



Mrs. Mary M. McAdams

December 2, 1937 - March 27, 2026

The family of Mrs. Mary M. McAdams, age 88, wishes to announce her passing on Friday, March 27, 2026, at her home.

“Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”

Mary Marie Flowers McAdams was born December 2, 1937, to Frank and Lucielle Flowers in Durham County. She departed this earthly life Friday, March 27, 2026, peacefully at her home.

Mary was an active member at Union Baptist Church. In addition to her regular attendance, she served as a trustee.

She received her education in Durham County Public Schools and graduated from Hillside High School, Class of 1956. She continued her education at Watts School of nursing in Durham NC, where she earned her license, in practical nursing. She was employed at UPS, and Liggett & Myers Tobacco Company and retired from North Carolina Mutual.

Her happiest times were spent with her family. She took immense pride in

being a devoted mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She enjoyed laughing, talking, and going to the Outer banks for Thanksgiving with her family.

A lifelong enthusiast of the game, she was never happier than when cheering on her favorite teams. Whether it was a Saturday watching the Duke Blue Devils or a Sunday rooting for the Dallas Cowboys, her spirit, knowledge of the game, and team loyalty were unmatched. She was even able to see the Cowboys play in-person at the Panthers Stadium on multiple occasions.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her former husband, Robert Louis McAdams.

She leaves to cherish her memory, one daughter, Kathy McAdams of Durham, North Carolina; two sons, Byron McAdams and his wife Judice McAdams of Knightdale, NC; and Robert McAdams and his wife Toni McAdams of Fuquay NC; six grandchildren: Tameika Bass, Kortnee McAdams, Byron McAdams II, Larry Timberlake Jr, Travis Timberlake, and Shamane Carter; and 11 great-grandchildren. She also leaves to cherish her memory a host of loving family and friends.

Services to celebrate the life of Mrs. Mary M. McAdams are scheduled for Tuesday, April 7th, at Union Baptist Church, 904 N Roxboro Street, Durham, North Carolina 27701; public viewing 11:30 a.m., service 12:00 noon.

Interment will take place in Beechwood Cemetery.

Please keep this family in your thoughts and prayers.

Cemetery Details

Beechwood Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Viewing

APR 7. 11:30 AM - 11:55 AM (ET)

Union Baptist Church
904 N Roxboro St
Durham, NC 27701
(919) 688-1304

Celebration of Life

APR 7. 12:00 PM (ET)

Union Baptist Church
904 N Roxboro St
Durham, NC 27701
(919) 688-1304

Tribute Wall

CK

“ Mary was a wonderful woman who was so full of love. We met at EPA while working together. She was always laughing and joking about our travel plans. She used to say since we would be canceling it let us plan a long trip. We could only meet sometimes for lunch. We all miss her. I am praying her family she loved so much! May her soul rest in peace. 🙏

Chander Kanta - April 15 at 12:55 PM

SC

“ Mary was a beautiful person. I met her while working with her at EPA. She was a woman with much wisdom. I am praying for her family.

Sherretta H. Carter - April 07 at 03:56 PM

PF

“ Perry Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Mary M. McAdams.



Perry Family - April 06 at 10:57 AM

HP

“ Hays P. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Mary M. McAdams.

Hays P. - April 06 at 07:55 AM

TF

“ *The Pinkney and Duckery Family. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Mary M. McAdams.*



The Pinkney and Duckery Family. - April 03 at 02:24 PM

AC

“ *My SheRo:*

To the family, we are so sorry for your loss. Ms Mary as I affectionately called her was one of the most beautiful women inside and out that lived in Durham, North Carolina. She was my SheRo. I will truly miss her beautiful smile and classy ways especially the Motherly warmth, care and love I would feel whenever we spoke. I thank God for our life paths crossing. I consider it a blessing, a privilege and honor to have known her. May God bless each of you family as you transition into a new life.



Arlinda, Kery and the Cole Family

Arlinda Carrell - April 02 at 02:18 PM

BL

“ *Best Friends & Eagle Essence! With Love purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Mary M. McAdams.*



Best Friends & Eagle Essence! With Love - April 02 at 12:25 PM

JW

“ Joe & Melissa, Leroy & Tomeka Washington purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mrs. Mary M. McAdams.



