



Bishop D. Stefán Adams

December 6, 1960 - May 1, 2015

On May 1, 2015, a husband, father, grandfather, brother, and pastor, Bishop Darryl Stefan Adams, Sr. departed this life at Maryview Hospital, Portsmouth, V A, after an extended illness.

Bishop Adams was born December 6, 1960 in Portsmouth, V A to the late Earl and Dorothy Lewis Adams. He attended Portsmouth Public Schools and later attended Norfolk State University for two years. He was affectionately known as "Grouch" by those who knew him well.

His most memorable recognitions and achievements were: President of Portsmouth Interdenominational Ministers Forum & Vicinity and also held the position of Treasurer. He was also the President of Woodrow Wilson Alumni.

Bishop Adams accepted Christ in his life at an early age, and was licensed and ordained at First Baptist West Norfolk, by Dr. H. L. Burwell and elected as Bishop, June 2005.

Bishop Adams was the father of seven children. He was married to E. Jeanette Franklin, on December 8, 1984, in Hampton, V A and to this union five children were born. He was also the Pastor of Mars Hill Baptist Church, Capron, VA for 3 years; New Mount Zion Baptist Church, Franklin, VA for 21 years; and recently, Faith Works Fellowship.

Bishop Adams is preceded in death by his father, Earl Adams, mother, Dorothy Lewis Adams Burwell, step-father, Dr. H. L. Burwell, three brothers, Kenneth L. Lewis, Marvin E. Adams, Steve C. Adams.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 30 years, Psalmist E. Jeanette Adams, his sons, Darryl Stefan Adams, Jr. (Ronai), Maurice Adams, and Harlis Adams; his daughters, Dara Adams, Essence Adams, Ahisha Bryant and Dorothy Stokes; three brothers: William Wright (Veronica), Kevin V. Adams, Karl V. Adams (Cathy); two sisters: Vera Adams and Patricia Brown (Leroy); one uncle Pastor Wilbert Adams; father-in-law Pastor Raymond W. Franklin, Sr., mother-in-law Eunice W. Franklin; six grandchildren, Da'zjulae Stokes, Dallis Bryant, Tremayne Taylor, Jr., Anitrius Jones, Victoria A. Adams, Savannah A. Adams and an abundance of special nieces, nephews, cousins and in-laws.

Cemetery Details

Greenlawn Memorial Gardens

3920 Airline Blvd
Chesapeake, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 6. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services
1248 N. George Washington Hwy.
Chesapeake, VA 23323
(757) 487-3700
info@jtfisherfuneralservices.com
<https://www.jtfisherfuneralservices.com>

Service

MAY 7. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

St Mark Missionary Baptist Church
2714 Frederick Blvd
Portsmouth, VA

Tribute Wall



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Bishop D. Stefan Adams



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - May 06, 2015 at 07:11 PM

WK

I love you Uncle Stefan! You will be greatly missed!

Willistine Kee - May 07, 2015 at 04:50 AM

JS

What absolutely beautiful tribute. May God continue to keep his loving arms around the family.

Joyce Smith - May 15, 2015 at 08:07 PM

CW

Rest in peace Rev. Stefan Adams. You fought a good fight, you finished the course...

Costella Williams - May 15, 2015 at 09:32 PM

SB

YOU WILL BE EVER SO MISSED LOVE THE BOONE FAMILY

SISTER BOONE - May 15, 2015 at 09:58 PM



Love you Uncle Stefan!!

Dominique Harris Eason - May 16, 2015 at 10:00 AM

RG

I miss you my friend

Rev dr James Grimes - October 03, 2020 at 12:24 AM

SB

“ *Stephanie Wright Baker lit a candle in memory of Bishop D. Stefán Adams*



stephanie wright baker - May 29, 2015 at 05:38 PM



“ *Kevin Adams lit a candle in memory of Bishop D. Stefán Adams*



Kevin Adams - May 15, 2015 at 04:39 PM

SS

“ *May the God of all comfort you in this hour of bereavement. I will constantly pray for your strength in this season as we have been mandated by our LORD to pray. God bless you in Jesus' name.*

*Bishop Shaun A. Stokes, Franklin, VA native
Birmingham, AL, resident*

Shaun A. Stokes - May 12, 2015 at 04:01 PM

RK

Rest In Peace Bishop Stefan Adams This was a preaching man

Regina Kindred - May 13, 2015 at 06:00 PM

RW

“ This was a very good brother who dearly loved his Pittsburgh Steelers. And he was a dedicated Woodrow Wilson President. You are truly going to be missed . But I know you are in heaven deservedly so get your rest my friend. We shall meet again. Much love to you my brother..

