



## Captain Samuel Wren Adams

July 6, 1935 - January 11, 2021

Sam Adams, age 85, a retired U.S. Navy Captain and long-time resident of Foley, AL, passed away 11 January 2021. An incredibly smart and kind man, he leaves behind his loving wife Mary (Rafferty), daughter Erin Adams, sister Angela (Priester) Watson Bess and many other truly valued family and friends all over the world. Sam was born in Thomaston, GA and graduated from Lanier High School in 1953. After graduating from Auburn University he entered the Navy in 1957. He continued to serve his country for 30 years until retirement. His love for his country showed him the world. Sam completed numerous sea duty tours on both surface ships and various submarines. His love for small spaces under the water, as a 6'2 Naval Officer, was total. As Sam often said "There are only two types of ships: submarines and targets."

When stationed back in Washington, D.C. he held many executive positions at Naval Headquarters. During this time he met his wife, Mary, also a U.S. Naval officer, and they had Baby Erin. After a 5-year tour in San Diego, CA he retired from the Navy. He and his family eventually returned to Alabama in 1988, built a beautiful California style house, on a 3 acre plot of land in Foley so he could enjoy retirement. After the Navy, his hobbies included stained glass, professional tax preparation, house and yard work, a love for good food and wine and travels with his family.

Visitation held at St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church, 19 January at 10

am, followed by Mass at 11am. Graveside services will be held at a future date in Arlington National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, family requests donations please be made to St. Benedict School, 12786 Illinois St., Elberta, AL 36530 (<https://saintbenedict.net.>)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Margaret Catholic Church  
601 W Laurel Ave, Foley,  
Foley, AL 36535  
<http://www.stmargaretofscotlandfoley.com/>

## Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 19. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Margaret Catholic Church  
601 W Laurel Ave, Foley,  
Foley, AL 36535  
<http://www.stmargaretofscotlandfoley.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Captain Samuel Wren Adams*

October 04, 2023 at 01:12 PM



“ *Captain Samuel Wren Adams*

November 08, 2022 at 06:34 PM



“ *I send this message to Mary, a dear and devoted Foley Library patron. I was so sorry to hear about Sam's passing & want you to know you have my deepest condolences & sincere sympathy. Sending you love & light -  
Melanie Schnieders*



**Melanie Schnieders** - March 01, 2021 at 12:56 PM



“ *Kathy Alken lit a candle in memory of Captain Samuel Wren Adams*



**Kathy Alken** - January 30, 2021 at 05:42 PM

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“ *Michael A Bradish ex601 sailor purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Captain Samuel Wren Adams.*



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**Michael A Bradish ex601 sailor** - January 26, 2021 at 02:48 PM

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“ *I first met Mr. Adams after reporting for duty on the USS Robert E. Lee SSBN 601 in 1965. As a missile tech, I came under his command as my Weapons Officer. He was the very best officer I ever served under in my seven years in the Navy. He was a fine leader of men who led us with kind, but firm leadership. I used the lessons he taught us about leadership for many years after I left the Navy. After my father, I admired him the most. Sam, fair winds and smooth seas. Thanks for enriching my life.*

*Michael A Bradish  
Ex MT2 (SS)*

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**Michael A Bradish** - January 26, 2021 at 02:40 PM