



Dr. Jerry Kenneth Adams

December 3, 1943 - August 9, 2020

Dr. Jerry Kenneth Adams, age 76, of Cleveland, TN, overcame Parkinson's through the power of his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He transitioned to heaven to be with his Creator on Sunday, August 9, 2020 from his home in Cleveland. Jerry was born in Sapulpa, OK, to James Edmond and Mary Kidd Adams on December 3, 1943. He married Margaret Evelyn Clay on August 14, 1965 in Broken Arrow, OK. During his 49-year teaching career, he was an educator at the high school level as well as at Tomlinson College and also at Lee University where he retired in May 2015.

Jerry was preceded in death by his father, Edmond, his mother, Mary, his brothers Jesse Adams and Eugene Adams, and his sister Evanelle Fox.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Evelyn, and their 55th wedding anniversary is on Friday. He is also survived by his children Michelle Lynn (David) Corley of Monterey, TN, Jason Kenneth Adams of Athens, TN and Melissa Danielle (Joshua) Dasher of Cleveland, TN. His sisters, Helen Brady of New Matamores, OH, Faye Clark of Deerfield, MI, and brother Daniel Adams of Burbank, CA. He has five grandchildren that he deeply adored; Christy Corley, Seaton Dasher, Andi Corley, Connor Dasher and Katelyn Dasher.

Pallbearers will be Seaton Dasher, Connor Dasher, David Taylor, Jerry Nunnery, Jim Clark, and Alan Fox. Honorary pallbearers will be Jason Dasher, Perry Horner, Pete Tolbert, and Henry Wyatt, Sr.

Visitation will be Thursday, August 13, 2020 at Keith Street Ministries in Cleveland, TN, from 4:00-6:00 pm and a Celebration of Life service will follow at 6 pm with Chaplain Ed Dowdell George officiating. The interment will immediately follow at Union Grove COGOP Cemetery (533 Union Grove Rd, Charleston, TN). In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Keith Street Ministries for the grandchildren's mission trips to Peru.

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Jim Rush Funeral Homes - August 12, 2020 at 04:46 PM



“ Beautiful !! Thank you for sharing with us !!

Helen Brady - August 13, 2020 at 03:18 PM



“ I first met Bro. Adams in 8/1972 while attending Tomlinson College. He was an integral person in continuing to interest me in the sciences and math studies. I remember so fondly his prayer for us before exams-"Lord please bring to remembrance those things we have diligently studied in preparation"--meant he felt study was important. I prayed that pray before each exam for the next several years in college and professional training. He was a hard working guy--working at night at a freight company and then teaching the following day. He made it fun and wasn't afraid to say-" I don't know." His smile was infectious to say the least. When we last visited I thanked him for his influence on me in very formative years at TC. Peace my dear friend and mentor--God's full rest and healing is now complete. Blessings to Evelyn and the family. Al Wessel, Jr. MD-class of 1974 TC

Al Wessel, Jr - August 16, 2020 at 08:32 PM



“ The Family Of Blake Jenkins purchased the In Memory - Angel Figurine, 9 in for the family of Dr. Jerry Kenneth Adams.



The Family Of Blake Jenkins - August 12, 2020 at 11:17 PM



“ Our sincerest condolences to Jerry's family. So many fond memories of our time in Cleveland while at Tomlinson College. He was a superb teacher and administrator and had the respect of all whom he mentored--with great Christian love. Rest in peace my friend. Joe & Birgit Crews

Joseph Crews - August 12, 2020 at 08:23 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Jerry Kenneth Adams.



August 12, 2020 at 07:12 PM



“ 81 files added to the album LifeTributes



Jim Rush Funeral Homes - August 12, 2020 at 04:37 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Jerry Kenneth Adams.



August 12, 2020 at 03:01 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy to Evelyn and family. Jerry was a gentleman and such a fine example of Christ. Prayers for you all--from the Haire Family

Linda Haire - August 12, 2020 at 03:00 PM



“ Thoughts & Prayers was purchased for the family of Dr. Jerry Kenneth Adams.



August 12, 2020 at 02:44 PM



“ Grace Fox lit a candle in memory of Dr. Jerry Kenneth Adams



Grace Fox - August 12, 2020 at 02:36 PM



“ I believe I met Jerry in Tennessee youth camps when I was in my mid teens. I really got to know him better when I attended Tomlinson college in 1975. While I was there he showed me what being a man of God was all about. Loving God, loving people and loving your family with reckless abandon. I have not seen these things growing up and he impressed me so much with his knowledge, wisdom and love. He has been a friend since then and I always know if I ever needed him he was there. I'm thankful for the influence of Jerry K Adams had on my life. He was a man I can truly say helped make me who I am today. I look forward to seeing you again soon Jerry!

mike pugh - August 12, 2020 at 02:28 PM



“ Uncle Jerry was such an amazing man. I have been thinking a lot about him these past few days. My mom has been talking about him getting to be an astronaut on his way to heaven. I am sure that was an incredible sight for him to see on Sunday.

I know it hurts that he is gone, but everyone can take comfort that Uncle Jerry is now is healed and is at peace in heaven. His mind is back and Parkinson's is gone.

I remember in 2005 - I came down to Tennessee for Thanksgiving. Uncle Jerry and I spent hours that holiday doing research on what new HD TV to buy. I ended up getting a JVC from Best Buy when I got back to St. Louis. That JVC is still up and running today in our bedroom. When I look at the TV now, I think back to that Thanksgiving and how much fun we had doing research on HD TVs.

We wish we could be with you at this time, but we will have to just send our thoughts and prayers to you instead because of the pandemic.

We love you all!

Terry Pieper and Family (Angie, Rachel, and Laura)

Terry Pieper - August 12, 2020 at 02:16 PM