Randell Wicks,Sr. - May 07, 2015 at 10:52 PM



“ Darryl Rawlings sent a virtual gift in memory of Bishop D. Stefán Adams



Darryl Rawlings - May 07, 2015 at 07:27 AM

DM

“ Drena McNeil lit a candle in memory of Bishop D. Stefán Adams



Drena McNeil - May 07, 2015 at 04:58 AM

BD

“ Greatly missed! We are praying for the family with love. Bernard & Louvenia Davis-Taylor



Bernard & Louvenia Davis-Taylor - May 06, 2015 at 11:35 PM

BD

“ *The Davis Family will greatly miss the delivery of messages bought to this area by Bishop. A topping only a Great God could give. We will deeply miss him. Our prayers go out to the family with love.* ”



Bernard & Louvenia Davis-Taylor - May 06, 2015 at 11:02 PM

BS

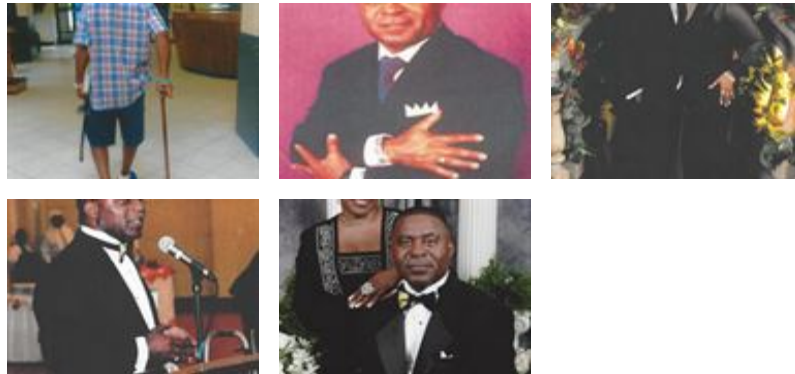
“ *The family of the late " Rev James Sparks" send condolences to "Bishop Adams Family"* ”



Barbara Davis Sparks - May 06, 2015 at 10:14 PM



“ *14 files added to the album Life Tributes* ”



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - May 06, 2015 at 06:48 PM

BC

“ *Bishop will be missed. I have never heard anyone preach The 23 Psalm and explain it like he did. Family be encouraged for joy will come in the morning.*



Barbara. Cross - May 06, 2015 at 06:14 PM

EW

“ *May God be with you and the family in your time of sorrow. my prayers are with you. remember. Earth has no sorry, that heaven cannot heal and forgive, God blessing be with you.*
Elder Charles Williams



Elder Charles Williams - May 06, 2015 at 05:56 PM

MT

“ *Melissa Burton & Khyann Taylor lit a candle in memory of Bishop D. Stefán Adams*



Melissa Burton & Khyann Taylor - May 06, 2015 at 05:23 PM

TP

“ *The Family of the late Bishop Thomas and Annie S. Talley*



Talitha Talley Parker - May 06, 2015 at 01:04 PM

NE

“ Neal And Michelle Eason lit a candle in memory of Bishop D. Stefán Adams



Neal and Michelle Eason - May 06, 2015 at 12:17 PM

KG

“ Karen Graham lit a candle in memory of Bishop D. Stefán Adams



Karen Graham - May 06, 2015 at 11:51 AM



“ 13 files added to the album Life Tributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - May 06, 2015 at 11:39 AM

TM

“ You, my Dear Friend will be missed. My prayers are with the Adams Family
Sis. Tracy Minggia-Lee

tracy minggia-lee - May 06, 2015 at 11:06 AM

PH

“ Pastor Clarence & Marian Harrison



Pastors Clarence & Marian Harrison - May 06, 2015 at 09:44 AM

OL

“ Prayers will go out to your family. Will miss him saying "it is good to be here". Loved his ministry. Love and prayers are with you that Our Almighty God will comfort and strengthen you now & the days ahead.

Orlena Lewis - May 06, 2015 at 09:38 AM

PC

“I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the Faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.”



God, in His infinite wisdom, saw that His servant was ready for his reward and called him home to rest from his labor. The Pleasant Shade Missionary Baptist Church Family mourn with you during your time of bereavement. May your precious memories fill your heart and ease your pain. Know that others care and hold you dearly in their hearts. Stand fast and continue to look to the hills from which cometh our help, the Lord Jesus Christ who knows all and will keep you in perfect peace.

