



Fannie Phelps Adams

June 27, 1917 - May 31, 2016

God used the seed of James Phelps to form in the womb of Mary Lou Phelps a precious little one who came forth on June 27, 1917, and was named Fannie Delores Phelps. Fannie was the eighth of ten children born of this union and was preceded in death by all of her siblings. She resided on Wheeler Hill all of her life and was a life-long member of Saint James AME Church.

Mrs. Adams recognized her harvest to be a laborer in the field of education; therefore, after graduating from Booker T. Washington High School in 1934, she attended Allen University, earning a B.A. degree in 1938, and returned to Booker T. Washington Heights Elementary School in 1938 to begin her professional career as an educator teaching third grade until 1943. She then taught English and Social Studies at Booker T. Washington High School until 1949, and during that time married her college sweetheart and the love of her life, David K. Adams, on December 27, 1947. Mrs. Adams continued to pursue her education by earning her M.S. degree from South Carolina State University in 1953, and did further study at Columbia University in New York, North Carolina College in Durham, and Fisk University in Nashville. In addition to teaching and serving as a guidance counselor at Booker T. Washington High School, Mrs. Adams was Assistant Principal at Booker T. Washington High School from 1956 until the school was closed in 1974. An avid sports enthusiast, she also coached the girls' basketball team under the direction of

Mr. T. S. Martin. She then became Assistant Principal at A. C. Flora High School and served in that capacity until her retirement. Her tenure with Richland School District One spanned a total of 41 years.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Adams was preceded in death by her beloved husband, David K. Adam (May 10, 1979), and her siblings: Timothy W. Phelps, Crenshaw Phelps, Robert Phelps, George W. Phelps, Guy "Sonny" Phelps, Celia P. Martin, Blanch P. Adams, Sallie P Griffin, and .

She leaves a legacy of love, faith, and precious memories to her daughter, Mary Suzette Adams-Jenkins; grandson, David A. Adams; three great-grandchildren, Davion Adams, Diamond Adams, and David Adams, II; nephew/son, Alonzo (Lillie Ruth) Phelps; two goddaughters, Delores (Bobby) Gordon and Kimberly Bolton; one godson, David (Linda) Pearson; and a host of other nephews, nieces, relatives, and friends.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUN 7. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Booker T. Washington Auditorium
1400 Wheat Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Tribute Wall



“ *Fannie Phelps Adams*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *Averylin lit a candle in memory of Fannie Phelps Adams*



Averylin - December 30, 2016 at 02:29 PM



Fannie P. Adams was in my life since I can remember but the most memorable years were the early years of high school when she was THE Rock. No matter what we did or did not do, she stayed on us and always handled every situation accordingly. If she felt the need to discipline, discipline it was, the need to chastise, chastise it was, the need to be lenient, leniency it was but every decision was based on what she decided was most appropriate for the situation. I am thankful that God blessed me to have a woman of such strength, wisdom, and gentleness in my life to show me how to face the world and strive for excellence. She was my mother's backup at school and the discerning educator at church. I would be waiting on Sunday for her to tell my mother about my week at school but she always left school at school, guess because she had already handled it. She was indeed a light for generations as she served the Lord and her community to the utmost.

Averylin - December 30, 2016 at 02:40 PM

JS

“ *Jewel Raines(FortJackson) Sc lit a candle in memory of Fannie Phelps Adams*



Jewel Raines(FortJackson) sc - July 14, 2016 at 01:27 PM

JS

MRS Adams thank you for the help that you have given me when I was a student at A. C. Flora. Your journey has begone, now it's time to take your bow, for you have done so much for others here , it's time for you to enjoy your cheers.

Jewel Raines(FortJackson) sc - July 14, 2016 at 01:41 PM

CH

“ *may you rest in peace Thankyou for all you have done and mint to so many people ms. adams was at ac flora high durning my time there ! hope too see you again one day your loving sprited will allways live in all those you have touched! CURTIS E HOPKINS*



CURTIS HOPKINS - June 25, 2016 at 10:35 AM

RP

“ *Rev. Peter H. Pinckney,Sr. lit a candle in memory of Fannie Phelps Adams*



Rev. Peter H. Pinckney,Sr. - June 14, 2016 at 10:53 PM

RP

Mrs. Adams was always a gracious person, I met her at St. James AME Church on Wheeler Hill in Columbia, S.C. I was introduced to her by Rev. Dr. Gregory Grooms Sr., I attended St. James for a short period of time while at Allen University as a student. May GOD bless the Adams family and strengthen you with great joy, I am thankful for the opportunity to have met such a great person in the name of Mrs. Fannie Phelps Adams...

