



Mr. Robert L. McAdams

August 25, 1927 - September 19, 2022

Robert Lewis McAdams, born August 25, 1927, in Durham, North Carolina, departed this life peacefully on September 19, 2022, and entered into eternal rest.

Robert was the youngest son of the late Silas Samuel McAdams, Sr., and Cora Fuller McAdams, who also preceded him in death. Robert was raised by hardworking and loving parents who instilled strong work ethic, an unwavering spiritual foundation, personal responsibility, and respect. At an early age, Robert joined the (Old) St. Joseph's AME Church and remained a member until his death.

Robert graduated from Hillside High School, Durham, NC in 1944 and then attended North Carolina College at Durham (now North Carolina Central University [NCCU]) in Durham, NC where he received both his Bachelor (1949) and Master (1957) of Science in Commerce degrees. While enrolled at NC College at Durham he was a member of the football team (1945), college choir (1944-1946), college concert band (1946), Commerce Club (1947), and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. (1948). He received the Dean's Award for his service to the NCCU School of Business, and in 1999 Robert received his Golden Eagles Award.

Robert was enlisted in the US Army and received an Honorable Discharge in

1947.

He taught numerous business courses at Tuskegee Institute (University). He was employed at NCCU for many years serving as Assistant Dean of Men, Dean of Men and Assistant Director of Financial Aid, and later he joined the faculty as an Instructor in the School of Business.

Robert was married to Dorothy (Gladys) Hammonds until her death and later married Mary Anne Dasher who also preceded him in death. Robert was a loving and caring husband. He also was a caring and dedicated uncle, great uncle, and great-great uncle. It always put a special smile on his face when you mentioned his nieces and nephews.

Having committed his life to Jesus Christ as a child, Robert was a faithful servant saint in the church for as long as his health allowed him to attend church. He really loved attending Sunday School and received special recognition in the Berean Bible Class. He sang tenor in the Senior Choir and was a Senior Steward Board member. Mr. McAdams was a parliamentarian that believed in organizational structure and protocol. He could quote The AME Doctrine and Discipline and the year of the General Conference that ratified changes.

Robert attended numerous AME Connectional District Conferences and area meetings to include the 50th Session of the General Conferences in 2016, the Quadrennial Conventions, Biannual Sessions of the Connectional Lay Organization Conventions (delegate), and Second Episcopal District (delegate). Mr. McAdams traveled with his beloved wife, Mary Anne Dasher, to many of these events while enjoying her homemade pound cake.

Over the years, Robert's civic activities included lifetime membership in Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. for over 50 years, serving as the Polemarch and

Keeper of the Exchequer, and several other roles. He was very supportive of the chapter's Black and White Ball and was an active member in the National Kappa Chorus. During his 95th birthday celebration he was happy to sing the Kappa song with several brothers that stopped by to sing with him. Robert was also a lifetime member of the NAACP, NCCU Alumni Association, and Sertoma Club.

Robert was preceded in death by his siblings – Fidelia, Christine, Silas Jr., Cora, Hattie, and Ernest Sr.; nieces – Ann Autry, Lois Autry, Brenda B. Lovely, Gloria W. Graves; and nephew - Harris Johnson, Jr.

He leaves to cherish his memory four nieces: Sylvia (Willie) Alford, Durham, NC; Claudette McCallum, Philadelphia, PA; Earscell (Jerome) Tate, Opelika, AL; Doris Stokes, Cincinnati, OH; three nephews: Ernest "Mike" (Renetta) McAdams, Jr., Cincinnati, OH; Jerry Giles, Cleveland, OH; Joseph (Belinda) Autry, Fayetteville, NC; four great nieces: Brenda Lovely, Durham, NC; Christa Connors, Cincinnati, OH; Jeannie Wilder, Durham, NC; Courtnie Tate, Opelika, AL; two great nephews: Ross McAdams Tate, Opelika, AL and Xavier McKnight, Opelika, AL; one great-great niece: Glameria Taylor, Durham, NC; three great-great nephews: DaMountta Hasty, Durham, NC; Kadrick Tate-Crim and Korbin Tate-Crim, Opelika, AL and numerous cousins, friends, extended family members, dedicated caregivers (Elsie Brandon, Marie Hunter, Lois J. Pettiford) and the entire St. Joseph's AME Church family.

Services to celebrate the life of Mr. Robert L. McAdams will take place on Tuesday, September 27, 2022, at St. Joseph AME Church, 2521 Fayetteville Street, Durham, North Carolina 27707; Family Visitation 11:00 a.m., Celebration of Life Service 12:00 p.m.

Interment will take place at Glennview Memorial Park.

Cemetery Details

Glennview Memorial Park

NC Hwy 55
Durham, NC 27713
(919) 596-8102

Previous Events

Viewing

SEP 27. 11:00 AM - 11:55 AM (ET)

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

Celebration of Life

SEP 27. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

LT

“ I met Robert when he and his siblings boarded my school bus in front of the old TB Sanatorium/ENC School for the Deaf on their first day of school and before they purchased a home in Wilson. We graduated from RLF HS in 1967 and Robert and my boyfriend were freshman roommates at ECU. I saw Robert often.

