



Dr. James Harold Adams

September 8, 1955 - October 8, 2021

Dr James Harold Adams died on October 8, 2021, at University Methodist Hospital in Memphis. Jim was born on September 8, 1955. He is a graduate of Mississippi State University, Georgia Southern University, and Oklahoma State University. For over 20 years, he has been a professor at Mississippi State University, and for over 40 years a singer, songwriter, and musician. Jim was married to Natalie Guice Adams for 35 years and a devoted father to Hunter, Rebecca, and Chris. He was a member of Grace Presbyterian Church where he served for years as a Meals on Wheels volunteer.

Jim was a character. He loved to talk and never met a stranger. He loved people, and they loved him. He was a generous person and known for his quirky, unexpected gifts. He was an avid Mississippi State fan and beyond excited about their first national championship. Jim truly lived by the motto that the journey was more important than the destination. Jim spent many hours meandering through Mississippi finding barbeque sauces and old friends. He adored his children and grandchildren and loved nothing more than spending time with them doing whatever they wanted to do. He was a devoted husband. He and Natalie met when they were teachers in New Iberia, Louisiana and then spent the next 36 years building a life that was, above all else, full of joy and good times. Jim picked up the guitar seriously in college and never quit playing. Over the years, he has probably written over 100 songs. To the very end, Jim was playing music, writing songs, and finding sustenance in music.

Jim is preceded in death by his parents, Harold and Ruth Adams, and his mother-in-law Bonnie Guice. He is survived by his wife Natalie, his three children Chris, Hunter and his wife Alexa, and Rebecca and husband Zack; his two grandsons, Lewis and JK; his sister, Jan Feldman; his beloved father-in-law, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews, and cousins.

His celebration of life will be held on Friday, October 15 at 2:00 pm at Grace Presbyterian Church (113 Hargrove Road, Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35401). In lieu of flowers, please make a memorial contribution to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or Grace

Presbyterian Meals on Wheels.

Events

OCT **Celebration of Life** 02:00PM

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Grace Presbyterian Church

113 Hargrove Road, Tuscaloosa, AL, US, 35401

Comments



“ Penny Rachal lit a candle in memory of Dr. James Harold Adams



Penny Rachal - October 15, 2021 at 11:37 PM



“ Many memories of high school and college with Jim, but my greatest memory was going to hear him play at Sneaky Pete's in Gulfport around 1979. I met a fellow friend of Jim's at his "gig" and married him. I truly will always remember that performance of Jim's. Rest In Peace, our Friend. Connie and Larry Galloway

Connie Galloway - October 15, 2021 at 03:58 PM



“ Growing up, Jim and Natalie lived in my neighborhood on the south side of town. I will never forget the pool parties my family was invited to and the kindness they showed us. Jim made the best burgers and I would ask him if I could take some home and he always made sure to grill enough so there were a few left over for me. He was genuinely the nicest man I've ever met and I will miss him.

Ryan Vincent - October 15, 2021 at 10:01 AM



“ I took several of Dr. Adam's classes during my BS and MS here at MSU. He always made class interesting and fun. His humor and love for what he was doing always was showing. He was a very special teacher and he will be missed! I'm praying for your family.

Kathy Kelly - October 15, 2021 at 09:07 AM



“ My beloved Jimmy Jeff; You made this Okie girl feel special. I will treasure the fun times our families had together. Get the guitar ready, “snap your fingers” and we’ll all be together again!!! Love you, G

Gina L - October 14, 2021 at 06:50 PM



“ Dr. James Adams will be greatly missed. I worked with him for 20 years at Mississippi State University. He is a true friend and a colleague. He loves everyone and establishes rapport easily with others. Dr. Adams always finds a way to make colleagues laugh and has uncanny ability to diffuses tension and calm people down. He is good-humored and empathizes with others. He is well loved.
Mabel CPO Okojie

Mabel Okojie - October 14, 2021 at 06:13 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. James Harold Adams.



October 14, 2021 at 12:50 PM



“ Joe and Ann Hill purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dr. James Harold Adams.



Joe and Ann Hill - October 14, 2021 at 09:18 AM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. James Harold Adams.



October 14, 2021 at 08:23 AM



“ We met the Adams family when Jim came to Tony's Donut Shop (Tavern) to play his great original songs. He was an instant hit with all the folks and it didn't hurt that Natalie tagged along . What started as a customer relationship soon blossomed into a lasting friendship. He will be in our hearts forever. Lynn & Lynn Anselmo



Lynn - October 13, 2021 at 07:14 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. James Harold Adams.



October 13, 2021 at 03:14 PM



“ In celebration of a great life! Ginger and I are blessed to have been able to share even a small part of Jim's life. What fun times! We sincerely admire him and will miss him.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Natalie and Jim's entire family.

Sincerely,
Brooks and Ginger

Brooks and Ginger Patterson - October 13, 2021 at 12:37 PM



“ Sincerely, Brooks and Ginger purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Dr. James Harold Adams.



Sincerely, Brooks and Ginger - October 13, 2021 at 12:35 PM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Dr. James Harold Adams.



October 13, 2021 at 08:54 AM



“ I met Jim when he married my childhood friend, Natalie. We were fortunate to be able to have a connection when my family moved to Tulsa, and Natalie and Jim and their children lived “down the road” in Stillwater. Jim always had sausages going on the grill when we visited them. We loved those visits. Joe and I started our own sausage-grilling tradition after that and always thought about and talked about our times with Natalie and Jim in Oklahoma whenever we did that.

Leah Flores - October 12, 2021 at 06:55 PM



“ I loved to hear Jim say, this year Mississippi State is gonna beat Bama. This is our year. Of course they never did, but it was a funny. Jim always called me Legend. Jim no one fought harder for their wife, kids, and grandkids then you my friend. You are the true Legend. When it's our turn have us a steak ready. God bless you and your wonderful family.

Tommy Wilcox - October 12, 2021 at 05:01 PM



“ In the fall of 2019 my husband and I spent the weekend with Jim & his son, Hunter, at a music fest. The camped next to us and I have to say that man left an impression on us. His songs and jokes made coffee in the mist a sheer pleasure. He told me when he left he better get a Xmas card from us - so for almost every day the whole month of Dec. I sent him a card. You will be missed my friend and we will sing songs in your honor this weekend! Our love to his wife and family in these hard days ahead. Susie & Dave Scheimreif, Merritt Island, FL

Susie Scheimreif - October 12, 2021 at 02:53 PM