



Shirley W Adams

April 14, 1937 - August 20, 2020

Shirley W. Adams, 83, of St. Augustine, FL, passed away on Thursday, August 20, 2020 at Flagler Hospital after a courageous battle with Covid-19 pneumonia. She was born on April 14, 1937 in Boston, MA to Perley & Marguerite Ward and grew up in Randolph, MA. She attended Providence-Barrington Bible College in Barrington, RI where she met her husband, Roger. The couple married on February 14, 1959 and spent most of their family life in Brockton, MA, Maine, and Barre, VT. They enjoyed several trips to England, Ireland, Scotland, and Spain. They also enjoyed winters in St. Augustine, FL and after her husband died Shirley moved there permanently. Roger always remained the love of her life and was her forever valentine. Shirley was a homemaker but worked during the 1980s as a librarian and teacher's aide at Brockton Christian School. She was an avid reader and lover of books. Shirley loved music, was very active in church and sang soprano in church choirs alongside her husband playing the piano. She had a strong faith and loved the Lord. She had a spunky personality, loved to tell jokes and had a great sense of humor. More than anything she loved her family and spending time with her children and grandchildren who were her pride and joy. She has many lifelong friends and will be deeply missed by all that knew her.

She is survived by her eight children: Scott Adams of Lewiston, ME; Ellyn Patterson (Robert) of Sandwich, MA; Karyn Adams of Gloucester, MA; Deborah Adams of Plymouth, MA; Gillian Hutchinson (Wayne) of Nashville,

TN; Hilary Ostrout (Richard) of Barre, VT; Jonathan Adams of Barre, VT; and Julie Adams Curley of Boston, MA; 15 grandchildren: Andrew Adams, Haley Kirrane, Cory Patterson, Abigail Walker, Matthew Ostrout, Amanda Otterman, Hogan Ostrout, Sawyer Ostrout, Hollis Sheng Guo Ostrout, Marley Ostrout, Brayden Ostrout, Samuel Hutchinson, Hope Hutchinson, Tuala Curley, and Roger Eoin Curley; 6 great-grandchildren: Aiden, Blake, Maddison, Wyatt, Cora, Ainsley; and many nieces and nephews.

She is also survived by her two sisters Isobel Boynton of Taunton, MA; and Lynda Nakamoto (Tetsuo) of Kenner, LA; and brother William Ward (Marilyn) of Brockton, MA.

Shirley is preceded in death by her beloved husband, Roger Adams, and her brother, David Ward.

Memorial contributions can be made to the St. Johns County Public Library, St. Augustine, FL. <https://sjcpls.org/donate/>

A Celebration of Life memorial service will be arranged at a later date by family.

St. John's Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ *St. Johns Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Shirley W Adams*



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - August 24, 2020 at 04:39 PM

DA

Love you, Mom! Miss you so much!

Deborah Adams - August 24, 2020 at 09:05 PM

AG

My favorite Aunt Shirley. She will will be missed! Her wit, and her smile will carry on through these photos, and videos. Such great memories. What a beautiful tribute!

amy gauthier - August 25, 2020 at 05:13 AM

DR

Shirley will be missed and that contagious smile she always had on her face. So sorry for the families loss.

Donna Rouelle - August 25, 2020 at 07:25 AM

SB

WOW, absolutely beautiful video of such a beautiful soul, yet saddening that she's gone!

steve brennan - August 25, 2020 at 08:48 AM

BW

Our beautiful friend Shirley will be missed immensely by so many of us. There was always so much joy to be in her presence! She is now reunited with her Rog and our Lord and Saviour . There is no more suffering. We pray for comfort for all of her precious family. Love and hugs to all of you.

Bill and Leona Wry - August 25, 2020 at 01:56 PM

JA

What a beautiful tribute to your Mom, Deb. I hope your happy memories bring you comfort. My love and prayers stay with you.

Janna - August 25, 2020 at 09:45 PM

GW

This is a lovely tribute to your mom, and you have my love and sympathy.

Glenda Wilkinson - August 26, 2020 at 07:49 AM

SS

Her laughter and smile will never fade. Forever in our hearts. Love and prayers to her children and families.

Susan Boynton simanski - August 26, 2020 at 08:18 AM

AN

She would have loved it all 

Angela - August 26, 2020 at 08:58 PM

MB

“ I tried to phone Shirley today and was told I couldn't get through on the number I had been using this spring and summer.

Shirley was my absolute best friend back in the 50s while we attended Providence Bible Institute (aka Barrington College). I remember how she fell in love with Roger but didn't seem to get him past the 'friend stage' for so long. She assumed he had other interests--perhaps he was an ant collector? And so we referred to him as 'the ant collector.'

God was good--He still is--and the day came when the love of her life finally had time for a girl friend. A great match! I sang at their wedding.

We kept in touch periodically while raising our children. They moved a few times. My husband and I moved many times. We lost contact for many years, but when my Bob went home to be with the Lord Shirley found his obituary. She lost no time finding me. What a blessing. We had hour long conversations, catching up on years of news. It was as though we had never been apart. She still had a happy heart. She loved her children. She remembered my children by name. She was very special, and she made me feel loved and special also.

I thank our Lord for more than 60 years of knowing and loving Shirley Ann (Ward) Adams!