Rev. Peter H. Pinckney, Sr. - June 14, 2016 at 11:01 PM

FJ

“ I want to express my genuine condolences to Ms. Fannie Phelps Adams Family., The death of a loved one can cause much sorrow. But what a blessed gift God has given us memory! you can keep memories of Ms. Fannie in your heart. Keeping a journal, looking through photos, and accepting help are ways to cope with the loss of a loved one. God still fulfills this heartwarming promise: "As a mother comforts her son or(daughter, so I will keep comforting you." Isaiah 66:13. Please turn to "The God of all comfort."

F. Jackson - June 06, 2016 at 08:12 PM

DT

“ God Bless The Family Of Mrs. Fannie Phelps Adams. You Have Our Deepest Sympathy. She Was One of The Most Loveable Persons On God's Earth. Love Della Tarrant Brown & Diane Tarrant. Class Of 1968 & 1969.

Diane Tarrant - June 06, 2016 at 05:29 PM

RP

“ Rosalind Phelps-LeGrand lit a candle in memory of Fannie Phelps Adams



Rosalind Phelps-LeGrand - June 06, 2016 at 03:37 PM

RP

Aunt Fannie, I'm going to miss you. I thank you for the knowledge and memories you shared with me. I love you.

Rosalind Phelps-LeGrand - June 06, 2016 at 03:53 PM

SW

“ I am grateful for Mrs. Adams' guidance and dedicated service to us all. I will always remember her kind and gentle way that made me feel she genuinely cared.



My sincere condolences to the family.

Shambra Sanders Worthey - June 06, 2016 at 12:53 AM

WP

“ To Mary Suzette Adams-Jenkins and the Entire Adams Family. My deepest sympathy to all of you. Mrs. Fannie as I so affectionately call her is very very dear to me and my families heart. I love her so very dearly and she always has a special place in my heart. Mary Suzette as I so affectionately called you, you are dear to me also as we grew up together next door and also played together running up and down the front porch steps, playing jump rope, stones, hop scotch etc. Those were the good old days. Your mother Ms. Fannie and Mrs. Celia took me under their wings as I was one of their own. They taught me so very much along with my grandmother Mrs. Amy Nathan and my mother Mrs. Carolyn Nathan Serveance. It really did take a village to raise a child. They all came together as one to make me who I am today! Again, you and the entire family have my deepest condolences. If there is anything I can do, please, please, let me know because I am here for you. With much Love for you and the entire family. Wanda Brown -Hampton, PhD

Wanda Brown -Hampton, PhD - June 05, 2016 at 04:15 PM

DD

“ *Delores Davis-Hook lit a candle in memory of Fannie Phelps Adams*



Delores Davis-Hook - June 04, 2016 at 06:42 PM

HM

“ *Thank God for Ms Adams. An example in word and deed. These are the kind of people we need today more than ever. May her seed of influence blossom forever in the Sea of Iniquity we live in today until the Lord comes to take us all home again.*

Henry Marty Martin - June 04, 2016 at 09:53 AM

RN

“ *Regina Phelps Noble lit a candle in memory of Fannie Phelps Adams*



Regina Phelps Noble - June 03, 2016 at 09:41 PM

HL

“ *Hazel Liverman lit a candle in memory of Fannie Phelps Adams*



Hazel Liverman - June 03, 2016 at 09:12 PM

RN

“ *Regina Phelps Noble lit a candle in memory of Fannie Phelps Adams*



Regina Phelps Noble - June 03, 2016 at 09:02 PM

M)

“ *Mrs. Thomasina W. Corbitt (Red) lit a candle in memory of Fannie Phelps Adams*



Mrs. Thomasina W. Corbitt (Red) - June 03, 2016 at 05:17 PM