



Gwendolyn Marie Adams

September 22, 1933 - July 7, 2020

Gwendolyn Marie Hill Adams was born in Washington, D.C. on September 22, 1933. She was the eighth and youngest child born to the late Lewis M. Hill Sr. and Mary Cole Hill. She departed this life at Georgetown Hospital on Tuesday, July 7, 2020. Gwen, as she was affectionately known, attended St. Augustine Elementary School and Dunbar High School. She continued her education at the Minor/DC Teachers College, where she received her Associates Degree in Early Childhood Education.

On October 4, 1952, she married her childhood sweetheart John Bernard Adams Sr. That union produced six children, John Jr, Donna, Joseph, Michael, Michele and Donita.

She began her professional career with the DC Public School system for ten years. However, she was most known for her sixteen years of service as the Secretary of her beloved St. Augustine Catholic School. Even after she retired, she still returned and worked for the after school program for many years. She also volunteered and dedicated her time to various school activities. Proudly all of her children and most of her grandchildren either attended or graduated from her alma mater. Her legacy lives on through them.

Gwen was a lifelong member of St. Augustine Church, where she was Baptized as an infant and received all her Sacraments. She was a proud and faithful member of the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary, one of the Original

Thirteen Members of the St. Augustine Gospel Choir, the Usher Board, the Ladies of Charity and a Founding Member of the St. Augustine Alumni Association. She was also a recipient of the Vicent Brooks Award, St. Augustine's most prestigious award for service. One of her most prominent memberships was being an Associate of the Oblate Sisters of Providence. She loved and cherished the Oblates with all of her heart.

She was known by many names to many people as Mom, Grandma, Gwennie Pooh, and GaGa. But she was also a mother figure to so many children that graced the halls of St. Augustine School and her home. She was known for her love of music and dance, her caring and helpful nature and her incredible cooking. She was always there to offer assistance in any way possible. Most of all she was known for her love of God and her family. She was a true and devoted Christian.

She leaves to mourn, her devoted husband of sixty-seven years John Sr. and her four children Joseph A. (Juanita), Michael J. (Stavawn)), Michele E. and Donita J. She was preceded in death by her two children John Jr. and Donna M.; ten Grandchildren Shawnn, Christina, Joelle, Kyvonne (Carl), Jorel, Russell, Kyonna, Naimah, Shylah and Kohen; seven Great-Grandchildren Airen, Jamari, Joseph, John Zoe, Zuri and Reagan. She also leaves one Brother, Lawrence and one Sister-in-Law, Helena; Eight Nieces, five Nephews, a host of Great-Nieces, Great-Nephews and many other cousins, relatives and friends.

Gwen will be remembered by her entire family and everyone who had the pleasure to know her. She is sorely and always loved.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

1300 Bladensburg Road, NE
Washington, DC 20002

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Augustine Catholic Church
1419 V St NW
Washington, DC 20009

Service

JUL 21. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Augustine Catholic Church
1419 V St NW
Washington, DC 20009

Tribute Wall



“ *Gwendolyn Marie Adams*

October 23, 2023 at 08:15 AM



“ *Deepest Sympathy to the Adams Family for the loss of sweet Ms. Gwenee. Always missed family when you left Vee Street. Love each other...Stay safe. Love Gail Burton-Daniels.*

Gail B Daniels - August 07, 2020 at 02:47 PM



“ *My condolences go out to the Adams; remembering the goods times from back in the day (V Street). Rest In Eternal Peace Ms Gwen. ~Marisa Jones*

Marisa Hall - August 07, 2020 at 12:48 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Ms. Adams had a beautiful and loving spirit.*

Donna Edwards - July 24, 2020 at 01:32 PM



“ *Shawnn and Family, You have my deepest sympathy. Im praying for you during this difficult time. May God give you comfort and peace. Love, Kellie*

Kellie Westbrook Croons - July 21, 2020 at 10:47 AM

RO

“ *Our Dearest Adams family,*

Our deepest condolences for the lost of your wife, mother, grandmother. She was loved by so many people in the community and will truly be missed. Rest assure that she is resting in God's arms. We loved her too.

The Fowler Family

Roberta - July 21, 2020 at 07:55 AM



MF

“ *John and Family*

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time of sorrow.

Makle Family

Makle Family - July 20, 2020 at 05:58 PM



BB

“ *Mrs. Adams was an angel to my boys, Ray Jared and Justin from Kindergarten through the 8th Grade. She helped me out in many ways always smiling.*

I am so sorry for your lost, but we know she is in Heaven still smiling.

You will continue to be in our prayers.

Jerome, Barbara, Ray, Jared, Justin Barber

Barbara Barber - July 20, 2020 at 04:10 PM



CT

“...weep not for she is not dead, but resting in the bosom of Jesus...”



I remember Mrs. Adams as a dedicated secretary at St. Augustine School with a hearty laugh and helpful to the staff. She made me laugh and when I needed encouragement, she was right there. Our Angel has taken her place in Heaven.

To her family, grieve when you must; God knows your heart and he will restore your strength. Remember the Good times and laugh hard.

I love you all and miss all of you very much. You are and will continue to be in my prayers

*Ms. Cookie Taylor
Houston, Texas*

Cookie Taylor - July 20, 2020 at 04:02 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gwendolyn Marie Adams.



July 20, 2020 at 02:03 PM



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July 20, 2020 at 02:01 PM



“ *To John and Family
Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time of sorrow. Rest in peace Grandma.
The Makle Family*



Hope Makle - July 20, 2020 at 01:52 PM



“ *Shawnn Adams lit a candle in memory of Gwendolyn Marie Adams*



Shawnn Adams - July 20, 2020 at 12:46 PM



“ *It's never easy saying goodbye to a love one. The pain of loss can be unbearable. Our creator promises that one day this pain will be a memory. Thinking of you all.*

Evans family - July 20, 2020 at 05:22 AM

FS

“ Dearest Adams Family:
Mr. & Mrs. Franklin Scott & Family are
thinking of you all during these difficult times.
We wish each one of you peace and healing.
Rest In Peace, Gwen!



Franklin Scott - July 18, 2020 at 06:40 PM

PS

“ Mrs. Gwen Adams, what an amazing 😊
person she was at Saint Augustine Catholic
School 🏫. We'll miss her so much. Penny,
Darnelia and Roslynn.



Penny Scott - July 18, 2020 at 06:10 PM

SL

“ Dear Mr. Adams & Family:
I pray 🙏 that you all be able to take comfort
in your positive beautiful memories of your
wife, Mom and Grandma 😭.



Sherron Lee - July 18, 2020 at 05:42 PM

RL

“ Robert and Sherron Lee purchased the Divine Pe
ace Bouquet for the family of Gwendolyn Marie
Adams.



Robert and Sherron Lee - July 17, 2020 at 01:55 PM

SF

“ *Sherron and the Scott Family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Gwendolyn Marie Adams.*



Sherron and the Scott Family - July 17, 2020 at 11:27 AM

TW

“ *Sorry For Your Loss
Jesus Christ Loves Me
We Love You*



Thomas Widgeon - July 14, 2020 at 10:46 AM



“ *We the March Family and Marshall-March Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

Marshall-March Funeral Homes - July 13, 2020 at 12:17 PM

GF

*We Do Not Grieve Without First Loving
We Do Not Love Without Gaining More
Than We Could Ever Lose; so this is a time for gathering all the best of
a life well lived,
a good life and holding it in the heart forever.
GOD bless you and keep you in perfect peace.
With deepest sympathy
to the Family at this challenging time.*

Grandma Rochelle & The Washington Family - July 21, 2020 at 12:38 AM