

Homegoing Service for



William Charles Adams, Jr.

Sunrise: May 28, 1927 - Sunset: June 30, 2023

Tuesday, July 11, 2023 - 12pm

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

Officiant: Rev. Ronald E. Sullivan

Pastor of Christian Parish for Spiritual Renewal

Order of Service

Processional.....Family & Clergy

Prayer of Comfort..... Rev. Ronald E. Sullivan

Hymn..... “What A Friend We Have In Jesus”

Scripture Readings

Old Testament.....Isaiah 35:4-5

New Testament.....Matthew 11:28-30

Solo Selection..... “In The Garden”
Jackie Rowe-Adams

Acknowledgments of Cards

Obituary

Solo Selection

Remarks/Reflections

Eulogy.....Rev. Ronald E. Sullivan

Benediction

Recessional

INTERMENT:
Woodlawn Cemetery
Bronx, New York

Obituary

William Charles Adams, Jr. was born on May 28, 1927 at 221 West 141st Street, Harlem, New York. He received first holy communion at the age of 10 in 1937 at St. Mary's American Catholic Church at 189 Lenox Avenue, NYC.

William attended the New York City Public School system. First at Public School 157 at 126th Street & St. Nicholas Avenue, where he graduated in 1939 with high grades and an aptitude for math. Then in 1942, he graduated from Junior High School 184 at West 116th Street between Lenox and Fifth Ave. There his main course was Spanish. Next he went on to Commerce High School at 55 West 65th Street, where he focused on bookkeeping, accounting and typing and which he left 6 credits short of graduation to help at home. Not one to easily give-up, he went back to evening school at Wadleigh Evening School between November 1944 to June 1945 attending two to three nights per week.

Also in 1945, he started working in the garment district where he packed and delivered dresses and sometimes did some porter work when things were slow. He quickly rose up to become the Assistant Shipping Clerk due to his math skills. This was not an easily feasible task for a man of color to achieve in the 1950's. In those times, 'Help Wanted' signs read "Boy Wanted." William left the garment district in 1955 after 10 years, to pursue local employment. From then he was a man of 'numerology' with the Big Red & Big Blue...

He was proud of his extensive gospel records collection and to have been able to read through the entire Bible two and a half times as well as studied some other religions. Both Marcus Garvey and Father Devine were inspirations to him.

William Charles Adams, Jr. is preceded by: his parents, William Charles Adams, Sr. and Margaret Ann Adams; maternal grandparents, Thomas Allers and Jane Dyer and his ex-wife, Grace Adams. He is survived by: his son; William "Bill" Adams and daughter-in-law, Jackie Rowe Adams; daughter, Vanessa Adams and step-daughter, Robin Stroub; special friend, Shirley Hill; grandchildren, Eric Bouldin, Bryant & Ulafayette Adams, and Nicole & Clarence Williams; great-grandchildren, Sarah, Yashua, Elijah, Brianni & CJ; and a host of other family and friends.

2ND CORINTHIANS

Grace be to you and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ. And whether we be afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effectual in the enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer: or whether we be comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation.

Acknowledgement

Special thanks to this neighbor, Miss Phyllis. The family also acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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