



## Mrs. Mary Dasher McAdams

March 22, 1931 - November 20, 2021

The passing of Mrs. Mary Dasher McAdams, age 90, at Duke Hock Family Pavilion, is being announced by her loving and devoted husband Robert McAdams.

Mrs. Mary Ann Dasher McAdams, the only child of the late Dr. John Milton Dasher and the late Mrs. Ruby Armstead Dasher was born March 22, 1931, in Durham, North Carolina. On Saturday, November 20, 2021, Mrs. McAdams answered the triumphant call of her Heavenly Father and transitioned from earthly labor to her heavenly reward.

Mrs. McAdams was a lifelong resident of Durham. She was educated in the Durham Public School System and matriculated to higher education at Fisk University, Mrs. McAdams returned to Durham and began her professional career in education with the Durham Public School System. After several years of faithful service, Mrs. McAdams retired from Burton Elementary School in Durham. She also worked as a tax preparer with H&R Block until just a few years ago.

Mrs. McAdams was a lifelong member of St. Joseph AME Church and expressed her love for God through service to her church and community. Mrs. McAdams was very active in church activities and was a dedicated disciple who faithfully attended the Minerva Evans Church School Class,

Sunday services and was known for dressing elegantly, wearing beautiful suits and matching hats. At St. Joseph, Mrs. McAdams modeled a life of service and leadership. She was appointed a Junior Stewardess by Retired Bishop Philip R. Cousin, Sr. and continued to serve as Co-Chair of Stewardess Board #2 until she transitioned. She served as President of the Lay Organization, Ladies Usher Board, and the Women's Missionary Society. As a member of WMS, she actively participated in Local, Area, District, and Connectional Conferences. In addition to providing outstanding servant leadership to the ministry, Mrs. McAdams organized initiatives and actively participated in several programs that positively impacted members of our church and community. In 1995, she initiated, in partnership with Kappa Alpha Psi of Durham and the Durham Silhouettes (Kappa Wives), the New Coat Drive specifically for Burton Elementary School students. This program continues to the present and has expanded to include three additional Durham Public Schools. In 2005, Mrs. McAdams was instrumental in inviting the first female elected Bishop of the AME Church, Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie as guest speaker for the Minnie S. Pearson Missionary Society's Annual Day. In 2020, Mrs. McAdams became a Life Member of the Western North Carolina Conference Branch Women's Missionary Society of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mrs. McAdams was mentored by Former Western North Carolina Conference and St. Joseph Lay Organization Past President, Sister Minerva W. Evans. Sister McAdams served the Lay Organization in various offices for over five decades.

A faithful, lifelong AME, she served the Lord with gladness, as a former President of Western North Carolina Conference Lay Organization in the year 2002 - 2004, Second Vice President 2000 - 2002, President of the St. Joseph Lay Organization, and member of the Second Episcopal District Executive Board. She served in secretarial positions and on various committees. Mrs.

McAdams was a parliamentarian that believed in organizational structure and protocol. She could quote The AME Doctrine and Discipline and the year of the General Conference that ratified changes.

She attended AME Connectional, District, Conference, and Area meetings to include the 50th Session of the General Conferences in 2016, WMS Quadrennial Conventions, Biennial Sessions of the Connectional Lay Organization Conventions (delegate), and Second Episcopal District (delegate). Mrs. McAdams traveled with her beloved husband, Mr. Robert McAdams, and her homemade pound cake.

As a devoted supporter of youth, Mrs. McAdams was an advocate for the Young People's Division and worked to ensure that they would have whatever was needed. She also contributed to the activities and programs of Girl Scout Troop 711, which included educational trips, World Thinking Day, and The Mother-Daughter Tea.

Mrs. McAdams was a soft-spoken woman, who believed in giving God her best. She has had a profound impact on her loved ones, and community and she will be missed.

Those remaining to cherish her memory include her loving and devoted husband, Mr. Robert McAdams; extended family members, dedicated caregivers, Ms. Elsie Brandon and Ms. Marie Hunter, and the entire St. Joseph AME Church Family.

A celebration of life service to honor the life of Mrs. Mary A. Dasher McAdams will take place on Sunday, November 28, 2021, at St. Joseph AME Church, 2521 Fayetteville Street, Durham, North Carolina 27707, at 2:00 p.m., with a viewing thirty minutes prior to the celebration.

Please keep this family in your thoughts and in your prayers.

# Cemetery Details

## Beechwood Cemetery

3300 Fayetteville St  
Durham, NC 27707  
(919) 560-4154

# Previous Events

## Viewing

NOV 28. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Joseph AME Church  
2521 Fayetteville St  
Durham, NC 27707  
(919) 683-1379

## Celebration of Life

NOV 28. 2:00 PM (ET)

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2521 Fayetteville St  
Durham, NC 27707  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Mary Dasher McAdams*

October 05, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *I recently learned of Mary's journey to be with our Heavenly Father. She was a kind person and a good friend. My entire family extends heart felt condolences to her family.*

*Robin Fields*

Robin Fields - October 08, 2022 at 09:09 AM



“ *Sending sincerest condolences to the McAdams Family. Ms. Mary had such a sweet spirit!*

*Mary Hester Currie - Hillsborough, NC*

Mary Hester Currie - December 22, 2021 at 06:01 PM



“ *Patricia Lea lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Dasher McAdams*

