



## Mark Joseph Adams

October 25, 1982 - May 18, 2025

In Loving Memory of Mark Joseph Adams

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Mark Joseph Adams was born on October 25, 1982, in Miami, Florida, to his devoted parents, Mark and Martha Adams. From an early age, it was clear that Mark possessed a brilliant mind, a kind heart, and a deep love of learning.

He attended the School for Advanced Studies (SAS) in Kendall, one of Florida's and the nation's most prestigious public high schools, known for allowing students to take college courses while still in high school. Mark embraced this opportunity fully, ultimately completing more than 310 college credit hours—a testament to his intellectual curiosity and wide-ranging interests. He earned his degree from Florida International University in Liberal Studies, focusing on subjects including science, mathematics, engineering, English, history, philosophy, art, and computer science. Mark's education reflected his desire to be a true Renaissance man.

Creative and forward-thinking, Mark once designed a shark logo for FIU that was selected as the winner of a university design competition. Though the logo was ultimately not adopted due to copyright considerations, FIU honored his work and recognized his contribution with gratitude and respect.

Mark's talents led him to work at NASA, where he contributed his skills and knowledge at several of the agency's major locations: Houston, Huntsville, and Cape Canaveral. His time with NASA reflected both his scientific acumen and his passion for exploration and innovation.

Mark also worked with Dr. Gustavo Roig, who is a professor in the biophysics program at Florida International University (FIU) for 4 years.

After his time in Miami, Mark moved to Palm Coast, where he found peace in simple pleasures—especially parking by the beach and reflecting while listening to the word of God. He had a deep and personal relationship with his faith, often taking time to pray and meditate near the ocean.

Mark was a passionate educator who dedicated his life to teaching and inspiring young minds. He taught at St. Brendan High School, Saint James, various Miami public schools, and later at the Jail, Belle Terre Elementary, and Mill Creek Academy. His teaching style combined academic rigor with creativity—incorporating art, history, and practical life skills into his lessons. He taught students from kindergarten through sixth grade how to type, problem-solve, and think outside the box.

Mark also volunteered his time to chaperone educational trips to Washington, D.C., with Florida International University. He guided underprivileged children through the Smithsonian museums, the National Gallery of Art, and even the U.S. House of Representatives, enriching their understanding of science, history, and civic life.

A man of many passions, Mark loved painting, drawing, reading extensively—especially about science and innovation—and playing video games. He was an avid SEGA fan and even won a national SEGA Dreamcast Tournament, generously sharing a portion of his prize with his grandfather. (<https://www.ign>.

com/articles/2000/02/08/sega-dreamcast-championships-the-full-report)

Mark cherished time with his family and especially enjoyed bonding with his beloved dog Samuel, named after the prophet. He had a profound ability to connect with people, offering love, empathy, and unwavering support to those in need. Every child he taught held a special place in his heart.

Despite severe allergies, Mark had a deep affection for animals and an unshakable spirit of kindness and compassion. He was a truly special soul—creative, brilliant, generous, and deeply loved by all who knew him.

Mark is survived by his loving parents, Mark and Martha Adams, and his beloved brother, Michael Adams.

A visitation will be held in Mark's honor at St. Johns Family Funeral Home on Wednesday, May 28, 2025, from 5-7 PM. The graveside service will take place the following day, Thursday, May 29, 2025, at 10:00 AM, at Craig Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mark Joseph Adams leaves behind a legacy of love, learning, and light. He will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

# Cemetery Details

## Craig Memorial Park

2600 Old Moultrie Rd  
St Augustine, FL 32086

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 28.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

St. Johns Family Funeral Home  
385 SR 207  
St. Augustine, FL 32084  
(904) 824-1625  
<https://www.stjohnsfamilyfuneralhome.com>

## Graveside Service

**MAY 29.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Craig Memorial Park  
2600 Old Moultrie Rd  
St Augustine, FL 32086

# Tribute Wall

**MA** “ *He was mean* ”  
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**max** - February 09 at 03:07 PM

**ER** *youre rude*  
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**eric** - April 20 at 11:25 AM

**GO** 🙄✌️ *damn bro*  
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**googoo** - April 20 at 11:27 AM

**GO** *sorry for anyone who was his family. fly high. mister adams!*  
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**googoo** - April 20 at 11:28 AM

**MK** *he was a dum dum*  
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**mke** - April 20 at 11:29 AM

DF

“It is an honor and a privilege to have known Mark; He was more than just a coworker—he was a friend. Mark had one of the most generous hearts I’ve ever known. He gave freely—not just his time and his energy—but his curiosity, his kindness, and his unwavering belief in the power of learning.