Rev. Dr. Willis Freeman, Sr., Pastor
Rev. Sandra Freeman, Co-Pastor

Pleasant Shade Missionary Baptist Church - May 06, 2015 at 09:38 AM

TP

“Tinya Prayer lit a candle in memory of Bishop D. Stefán Adams



Tinya Prayer - May 06, 2015 at 05:21 AM

SG

“Please accept my condolences on the loss of Bishop Adams. I will always remember the thoughtful eulogies he gave for my mother and cousins! May God bless you all! Rest in peace, Bishop Adams.

Sharon Godbold - May 05, 2015 at 10:53 PM

CF

“ Calvin & Alease Austin And Family lit a candle in memory of Bishop D. Stefán Adams



Calvin & Alease Austin and Family - May 05, 2015 at 06:47 PM

SB

“ Shamar Ballard sent a virtual gift in memory of Bishop D. Stefán Adams



Shamar Ballard - May 05, 2015 at 05:31 PM

VF

“ Victoria Faltz And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Bishop D. Stefán Adams



Victoria Faltz and Family - May 05, 2015 at 05:30 PM

CF

“ Chawanda Faltz lit a candle in memory of Bishop D. Stefán Adams



Chawanda Faltz - May 05, 2015 at 05:28 PM

RH

“ *The members of Mount Hermon Baptist Temple light a candle in memory of Bishop Stefan Adams. His deep melodic voice, and preaching style will forever speak to our hearts an uplifting word as we go through life's journey. He fought a good fight, and kept the faith, and now reaps a Kings reward. Blessings and heartfelt sympathy from the Spiritual Leaders of Mount Hermon Baptist Temple, Portsmouth, VA.*



Revs. Larry & Thelma Humphrey - May 05, 2015 at 02:47 PM

RK

“ *Regina Kindred sent a virtual gift in memory of Bishop D. Stefán Adams*



Regina Kindred - May 05, 2015 at 12:50 PM

MH

“ *Minister O'Teal Holland lit a candle in memory of Bishop D. Stefán Adams*



Minister O'Teal Holland - May 05, 2015 at 11:27 AM

JJ

“ Jacquelyn Jackson lit a candle in memory of
Bishop D. Stefán Adams



Jacquelyn Jackson - May 05, 2015 at 10:43 AM

KM

“ Karen McQuillia lit a candle in memory of
Bishop D. Stefán Adams



Karen McQuillia - May 05, 2015 at 09:26 AM

CT

“ Clara Trotter lit a candle in memory of Bishop
D. Stefán Adams



Clara Trotter - May 05, 2015 at 09:13 AM

TF

“ the family of Bishop Adams, you are all in my prayers, he was a wonderful person, and always willing to lend a helping hand when ever asked of him. he was the best yock making guy in portsmouth va. we the Yancey's truly appreciated him, he was there to pray with us and put a smile on our face with words of comfort. we thank god for him and he will always remain in our hearts. Bishop Adams can rest now knowing that his works will follow him in the kingdom to come. may god bless the family with peace and strength to continue and look foward to the day they all can be with him again.



The Yancey Family - May 05, 2015 at 09:02 AM

WF

“ Whitehead - Sharpe Family lit a candle in memory of Bishop D. Stefán Adams



Whitehead - Sharpe Family - May 05, 2015 at 06:50 AM

CJ

“ Craig And Gwen Jones lit a candle in memory of Bishop D. Stefán Adams



Craig and Gwen Jones - May 05, 2015 at 05:14 AM



.love you miss u very much I have joy knowing your mom is waiting to receive you. Rev Mike and mary newby

Mary Newby - January 16, 2018 at 03:51 AM



“ *Ann Lewis lit a candle in memory of Bishop D. Stefán Adams*



Ann Lewis - May 04, 2015 at 11:06 PM



Rest On Cousin, Bishop Stefan Adam! You Fought a Courageous Battle and Now You Have Earned Your Heavenly Wings. Gone But Never Be Forgotten, Great Man Of God. My Prays and Condolences are with my Family. God Bless

Ann Lewis - May 04, 2015 at 11:12 PM

EP

“ *Elder Michael & Eula Porter lit a candle in memory of Bishop D. Stefán Adams*



Elder Michael & Eula Porter - May 04, 2015 at 04:42 PM

EP

“ *Elder Michael & Eula Porter lit a candle in memory of Bishop D. Stefán Adams*



Elder Michael & Eula Porter - May 04, 2015 at 04:40 PM

RK

“ Regina Kindred lit a candle in memory of
Bishop D. Stefán Adams



Regina Kindred - May 04, 2015 at 03:20 PM

RK

“ Regina Kindred lit a candle in memory of
Bishop D. Stefán Adams



Regina Kindred - May 04, 2015 at 03:12 PM

EW

“ EVELYN WERTZ lit a candle in memory of
Bishop D. Stefán Adams



EVELYN WERTZ - May 04, 2015 at 03:02 PM

RK

“ Regina Kindred lit a candle in memory of
Bishop D. Stefán Adams



Regina Kindred - May 04, 2015 at 02:48 PM

RM

“ *Rita Miles lit a candle in memory of Bishop D. Stefán Adams*



Rita Miles - May 04, 2015 at 02:26 PM

RM

“ *To the family of Bishop D. Stefán Adams; you are all being lifted up in prayers of comfort. Truly a man of GOD has gone on but with us in spirit.*