Joe & Melissa, Leroy & Tomeka Washington - April 02 at 10:59 AM

VF

“ Mary was always a ray of sunshine, it was my pleasure to work with her at EPA. Her smile and sense of humor is fondly remembered. My deepest condolences to her family.

veronica Freeman-Green - April 02 at 10:25 AM

MR

“ To the family of Mrs. Mary McAdams...Miss Mary was my SEE employee before I retired from the EPA last year, and she was a delight to work with...she kept us in check when we were getting out of line...in the sweetest way ever. Matthew 5:1-3 1 Now when Jesus saw the crowds, He went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to Him, 2 and He began to teach them. He said: 3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. May God comfort you and keep you, Miss Mary...may your memory be a blessing...Amen. Melissa Revely-Wilson

Melissa Revely-Wilson - April 01 at 10:14 PM



My sincere condolences to the family members of Mrs Mary McAdams (Kathy McAdams) my dear friend and children💔🙏

Josephine Hayes - April 03 at 12:25 PM

GB

“ *Mrs McAdams was a sweet lady, she and my mom were friends in Tangelo Park, Orlando Fl. All though it's been years since I've seen her, I remember her being a beautiful person. To Kat Byron and Rob God bless you and your families. Pastor Gerald Bailey TP 4Life.*

Gerald Bailey - April 01 at 09:19 PM

CF

“ *Carlus Flowers lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary M. McAdams*



Carlus Flowers - April 01 at 02:58 PM

CF

Rest easy Mrs. McAdams. Please watch over us from heaven. You will be missed.

Carlus Flowers - April 01 at 03:00 PM

SM

“ *My deepest condolences to the McAdams family. I worked with Mrs. Mary for several years at US EPA. And yes, she did love herself some Blue Devils and Cowboys. I will always remember her beautiful smile, peaceful spirit, and kind heart. May she rest in peace.*

Sonya Holmes Mitchell 🙏

Sonya Holmes Mitchell - April 01 at 02:49 PM

RE

“ *Rosalind Etim lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary M. McAdams*



Rosalind Etim - April 01 at 12:56 PM

VM

“ *Velton Mayo*



Velton Mayo - March 31 at 08:23 PM

MM

“ *Mable Miller lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary M. McAdams*



Mable Miller - March 31 at 07:13 PM

TD

“ *Thaddeus Daniels lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary M. McAdams*

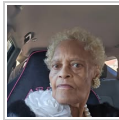


Thaddeus Daniels - March 31 at 03:02 PM

MH

“ To the Family of Mrs. Mary McAdam I am so sorry for your loss in your Mother, not only are you hurting my heart 💔 she was an amazing woman I will never forget her beautiful smile when we cross path at Union Baptist Church and always giving me a hug. I will Keep the Family in my prayers. Love Gail Smith Holloway.

Myria Holloway - March 30 at 05:00 PM



Prayers for all the family during their loss at this time I have known her from when I was a child growing up in Union Baptist church.

Evelyn Hightower - March 31 at 09:33 AM

JH

My sincere to all members of Mary McAdams 💔🙏

Josephine Hayes - March 31 at 02:22 PM

GB

Dear McAdams family. I worked with this beautiful lady at North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company for several years. Years later I joined Union Baptist Church and looked forward to seeing her smiling face every Sunday.

I extended my deepest condolences to the McAdams family. I will miss seeing her.

Blessings,
Geraldine Lyon Burroughs

Geraldine Burroughs - March 31 at 02:27 PM

BA

Dear McAdams family:
So deeply saddened of the passing of our love one. What a beautiful person inside and out. Always pleasant with a beautiful smile. It was a pleasure working with Mary at North Carolina Mutual. Prayers are with you.

May God give you the strength.

Barbara Algood

Barbara Algood - April 03 at 08:47 AM



I have know "rie" as we called her all my life. She was a breath of fresh air. She always had a smile on her face and kind words to say. I am truly going to miss her. Tonia Dixon (Perry)

Tonia Dixon (Perry) - April 06 at 10:36 AM