Mark served as the STEM teacher, but his contributions went far beyond the classroom. He possessed a brilliant mind, with a rare aptitude for both science and mathematics, and an even rarer gift: the ability to share that knowledge with humility, enthusiasm, and generosity. His passion for learning was infectious, and his students thrived under his guidance—not only because of what he taught, but because of how he made them feel: capable, curious, and valued.

What set Mark apart, however, was not just his intellect, but his character. Whether it was offering his time, his insight, or simply his quiet presence, Mark gave fully and without hesitation.

I had the privilege of spending many lunch breaks with Mark, often over a game of chess. Those games became a kind of ritual, and they offered us moments of genuine connection. Our conversations during those matches ranged widely—family, photography, cinema—topics that Mark would bring to life with his unique perspective and thoughtful observations. I often found myself unfamiliar with the films or ideas he referenced, yet always grateful for the opportunity to discover something new through his eyes.

It was in those quiet, personal moments that I realized I had gained far more than a coworker—I had gained a true friend. Someone whose presence enriched my days, and whose absence now leaves a space that cannot easily be filled.

May we honor his memory by carrying forward those same values, and by remembering Mark not just for what he did, but for who he was.

*Rest in peace, Mark. You will be deeply missed, and forever remembered.*



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**Danielle Fontana** - May 29, 2025 at 05:33 PM

TT

*“ I am truly sorry for your loss. I remember talking to Mark almost 4 years ago as I offered him the position here at Mill Creek Academy. He was driving when he accepted the position. We talked daily as he came to visit me in my office. I would hear him walking around the corner only to say good morning Mr. Adams! He absolutely loved MCA and always appreciative of the job offer and his position. He brightened my days with good talk and a warm smile. He was smart, caring , classy, one of great character with a strong work ethic. I will miss my daily talks with him, miss his smile and overall miss my friend. MCA will never forget him and I am so grateful to have spent 4 years with him. God bless him and his family during this time of sorrow. PS Mark you were reinstated! Miss you my friend.*

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**Tara Tacinelli** - May 28, 2025 at 09:42 AM

MC

*“ I am so sorry for your loss, sending love and prayers for you and your family*

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**Michele Collins** - May 28, 2025 at 08:30 AM

KA

“ Kindergarten Team at Mill Creek Academy purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mark Joseph Adams.



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**Kindergarten Team at Mill Creek Academy** - May 28, 2025 at 07:52 AM

SP

“ I will always and forever remember the smile on your face and our daily talks we would have after traffic, you with a Coke Zero and me with my coke. Oh the stories you would tell me. You were such a good soul and a heart as big as the ocean and loved by everyone!!!! I will always remember walking down the 400 hall and all the little kids would be hugging you and I would say hey Mr Adams can you feel the love and we would laugh 😊 I'm going to miss you so much but will hold on to the memories forever.  
Susie



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**Susie Phillips** - May 27, 2025 at 08:37 PM



“ 33 files added to the album LifeTributes



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St. Johns Family Funeral Home - May 27, 2025 at 12:49 PM

EM

“ For the past three years at Mill Creek Academy, Mark and I had the privilege of teaching alongside one another—he in STEM, and I in music. From the beginning, he stood out as one of the kindest people I’ve ever worked with. Thoughtful, generous, and always full of curiosity, Mark had a quiet way of making the people around him feel valued.

One of the things I appreciated most about Mark was how much he loved to share. He had a deep passion for classical and opera music, and we would often send each other music and science related videos. Those small exchanges became something I truly looked forward to, a reminder of how much joy he found in learning and connection.

A moment that perfectly captured who Mark was happened just last month. He had told me many times about his favorite childhood candy—Melody Pops, the lollipops you can play like a whistle—and how I absolutely had to get them for the students. Then one day, he called me into his room and handed me a pack of melody pops with a smile. “Surprise, I got you some to try!” he said. It was such a small gesture, but so thoughtful—and so very Mark.

I will miss our conversations, his kindness, and his steady, generous presence in our school community. He made a difference just by being who he was, and I’m grateful to have known him.

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**Erin Machmiller** - May 27, 2025 at 11:52 AM

MA

“ Mill Creek Academy purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of Mark Joseph Adams.



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**Mill Creek Academy** - May 27, 2025 at 10:44 AM

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“ *Mill Creek Academy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark Joseph Adams.*

Mill Creek Academy - May 27, 2025 at 10:44 AM

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“ *4 files added to the album MCA Pictures*



Erin Machmiller - May 27, 2025 at 10:23 AM

MF

“ *MCA Resource Friends purchased the Beautiful i  
n Blue for the family of Mark Joseph Adams.*



MCA Resource Friends - May 27, 2025 at 08:17 AM