Four years ago, on a late cold, rainy February night my husband, dog and I were near Burnsville when my husband was taken ill and transported to Grace Hospital. After he was admitted, I had to find a hotel who accepted dogs. I posted my situation on FaceBook. The next afternoon, while sitting with my husband, Robert surprised us with a visit. I was so glad to see a friend. Robert offered to take me and our dog to his home and me to dinner. He was willing to take care of our little dog the next day when I returned to the hospital. We were already settled in the hotel and I declined. While Steve napped, Robert and I talked, told Wilson stories and laughed all afternoon. After dark, Robert walked me to my car, waited for me to take the dog for a short walk and seeing me safely in the car before saying goodbye. As always, he was a perfect Southern Gentleman. My

husband was discharged the next day. Robert and I chatted on the phone several times prior to his decline in health. I am sorry for Robert's family, students, friends and all who knew this fine man! But it is comforting knowing Robert is resting peacefully in the arms of Jesus. 🙏

Libbie Howell Toth - June 03, 2024 at 09:41 PM

LT

To the family of Robert L McAdams: I am so sorry for the death of your loved one and apologize for my error in posting the above memory. I thought I was posting to the obituary of a different McAdams. I cannot find a way to delete the post. I am so sorry.

Libbie Howell Toth - June 03, 2024 at 09:59 PM



“ *Mr. Robert L. McAdams*

October 05, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *Mr. McAdams was a very kind man. My family extends our condolences to his family.*

Robin Fields - October 08, 2022 at 09:14 AM



“ *A good man who will be missed. Rest In Peace.*
Dr. Sonja Brown '78



Dr. Sonja Brown - September 27, 2022 at 11:36 PM



“ *Andre D. Vann lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert L. McAdams*



Andre D. Vann - September 27, 2022 at 08:47 AM



“ *Thaddeus Daniels lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert L. McAdams*



Thaddeus Daniels - September 26, 2022 at 11:07 AM

PH

“ My sincere condolences to the McAdams Family during this time of your loss. Alumnus McAdams will truly be missed by the NCCUAA Durham Chapter and the Durham community. He touched the lives of so many and will be remembered for his great accomplishments. We pray that God continues to provide comfort during this difficult time.



Pamela Hester - September 25, 2022 at 08:56 AM

GE

“ My sincere condolences to the McAdams family in the loss of one of the nicest individuals that I've had the pleasure of knowing. I had the privilege of working with "Mr. Mack", as we called him, in Student Financial Aid Services at North Carolina Central University for about 10 years. Even there he was a counselor, a teacher, a caring and loving coworker to the team and to the many students that came through the office. He was always the same and treated everyone with respect and kindness. My friendship with him has continued and remained constant over the years. I'm a better person for having known him. May you have peace in knowing that his life was a shining example of love, peace and joy; he will be sorely missed. God bless the family and peace be unto you!



Golda B Ellis

Golda Ellis - September 24, 2022 at 10:34 PM

LD

“ *Lillian Downey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert L. McAdams*



Lillian Downey - September 24, 2022 at 09:08 AM

LD

*My sincere condolences to the Robert McAdams' family. Mr McAdams was a co-worker in the Office Of Scholarships and Student Aid at North Carolina Central University. He was a dedicated and devoted employee to the Office and NCCU. He displayed at all times, his generosity and his concern for the students needs
Blessings to all*

Lillian Downey - September 24, 2022 at 09:22 AM

FB

“ *Frankie Harrington Bates lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert L. McAdams*



Frankie Harrington Bates - September 23, 2022 at 09:08 PM

MJ

“ *Mary Jordan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert L. McAdams*



Mary Jordan - September 23, 2022 at 08:46 PM

BJ

“ My deepest sympathy to Sister Alford and the family of Mr. Robert L. McAdams. We have lost a great and kind man who gave his all to educate students at NCCU. His presence at meetings of the Retirees' Association will be missed, especially as we begin to meet in-person again. Our work often becomes our legacy. Mr. McAdams leaves a legacy of teaching excellence, dedication and purpose, love of life, and a genuine concern for the welfare of others.

Bernice Duffy Johnson, President, the Association of Retired NCCU Personnel

Bernice Duffy Johnson - September 23, 2022 at 03:51 PM

MR

“ Mr. Robert you will be miss . The time I have know you and Mrs Mary Ann meant a life time to me. I would tell you this every evening before I left you.Now Robert kiss Mrs. Mary Ann for me and Elsie. Although we know you gonna to do that because you kiss her all the time.Will Miss you and will never forget you.



Marie (Ree Ree) - September 21, 2022 at 08:39 AM

CY

“ SORRY TO HEAR OF LOSS OF MR. MCADAMS. HE WAS A TREMENDOUS HELP TO ME IN RECEIVING FINANCIAL AID WHEN I ATTENDED NORTH CAROLINA COLLEGE...1962-1966. I NEVER FORGOT HIM AND WAS SO HAPPY TO SEE HIM AND THANK HIM SEVERAL YEARS AGO IN DURHAM.

*CLARENCE YOUNG
CLASS OF 1966.*

C YOUNG - September 20, 2022 at 11:54 PM

RF

I am sorry to hear of Mr. McAdams passing. I extend my families condolences and will keep you in our prayers.

Robin Fields

Robin Fields - September 26, 2022 at 12:58 PM