Girl's AAU** - May 23, 2024 at 11:55 AM

TF

“ *The Harriet and Ben Cowins Family purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Jean W. Adkins.*



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**The Harriet and Ben Cowins Family** - May 23, 2024 at 11:22 AM

RL

“ *The entire family has my sincere condolences for your loss...God has not forgotten any of you nor will He leave you, hold on to Him!*  
*Rev. Vicki Lightfoot*

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**Rev. Vicki Lightfoot** - May 23, 2024 at 04:54 AM

PC

“ *I am praying for you and your family*

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**Pam Rose Castelle** - May 22, 2024 at 06:06 PM

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**Pam RoseCastelle** - May 22, 2024 at 06:07 PM

TJ

“ Jackson Family So Sorry for your loss Prayers to You and Family

Tonya Jackson - May 21, 2024 at 10:53 PM

HT

Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Hazel B Talbert - May 23, 2024 at 03:44 PM

HT

I worked with Jean Adkins husband at GRTC Transit Company.

Hazel B Talbert - May 23, 2024 at 03:45 PM

FF

“ From the King Family (AAU Family). planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jean W. Adkins.

From the King Family (AAU Family). - May 21, 2024 at 01:16 PM

FF

“ From the King Family (AAU Family). purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Jean W. Adkins.



From the King Family (AAU Family). - May 21, 2024 at 01:16 PM

DI

“ *Daytona Beach Area Chapter of JJOA, Inc. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Jean W. Adkins.*



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**Daytona Beach Area Chapter of JJOA, Inc.** - May 21, 2024 at 11:49 AM

WI

“ *Will & Sundria Ridgley & Wilbert III purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jean W. Adkins.*



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**Will & Sundria Ridgley & Wilbert III** - May 19, 2024 at 09:08 PM

SJ

“ *Shireda, Rod, Ra'Nae, Kristina & Jaidyn purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Jean W. Adkins.*



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**Shireda, Rod, Ra'Nae, Kristina & Jaidyn** - May 18, 2024 at 01:04 AM



“ 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.

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**March Funeral Homes** - May 17, 2024 at 04:24 PM