MARY BAILEY - November 05, 2020 at 08:41 PM



Hi Mary, thank you so much for your comment. So sorry you had to find out of her passing by not being able to reach her. Unfortunately she contracted COVID after being moved to a Rehab facility after knee surgery. She fought a hard battle but it was too powerful and she couldn't beat it. I loved hearing the story of the "ant collector". I had never heard that before. Thank you so much for your post. Stay well.

Deborah Adams, Shirley and Roger's daughter

Deborah Adams - November 14, 2020 at 12:04 PM



Thank you Mary for this lovely memory of our mom. We love hearing these stories! So sorry you had to find out about mom by her disconnected phone. That hurts my heart. She is deeply missed and was so well loved.

Jill Hutchinson - November 14, 2020 at 12:10 PM

SR

“ I always loved going to the Adams family home in Brockton to be with my good friend Deb. Shirley was always so smiley and welcoming and ruled her roost with joy. This beautiful picture of her really captures her essence. She raised a wonderful family and her heartfelt smile and calm demeanor will always stay with me. I am so sorry to the family for your loss of your amazing mom. The tribute video is beautiful and captures her love of the ocean well. Take care and carry on her wonderful gifts that are part of who you all are.

Sarah Roubik - September 08, 2020 at 02:30 PM



Thank you, Sarah! ❤️

Deborah Adams - September 09, 2020 at 02:22 PM



Thanks for the memory and kind words, Sarah!

Jill Hutchinson - November 14, 2020 at 12:11 PM

MP

“ I met Shirley at BCS when we worked there....I remember her sense of humor and willingness to help anyone, at any time...she was a true friend, she loved reading....really loved reading,she always had a book and she was our librarian as well. .the children loved hearing her read, but they also loved Shirley.....because she loved them. I have many memories of those days....she loved snow.....I did not like driving in it, but she used to take the BAT bus often and sometimes I dropped her off at home..I love her and always will though I have not seen her for quite some time..she touched my life in her own unique way and I look forward to seeing her in heaven....I am so sorry she has left us, but I am happy for her because she is with the love of her life Roger....she adored her children and spoke about them often....they each had a special place in her "big" heart.....She had a beautiful voice and now she is singing her heart out to our Lord ...Jesus Christ....

Myrtle Pfister - August 26, 2020 at 08:31 PM

DA

Thank you, Myrtle. We all appreciate your kind words and posts about my Mom.

Deborah Adams - August 30, 2020 at 07:10 AM

CH

“ We had some fun times at Dunn's, playing Uno with Tylocks in our Uno shirts. Talking about Wayne & Jill becoming a couple, we were both very happy when it happened. Our visits to Vermont in the Fall, going to Church suppers and touring around Barre. I loved when we visited you in Florida & toured around St. Augustine on the open air bus. You are going to be missed as is Roger but you are together now and I close my eyes and hear beautiful music you & Roger are making together in your Heavenly home. Love and prayers to all the family!

Carolyn Hutchinson - August 26, 2020 at 06:30 PM

CH

“ I first met Shirley at Dunn's Camps so many years ago. We shared a fondness of Gevalia coffee. We had many coffee conversations and after that first year, I looked forward to the annual vacation at Dunn's so I could spend some time with Shirley and Roger. In my mind Shirley will forever be sitting at the table in the dining room of what we so fondly called the Adams cabin, sipping on her favorite delicious cup of steaming hot coffee.

Cindy Hutchinson - August 25, 2020 at 10:40 PM

HO

Aww Cindy! I love this and can picture her there as well! thank you!

Hilary Ostrout - August 26, 2020 at 10:42 PM

CA

“ I have so many positive memories of Mrs. Adams when they were at Websterville Baptist Church. We all sang in the choir together. Mr. Adams, my dad and I all sang in the bass section (were the base section) and Mrs. Adams always sang solos with her beautiful voice. They moved away after I went to college, but still kept in touch via FB now and then. She was one of my biggest fans growing up, or so seemed and always had such a great smile on her face! I know of folks who must have been there to welcome her to heaven, like my mom, who are saying "Welcome home, Shirley!"

Click Agnew - August 25, 2020 at 08:42 PM

DH

“ Shirley was one of the sweetest people I know. She was always smiling and so positive. I will miss the lunches we had. Jesus received an angel the day she went to heaven.

Donna De Hoog - August 25, 2020 at 08:05 PM



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



August 25, 2020 at 03:52 PM



“ *I will always remember her running the library at Brockton Christian School and reading the BFG to us using voices for the characters. And will always treasure the memories of my mom that she has shared with me over the years* ❤️

Katherine (Farnham)Badavas - August 25, 2020 at 11:56 AM



“ *Rita Benoit lit a candle in memory of Shirley W Adams*



Rita Benoit - August 25, 2020 at 09:04 AM



“ *Attended church with Shirley and Roger Adams at Webstersville Baptist Church in Vermont. Really enjoy singing with her in the choir. She was always good to share a good laugh with and I know we drove the choir director there crazy some times. Prayers to the family. I will look forward to singing with Shirley again in heaven!*

Lynda & Ray Fassett

Lynda L Fassett - August 24, 2020 at 09:38 PM

JH

“ I will miss and love my mom forever and always. 💜



Jill Hutchinson - August 24, 2020 at 09:07 PM