Patricia Lea - December 01, 2021 at 03:57 PM



AM

“ Brother McAdams so sorry regarding the death of Sister Mary. She will always be remembered in the "Halls of the A.M.E" Church. I pray that GOD will continue to Bless you with longevity. Much love to You and the Family  
Audrey Porter McCain, Wayman Chapel Graham, NC

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**Audrey P. McCain** - November 29, 2021 at 08:30 AM

WB

“ Sincere condolences to Robert McAdams and family, Be strong and faithful, God is ever present. Willie & Earnstine Boyd

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**Willie Boyd** - November 28, 2021 at 10:23 PM

OE

“ *In Memory of My Friend across the years,  
Mrs. Mary Ann Dasher McAdams:*

*"The angels looked down from heaven one  
night.*

*They searched for miles afar,  
And deep within the distance  
They could see a shining star.*

*They knew that very instant  
That the star was theirs to gain,  
So they took you up to heaven,  
Forever to remain.*

*Look down on us from heaven.  
Keep us free from hurt and pain.  
You'll always be within my heart  
Until we meet again."*

*In loving memory, Ora L. Seats Easley*

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**Ora L. Easley** - November 28, 2021 at 04:21 PM



RM

“ *Brother McAdams:*

*On behalf of the Raymond McAllister family,  
we extend our deepest condolences to you.  
You and your family are in our thoughts and  
prayers. God bless.*

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**Raymond McAllister** - November 27, 2021 at 09:17 AM



EB

“ *Elsie K Brandon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Dasher McAdams*



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**elsie k brandon** - November 26, 2021 at 07:34 PM

EB

*I love you Mrs. Mary Anna dasher mcadams. You will always be in my heart ..rest in peace....*

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**elsie k brandon** - November 26, 2021 at 07:37 PM

BH

*Our sincere condolences from the Cates-Hester Women's Missionary Society ... Mount Zion AME Church-Hillsborough, NC*

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**Beverly Hester-Stephens** - November 26, 2021 at 08:23 PM

RB

“ *Rev Pamela M Ballard lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Dasher McAdams*



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**Rev Pamela M Ballard** - November 26, 2021 at 12:00 PM

RB

*What a beautiful lady. She was most gracious to me when I moved to the area and we remained friends. I am praying for the family's peace, comfort, and strength during your time of bereavement.*

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**Rev Pamela M Ballard** - November 26, 2021 at 12:07 PM

CB

“ *Lite a candle in honor of Mrs. Mary Fadier McAdams from Chester Bobo and Don Young*



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**Chester Bobo** - November 26, 2021 at 02:48 AM

BH

“ *Bobbi Hague lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Dasher McAdams*



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**Bobbi Hague** - November 25, 2021 at 04:38 AM

NL

“ *Remembering a woman of excellence and virtue. Life Member Mary Dasher McAdams' life and legacy will continue to live on. I am grateful for the wisdom, advice and encouragement that she shared with me especially during my years as WNCC WMS Conference Branch President. I am saddened at her passing and she will be truly missed. May God comfort her dear husband and family.*

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**Nikki Walker Lyons** - November 25, 2021 at 01:54 AM

RB

*I am praying for God's strength and comfort for Mr. McAdams s as his wife has transitioned. You have my deepest sympathy. Although losing a loved one is difficult, God will sustain you.  
Rev. Dr. Deborah Long Burroughs*

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**Rev. Dr. Deborah L Burroughs** - November 27, 2021 at 06:46 AM

DJ

“ Dorothy Jeffreys lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Dasher McAdams



Dorothy Jeffreys - November 24, 2021 at 11:38 PM

MA

“ Margie Holt Alston lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Dasher McAdams



Margie Holt Alston - November 24, 2021 at 05:56 PM

MA

“ *"May the works that I've done speak for me". Sister Mary's works speaks loud and clear. A beautiful woman of God. I treasure the impact she made on my life. I am a better person because she shared her precious gifts of love and encouragement. To her family, thanks for sharing her with us. God bless.*

Margie Holt Alston - November 24, 2021 at 05:52 PM

VM

“ Valerie Mciver lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Dasher McAdams



Valerie Mciver - November 24, 2021 at 05:23 PM

RP

“ *Rev. Brenda Prince, Mrs. Albertha Prince lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Dasher McAdams*



**Rev. Brenda Prince, Mrs. Albertha Prince** - November 24, 2021 at 04:22 PM

MH

“ *Marie Hunter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Dasher McAdams*



**Marie Hunter** - November 24, 2021 at 03:58 PM

PO

“ *Penny Oliver lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Dasher McAdams*



**Penny Oliver** - November 24, 2021 at 03:28 PM

WJ

“ *Wilhelmenia Jordan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Dasher McAdams*



**Wilhelmenia Jordan** - November 24, 2021 at 12:38 PM

JK

“ *Mr. McAdams and family, I am very sorry to learn of the passing of Mrs. Mary Dasher-McAdams. She served as President of the WNCC Lay Organization and did it to the honor and glory of God. Thank God for sharing her with us as He did. Our condolences to Mr. McAdams and family.*



Jacqueline C Kanipe - November 24, 2021 at 10:12 AM

LS

“ *Lisa Simms lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Dasher McAdams*



Lisa Simms - November 22, 2021 at 11:35 AM

DT

“ *Diane Tawwab lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Dasher McAdams*



Diane Tawwab - November 20, 2021 at 08:18 PM

DB

*To the family; find consolation in knowing that earth has no sorrow that Heaven can not heal. My thoughts and prayers are with you doing this time. Rev. Deborah Brown*

Deborah Brown - November 25, 2021 at 01:01 AM