



## William Maurice Adams, Sr.

April 15, 1938 - December 26, 2023

Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven

William Maurice Adams, Sr., 85, passed away Tuesday, December 26, 2023, in Collierville, TN, with family by his side. A visitation will be held Sunday, December 31, 2023, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., with the service immediately following at 2:00 p.m., all at Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven. Interment will be at Desoto Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Adams was born to the late William Flagner Adams and Ruthell Mamie Cain Norwood. He spent His early working career running his own T.V and radio shop in Starkville, MS. He later was employed in Cocoa Beach Florida working on the early stages of the space program, from there he transferred to New Orleans, LA where he continued his work in the space program working on the first stage of the Saturn V rocket that landed the first man on the moon.

With that accomplishment behind him he went on to become an air traffic controller in New Orleans and later transferred to Memphis TN as a controller. While working for Boeing in New Orleans he obtained his commercial pilots license along with an instructor and instrument ratings. He was a whiz when it came to anything dealing with electronics and computers and was a Ham Radio enthusiast, of which he held a license to operate. To say the least, Maurice Sr. was a jack of all trades. In his spare time, he enjoyed photography

and was known to have taken many breathtaking pictures. He was also an avid traveler, visiting most United States National Parks. But above all, his family was his pride and joy.

Mr. Adams is survived by his children, William Maurice Adams, Jr. (Lori), Randy Adams (Elaine), Dana Adams (Gina), Marilyn Booth (Ricky), Kim Shaheen, Bridget Cornelius (Glenn) and Linda Wolf (Rick); grandchildren, Shawn Robbins, Jarmon Peregoy, Sharon Bartholomew, Susan Butler, Tonya Dawson, Ashley Smith, Ricky Booth, Jr., Portia Gonzalez, Gretchen Pena, Daniel Leatherwood, John Cornelius, Dustin Rivera, Erica Keough, Erica Wolf, Harris Wolf, Alli Wolf, John Adams, Amanda Clark, Jesse Adams and Tyler Adams; thirty-two great grandchildren; and his siblings, Gary Adams and Johnny Norwood.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley Ann Adams; his parents, William Flagner Adams and Ruthell Mamie Norwood; his sister, Laura Adams; his son in law Robert Shaheen; and his grandson, Clayton Adams.

Expressions of condolences can be shared on his Tribute Wall at [www.colemanfuneralhome.com](http://www.colemanfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Desoto Memorial Gardens

630 Star Landing Rd E  
Southaven, MS 38672

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **31**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Service

DEC **31**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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## Graveside Service

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DEC 31 (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



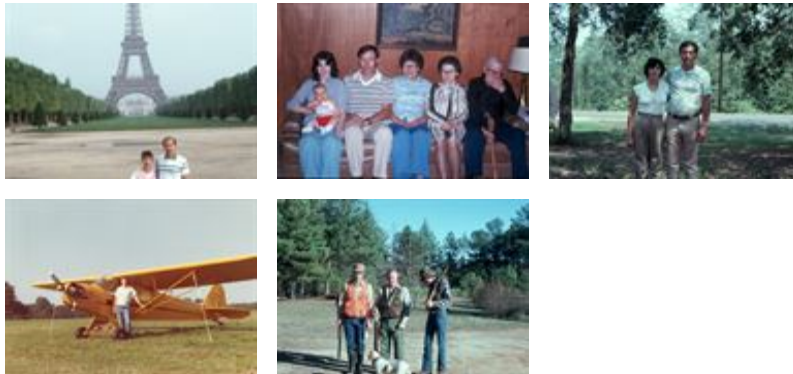
“ Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford created a Tribute Video in memory of William Maurice Adams, Sr.



Coleman Funeral Home - December 28, 2023 at 01:35 PM



“ 75 files added to the album Life Tributes



Coleman Funeral Home - December 28, 2023 at 01:37 PM

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“ Kathy, Gary, Kay, Mark, Lisa, and Brad purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of William Maurice Adams, Sr..



Kathy, Gary, Kay, Mark, Lisa, and Brad - December 28, 2023 at 11:40 AM

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“ *Kathy, Gary, Kay, Mark, Lisa, and Brad planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Maurice Adams, Sr..*

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**Kathy, Gary, Kay, Mark, Lisa, and Brad** - December 28, 2023 at 11:40 AM