



## Phyllis Gale Adams

November 6, 1946 - August 20, 2025

Phyllis Gale Adams, 78, of Morrilton, Arkansas, passed away peacefully on August 20, 2025. She was born on November 6, 1946, in Napa, California, to the late Ira and Georgia Barnes. A 1964 graduate of Perryville High School, and an active member of Petit Jean First Baptist Church, Phyllis carried with her the warmth and strength of her family throughout her life.

She was the devoted wife of Wayne C. Adams, with whom she shared 59 wonderful years of marriage. Together, they built a life full of love, laughter, and cherished memories. She is also survived by her loving sister, Flora Clay of Casa.

Phyllis's greatest joy was her family. She was a loving mother to three children: Debbie Shrewsbury (John) of Benton, Karen Payne (John) of Bismarck, and Jeff Adams (Racheal) of Little Rock. She was equally adored by her six grandchildren—Sean Shrewsbury (Christine), Jared Payne (Addison), Abby Shrewsbury, Jenna Payne, Nate Adams, and Ashley Adams—and four great-grandchildren: Josephine Payne, Jay Payne, Graham Shrewsbury, and Savannah Shrewsbury. She was also a beloved aunt to many nieces and nephews. Phyllis had a special place in her heart for her faithful companion, Baxter, who brought her comfort and joy.

A gifted pianist, Phyllis had a remarkable ability to touch hearts through music. For decades, she shared her passion and talent by teaching hundreds of students, leaving a legacy through every note played and every life inspired. Her unwavering devotion to the Lord was the guiding light behind a lifetime of

selfless service to her church, community, and local schools. She retired in 2015 from Petit Jean State Park, where she served as manager of the visitor center.

Phyllis's warmth, generosity, and spirit will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, August 25, at the Harris Chapel with Bro. Bill Scroggs officiating. Burial will be at McGhee Cemetery. Arrangements are being made through Harris Funeral Home in Morrilton, Arkansas. Visitation will be one hour before the service, at the funeral home.

# Cemetery Details

## McGhee Cemetery

1420 Highway 10  
Adona, AR 72001

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 25. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Harris Funeral Home Chapel  
1325 Oak Street  
Morrilton, AR 72110  
<http://www.harrisfuneralhomes.net>

## Funeral Service

AUG 25. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

PF

“ So sorry to hear of Phyllis’ passing. I have many good memories of Phyllis and Wayne from their time at Norphlet.i think of her often. She was a dynamo!  
Pat Dumas Floyd

Pat Dumas Floyd - August 25, 2025 at 12:37 PM

DB

“ Danielle, Easton, Ariel & Brooklyn purchased the Lavender & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Phyllis Gale Adams.



Danielle, Easton, Ariel & Brooklyn - August 22, 2025 at 11:29 PM



“ White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Phyllis Gale Adams.



August 22, 2025 at 07:01 PM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Yellow and White was purchased for the family of Phyllis Gale Adams.



August 22, 2025 at 04:12 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Phyllis Gale Adams.*



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August 22, 2025 at 02:34 PM



“ *Dear Wayne and Family,  
We are so very sorry for your very dear loss....  
Phyllis shown for Jesus in everything she did and used her talents and gifts to bless so many... we will always be grateful for her encouragement through music, and how she kept Petit Jean Park running so well, always smiling , always a delight! She will be missed by all!  
Our love and prayers, and deepest sympathy are with you all...  
much love,  
Beau, Sharon, karen, Jon, Laurie, Robert, Matt Steinmetz and all of our families..*

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**Karen Steinmetz Dantzler** - August 22, 2025 at 02:24 PM



“ *With much love, The Steinmetz Family purchased the Pink & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Phyllis Gale Adams.*



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**With much love, The Steinmetz Family** - August 22, 2025 at 02:11 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Phyllis Gale Adams.



August 22, 2025 at 01:15 PM



“ European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Phyllis Gale Adams.



August 22, 2025 at 12:58 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear this. I think I called her Mom from the first day we met. I remember tuning her piano (badly) playing the Cup song with the family and the birthday cake she made me where she must have used every attachment on her new cake decorating kit. She was so welcoming and kind to me. Your family is deep in my thoughts and prayers.

**Mike McCowan** - August 22, 2025 at 09:40 AM



“ Wayne and family. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family today and the days to follow. Phyllis always had a sweet smile for everyone.  
Bill and Sandra Lamb

**Bill and Sandra Lamb** - August 21, 2025 at 11:45 PM

DB

“ Dirk and Cathy Butchko purchased the White Standing Spray for the family of Phyllis Gale Adams.



Dirk and Cathy Butchko - August 21, 2025 at 10:47 PM

LF

“ Leslie and Whisenhunt Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Phyllis Gale Adams.

Leslie and Whisenhunt Families - August 21, 2025 at 04:29 PM

LF

“ Leslie and Whisenhunt Families purchased the Multicolor Pastel Sympathy Basket for the family of Phyllis Gale Adams.



Leslie and Whisenhunt Families - August 21, 2025 at 04:29 PM

NS

“ I loved her dearly. So many memories of choir practice and specials and listening to her beautiful piano playing. She was without a doubt the best pianist I have ever heard. 💔

Nadine Satterwhite - August 21, 2025 at 02:37 PM

MH

“ *Such a sweet lady. Her smile and laugh are the things I remember about Phyllis the most. Vacations to arkansas were always good times with the family. Our thoughts and prayers are with Wayne, Debbie, Karen, Jeff and their families. Love you all. Melissa H. Becky H. and Johnny Summers.*

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**MELISSA HARRINGTON** - August 21, 2025 at 02:24 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Phyllis Gale Adams.

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August 21, 2025 at 02:22 PM



“ *Classic Fireside Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Phyllis Gale Adams.*



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August 21, 2025 at 02:22 PM