



Florence Morris Adams

December 20, 1933 - December 15, 2018

Florence Margaret Adams was born in Manhattan, New York to the late Mr. and Mrs. George and Roselle King on December 20, 1933. Florence passed on December 15, 2018, surrounded by her loved ones.

Florence graduated from Walton high School in the Bronx, New York, where her classmates called her "Flo." They often referred to her as "Florence Nightingale." We attribute her success to this. She never made or took any excuses! She believed that "very little could be done under the spirit of fear."

During her early years in New York, she worked at Alexander's Incorporated in the fashion retail industry as a buyer. She worked closely with designers, sales representatives, and attended trade fairs to observe and set trends. She developed a keen sense for fashion and later honed her seamstress skills. There was never an occasion where you wouldn't find Florence without matching gloves to match her newly stitched ultra-fashionable clothing.

With the introduction of the "computing age and "Big Blue-IBM" she quickly recognized the impact of the "computing age", retooled, and worked as a data systems entry operator for JC Penny's Big Data Center on Broadway in Manhattan. Florence enjoyed her long career as a Computer-data Operator and progressed through the ranks to become a Corporate Data Center Manager. Although she was immersed in her computing career, she always

had time for an occasional Broadway show down the street, gloves ready and dressed for the show.

During her career, she was one of those "Hidden Figures" as well as a pioneer in a newly evolving "digital age." Although she was a native New Yorker for 45 years, she eventually relocated with her company to Dallas, Texas to finish out her remaining years towards retirement. While in Texas, she did voluntary work at the African American Art Museum, working as a guide.

Florence retired in 1996, after 40 years of service and relocated to Chesapeake, Virginia to be close to family, she became an active member of the Chesapeake YMCA where she exercised daily, chatted, and enjoyed the company of her friends. She loved to travel, attend festivals and take cruises. "Flo" stayed engaged, busy which kept her mind sharp. During her retirement, she enrolled in upholstery classes and learned to salvage many classic pieces of furniture; she also learned how to mold and fire ceramics. Florence also had a green thumb, and you could always find her tending to her lawn, beautifying her flowerbed, and preparing decorations for the upcoming season. But most of all, she loved spending time with her family and would always make time for a friend in need. Her kindness and genuineness will be sorely missed! She had a big heart that... over- "Flo" -ed!

Florence is preceded by her husband William "Billy" Adams, a sister Marjorie Theresa Morris and a brother George "Brother" Morris. She leaves to cherish her memory, two sons Anthony Duguid (New Jersey) and Almateen Yazid and a devoted daughter-in-law Cheryl Grant-Yazid (Chesapeake, Va.) four grandchildren Cory Duguid, Jazmyn Duguid, Deja Yazid and Jahbari Yazid, six great grandchildren, two nieces Tonya Williams-Mayo and Tonya "Mimi" Hunter, and dearly beloved companion cat "Tigger" and a host of loving relatives, friends and neighbors.

We Love you Florence!

Strength..... Wisdom..... Beauty

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 23. 1:00 PM (ET)

J. T. Fisher Funeral Services Chapel
1248 N. George Washington Hwy
Chesapeake, VA

Tribute Wall



“ 44 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - December 22, 2018 at 09:56 PM



“ 3 files added to the album *Memories Album*



almateen - December 20, 2018 at 08:42 AM



“ *Florence shared her wisdom and love to us who attended the Greenbrier Family YMCA. She was one of the “ladies of the round table” and will be greatly missed. We praise God for allowing our paths to meet. Rest in Heaven our friend!*
~Rhonda Lambert~

Rhonda Lambert - December 20, 2018 at 06:14 AM

JH

Rest In Jesus arms sweet lady.

judith henderson - January 03, 2019 at 12:12 AM

MI

“ Florence was very special to the members and staff at the Greenbrier Family YMCA. She will be dearly missed by everyone. We are so sorry to hear of her passing. Much love from the YMCA.

Missy - December 19, 2018 at 05:13 PM



“ Helma German lit a candle in memory of Florence Morris Adams



Helma German - December 19, 2018 at 07:22 AM

DS

“ I'm going to miss you Ms. Florence, my neighbor whom I loved deeply as my second mom. RIH one day we will meet again and catch up on everything going on like we use to do in the good ole days. 🥹

My condolences and prayers are with the family.

Donschell Stallings - December 18, 2018 at 10:13 PM

EJ

“ I will never forget the kindness you showed me in the 5 years we've been neighbors.

Eddie Johnson - December 17, 2018 at 09:14 PM