



Mrs. Mavis Adams

May 30, 1928 - July 7, 2021

Mavis Adams passed away on July 7, 2021. The youngest of the ten children of Norman and Clara McDonald, she was born in Bismarck, North Dakota on May 30, 1928, Memorial Day. She attended St. Mary School in Bismarck, graduating in 1946. She worked as a switchboard operator for several years before marriage and ever after never forgot a number. She met Leland C. (Lee) Adams in Bismarck and they were married on October 22, 1953. The newlyweds started their life together in the French Quarter of New Orleans, moving around the country as Lee's career progressed, until they finally moved to Lake Forest, Illinois. They divided their time between Lake Forest and Orange Beach, Alabama after Lee's retirement. Lee passed away in 1998 and Mavis continued to enjoy summers in Lake Forest and winters in Alabama.

A lifelong Catholic, she attended Daily Mass and was active in church activities wherever she lived. She also supported quite a number of charities. She was a member of the Southeastern Lieutenancy of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre and was pleased to be able to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land as well as some other holy sites.

She loved to read, play bridge, watch Jeopardy, visit the casino, travel, and spend time with her family. She travelled to many places on four continents and frequently got the urge to "go somewhere". What she loved most of all was singing, at church, at school, at a piano bar or just around the house. She knew every word to every song until the Rock era. As a young woman she

was a member of the Bismarck Light Opera Company.

Mavis and Lee had three daughters, Gwen, Donna and Diane. She will be very much missed by her daughters, Diane's husband Sean McCormick, grandchildren Nicholas (Caroline) McCormick, Becca (Chris) Smith, Shalan Ryan (Nicholas Wilson), and Taylor Camelio. She was great grandma to Peyton, Grayson, Jackson, Davis and Camelio.

She was preceded in death by her parents, five brothers, four sisters, three nieces, two nephews and Donna's partner Cheryl Camelio, all of whom we know were there to welcome her.

In lieu of flowers please donate to the charity of your choice.

Our mom was a strong, loving caring person and she touched the lives of everyone she knew. Her faith was strong and she was at peace. There was one constant refrain that she would want you to know.

"I'M OKAY"

And she would be toasting you all with a glass of Chardonnay

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUL 17. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Thomas by the Sea
26547 Perdido Beach Blvd
Orange Beach, AL 36561

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Mavis Adams*

October 04, 2023 at 01:12 PM



“ *Mrs. Mavis Adams*

November 08, 2022 at 06:34 PM



“ *Shelley, Mark, & Bob McDonald, Wes & Karen Shotwell purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Mavis Adams.*



Shelley, Mark, & Bob McDonald, Wes & Karen Shotwell - July 15, 2021 at 04:56 PM



“ *We send deepest sympathy to her family. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mrs. Mavis Adams.*



We send deepest sympathy to her family. - July 15, 2021 at 04:26 PM

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“ *Donna, Diane, and Gwen*
We are so sorry for your loss.
You have our deepest condolences. Mavis lived a beautiful life. She had three loving, caring, remarkable daughters!
We were in Mavis's company a few times.
Mavis was very warm, giving, friendly, gracious women.
We went to the casino she was so giving to Sissy.
We enjoyed Mavis's company, she was gracious enough to let us stay at her condo.
Nicole remembers the night we were all drinking martinis at Cheryl and Donna's house playing banana grams all having a good time.
You all are in our thoughts and prayers. Denise Cacia and Nicole Bubel

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Denise Cacia - July 14, 2021 at 09:37 PM

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“ *Shirley and Jack Hewitt purchased the Love Ever lasting Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Mavis Adams.*



Shirley and Jack Hewitt - July 14, 2021 at 06:38 PM