



Dell McAdams

October 24, 1929 - January 28, 2013

DELL MCADAMS

LaDell Westmoreland McAdams was born on October 24, 1929 in Liberty, Texas, to Lee Kelton Westmoreland and Lila Long Westmoreland, and died on January 28, 2013 in Huntsville, Texas.

Her parents were teachers, and taught school in Houston County, Huntsville, Madison County, and finally in Huntsville again when she was four. Dell remained in Huntsville for the rest of her life.

She was a busy student. At Huntsville High School, she was the President of the State Future Homemakers of America. During her term of service, Texas was admitted as an affiliate of the National Future Homemakers of America.

She was Queen of the Huntsville High School Spring Festival in 1947, and graduated that year. She valued the relationship with her classmates, attending her last class reunion, their 65th, in the Spring of 2012.

Dell attended college at Sam Houston State and Sul Ross State Universities. She was a member of the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority.

She met her future husband, Doyle F. McAdams, Jr. in 1948, and they married

on January 29, 1949 at the First United Methodist Church of Huntsville where both were very active members for the rest of their lives.

She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, holding offices in both.

Dell was a Charter Member of the Study Club of Huntsville. She was a founding member of the Huntsville Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. She was a member of the Oakwood Cemetery Association's Committee, and a member of the City of Huntsville's Board for the Oakwood Cemetery.

She was active politically, and served in leadership positions as long ago as the 1950s, when women rarely did so. She was County Chair for various statewide candidates, including United States Senator Lyndon B. Johnson.

She was President of the Parents - Teachers Association/Organization of the Huntsville Public Schools. As a result of her leadership, she received the Honorary Lifetime Membership award of the P.T.A.

She read avidly. She loved her bridge club, playing in it for more than 60 years.

Dell was widely known, and she, indeed, widely knew. She shared many friendships across the community, and beyond. She freely gave of her time and knowledge.

She was a rich source in her areas of expertise, and a mentor in those areas to many, which included more than one generation.

Dell's life and love were devoted to her community and to her family, and she will be greatly missed. She was a mother to two sons, James Doyle (Jim)

McAdams and William Lee (Bill) McAdams.

Much of her legacy is her children - and the boys and girls, and young men and women, she played a role in raising. She helped mother many in the Huntsville community. As well, she helped mother many young Aggies who her sons brought along from Texas A&M and into her orbit. She was a Texas Aggie mother for the years.

She is survived in death by Jim, Jim's wife Molly, and her grandsons James William (Will) McAdams, and Will's wife Carly, and John Kohl McAdams. She is survived by Bill, and Bill's wife Shan, and her granddaughter McKinsey Kelton McAdams Copeland, and McKinsey's husband Baron. She is also survived by an uncle, Morris Westmoreland, and by many Westmoreland, Long, McAdams and Burney cousins.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 63 years, Doyle. As well, she was predeceased by her wonderful parents, her four grandparents, and many uncles, aunts, and cousins.

Love and gratitude is extended to all. Especially, to Dorothy Jean R. Thomason. Dot and Dell were friends who were both only children and became sisters by choice, as true of sisters as any could be. To Mary Charles F. Kyle, her lifelong friend. And to her cousins-in-law, D'Anne McAdams Crews, Kay McAdams Barrett, and Jere' S. McCann. To Mae Rogers. To Lydia Ramos. To Carolyn Brooks. To Candice Mock.

A visitation will be held at the Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, 1700 Normal Park Drive, Huntsville, Texas 77340, on Tuesday, January 29, 2013, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Her funeral service in memory and celebration of Dell's life is to be conducted at the First United Methodist Church of Huntsville, 1016 Sam Houston Avenue, Huntsville, Texas 77320, on Wednesday, January 30, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. The interment is to follow at the Oakwood Cemetery in Huntsville.

Honorary Pallbearers are Andy Adams, Dr. Tommy Cole, Col. M.B. Etheredge, J.J. Head, Jack Kyle, Brock Lively, James Patton, Judge Danny Pierce, Hal R. Ridley, Doyle Stuckey, Edwin Thomason, Jimmy Wood, and Mac Woodward.

In lieu of customary remembrances, Mrs. McAdams requested that any memorial contributions in her name be made to the First United Methodist Church of Huntsville Foundation, 1016 Sam Houston Avenue, Huntsville, Texas 77320.

Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Dell McAdams*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *To Jim and Bill: May I express my sincere condolences to you and your loving family at this difficult time. Your dear mother was a pillar of the community and a true lady, always thinking of others. She was an integral part of our childhood activities and a mentor to many. Both dear family friends, I will remember your parents always. There were many ties between our families. Thank you, Bill, for attending my mother's visitation in 2009 on behalf of Miss Dell. Your words still ring in my heart. May the Lord grant you all peace and comfort in your time of loss.*

Cheryl Townley Bell - February 02, 2013 at 04:02 PM



“ *Bill, our prayers go out for you and your family. It is really hard to let your mother go. May God keep you and yours in the palm of His hand. When I heard this, it was to late to attend. May God bless you.*

Love, Ann McAdams Colwell

Ann McAdams Colwell - January 31, 2013 at 10:37 PM



“ *Lots of love to you all in this sorrowful time...I'm glad to have met Dell, and love hearing all the stories about her and Doyle. Grace, Jesse and I are sad not to have been able to attend the services but, are so glad we were able to have known her.*

Colleen Fraker - January 31, 2013 at 07:38 PM

MH

“ I wish to express my sympathy to all the family on the loss of their love one. I know it's hard to put into words. Jim and Bill, I got to know Dell for just a short time, but speaking with her I know how much she loved her family. My prayers are for comfort and strength for all the family.

M Hyvi - January 30, 2013 at 09:12 PM

BE

“ Jim and Bill, I was deeply saddened to learn of your mother's passing. Miss Dell was such a grand lady and knowing her was such an honor. Precious memories that she will remain a part of - Aggie football, tailgating at Kyle Field, weekends at the ranch, and most of all, seeing how much she loved all of her Aggie boys - are memories that I will cherish forever. The McAdams family has been dear to my heart for over 40 years and I pray that you will find the comfort, peace and strength through God's love to face the coming days.
Much love to both of you,
Becky

Becky Stevens Erikson - January 30, 2013 at 07:54 PM

AS

“ McKinsey and family, I am so sorry for your loss; I know Mrs. McAdams had a profound impact on your lives. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.

Angela Scott Stacks - January 30, 2013 at 07:40 PM

PF

“ Bill and McKinsey, my thoughts and prayers are with you. I know you will greatly miss her and the warm and assuring impact she had on your lives. I was grateful to come to know the great lady I heard so much about over the years. My sincerest condolences are with the entire family.

Pattie Featherston - January 30, 2013 at 05:19 PM

JR

“ We are deeply sorry for the loss of mamma Dell. We are left with memories of her soft tender voice and her sweet smile. And those sweet bitter moments too! All in all, we love her and will miss her more than you can imagine.

*You are in our prayers and in our hearts!
We love you!*

Javier & Sonia Zamudio, Felix & Lidia Ramos - January 30, 2013 at 12:17 PM

JM

“ To Jim and Bill: My heart was broken when I heard that your mom had passed away. The memories flew through my mind. From car pooling for so many years and you know that car had to be warmed up before she came out! She a great neighborhood mom, and a precious neighbor us. The many visits we had on my trips into town, I will never forget.

*She was a true "Southern Lady" who spent her life doing for others.
I will truly miss Aunt Dell!*

All my love to the both of you and your families!

Janis Wood Mitchell

Janis Wood Mitchell - January 30, 2013 at 09:48 AM

AN

“ To Jim, Bill and family,

Your Mother was a role model for me, as well as all women in Walker County. She was the perfect picture of strength, compassion, and a true "Southern Lady"!

*She will be truly missed,
Anita Sherrill Natale*

Anita Natale - January 29, 2013 at 08:40 PM

SM

“ To the entire McAdams family, I wish that words could somehow express what a powerful force Dell and your whole family have been in my life. I have such wonderful memories of picnics at the 12 Bar, listening to stories in Doyle and Dell's living room, having them both join me at the Chancel as my "sponsors" when I joined FUMC, rides together to Aggie Muster and on and on. They loved this state, Texas A&M, the Huntsville community, and most of all you-their family. May the many memories you have ease your loss. Know that they loved you and were proud of you in a way few parents and grandparents are. God's blessings.

Shannon Bridget Maloney - January 29, 2013 at 04:31 PM

CW

“ That was a beautiful obituary for a beautiful lady. I am proud to have been her cousin. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. God's comfort to you all...

Love, Cyndi

Cyndi Long Walker - January 29, 2013 at 11:10 AM

SS

“ *Bill, Jim and families, our hearts, prayers and thoughts are with you. May the Lord bless you, keep you, and give you peace. Lord hear our prayers. Shelly and Craig Stover (Madisonville)*

shelly and craig stover - January 28, 2013 at 07:11 PM