Rita Miles - May 04, 2015 at 02:26 PM

LW

“ *LINDA WILSON lit a candle in memory of Bishop D. Stefán Adams*



LINDA WILSON - May 04, 2015 at 11:19 AM

JK

“ *Jeanette Knight lit a candle in memory of Bishop D. Stefán Adams*



Jeanette Knight - May 04, 2015 at 10:08 AM

LC

“ My Condolences to the Family of Bishop D. Stefa'n Adams, Sr. He took his wings on Friday and I am so Heart-Broken. He was "My Best Friend!!" I will always cherish the laughter we shared. Rest in Paradise, for God has another Precious Flower there in Heaven with Him.
Always & Forever, Ms. Candis

LCandis - May 04, 2015 at 09:28 AM

KB

“ Kenith And Crystal Babb lit a candle in memory of Bishop D. Stefán Adams



Kenith and Crystal Babb - May 04, 2015 at 08:07 AM

VS

“ Valerie Swain lit a candle in memory of Bishop D. Stefán Adams



valerie swain - May 04, 2015 at 06:09 AM

RS

“ Rev. C. M. Carter, Sr. lit a candle in memory of Bishop D. Stefán Adams



Rev. C. M. Carter, Sr. - May 04, 2015 at 05:49 AM

GW

“ *Jennette, our sincere condolences to you and the children. Bishop Adams, was a fine young and inspirational young man and very kind to my family in our time of need in December when called upon. He will be missed. He was our oldest brother, Deacon Harry L. Grant, Godson. God bless you and your family. Please feel free to call on the Grant Family for anything you need.*

Rev. Ann J. Fortineau, Elsie G. Murphy, Peola M. Bright, George Grant, Audrey Webb and Gwen Williams, Harry L. sisters and brother.

Gwen Williams - May 03, 2015 at 04:34 PM

MA

“ *Marie Anders lit a candle in memory of Bishop D. Stefán Adams*



Marie anders - May 03, 2015 at 11:43 AM

AP

“ *Angela Perry lit a candle in memory of Bishop D. Stefán Adams*



Angela Perry - May 02, 2015 at 09:31 PM

AP

Bishop D. Stefan Adams was truly a man of God. I will never forget how comforting his words were to me and my children during the passing of Walter Lee Perry, III. And through the years, you have always shared comforting words, and a warm smile. Thank you! To your family, earth has no sorrow that heaven can not heal! Love you all to life!

Angela Perry - May 02, 2015 at 09:36 PM



“ *Mrz Jordan sent a virtual gift in memory of Bishop D. Stefán Adams*



Mrz Jordan - May 02, 2015 at 09:02 PM

CC

“ *Charles Crest lit a candle in memory of Bishop D. Stefán Adams*



Charles Crest - May 02, 2015 at 08:34 PM

DQ

“ *Donna Quinerly lit a candle in memory of Bishop D. Stefán Adams*



Donna Quinerly - May 02, 2015 at 06:56 PM



“ *Rest In Peace Mr President On Be Half Of The Woodrow Wilson Alumni We Love You And Will Miss The Gavel." PRESIDENTS FOR LIFE "*

Jackie Wilson - May 02, 2015 at 06:04 PM



“ *NO MORE PAIN MY DEAR COUSIN FRIEND AND PARTNER REST NOW IN GOD'S ARMS I WILL MISS YOU .*

Jackie Wilson - May 02, 2015 at 06:02 PM



“ *Jackie Wilson lit a candle in memory of Bishop D. Stefán Adams*



Jackie Wilson - May 02, 2015 at 06:00 PM

MW

“ *Stefan and I went to schhool together, until two years ago when he preach my cousin funeral I hadn't sren him in over thirty years or better, but to know he was spreading and sharing the word of God really touch my heart. I wish more of our young men and brother would follow in his foot steps. To the family , may God be with you during the time of your lost and know that God restores. Stay liftied in his word .*

maria ward - May 02, 2015 at 03:51 PM

MW

“ *Maria Ward lit a candle in memory of Bishop
D. Stefán Adams*



maria ward - May 02, 2015 at 03:46 PM