



Francis Anne Guerrant Adams

February 18, 1942 - July 25, 2020

Francis Anne Guerrant Adams, age 78, went home to be with the Lord and her family peacefully in her sleep on Saturday morning July 25th, 2020. Francis was born to William Clifford and Audrey Bay Guerrant on February 18, 1942 in Huntsville TX. Francis devotion to family began early in life living with her parents and two grandmothers in a home that eventually became the location of the Huntsville Chamber of Commerce. In recent years Francis would walk the grounds with family members and point out locations where her childhood pets were buried and tell stories of her grandmother slipping into Town Creek and offering a little boy some change to help her climb out. During her childhood Francis and “brother” Pete Kay spent many an hour running the fields at the Guerrant family ranch on Bishop road. Francis love for music came early in life as she would walk up the road to the what is now the historic Gibbs-Powell house museum to take piano lessons from Mrs. Louise Powell. During her last days the phrase of “What would Mrs. Powell tell you to do?” still evoked a rapid response from Francis and brought a smile to her. Francis also grew her devotion to service by spending her time at the family-run grocery on the Huntsville Courthouse square that eventually relocated and became Guerrant’s Lucky 7 located at the site of what is now McDonald’s on Sam Houston Avenue. Francis’ love for music grew during her youth from piano and eventually became her lifelong love of singing. After graduating high school, Francis’ beautiful voice gave her an opportunity to go to Europe to further her study; but, after a chance encounter at the Houston

Livestock show, she met the love of her life Donald Adams and were married on December 1, 1961 and begin a life-time journey with him of 59 years. Francis and Don had two sons, Michael Dean Adams and Mark Clifford Adams. Francis continued her education and graduated from Sam Houston State University not long after Mike was born. During her college time, Francis was blessed with a scholarship from the FUMC Chancel Choir that began a life-long devotion to the Methodist church choir. Francis' love for SHSU continued throughout her life, asking her son Mark for daily and often multiple daily updates of "Tell me all about Sam. What's going on? I just love Sam Houston."

As her love for music continued to grow Francis was recognized and welcomed into a trio of more seasoned FUMC Chancel Choir singers that became the Treble Aires and in the following 40+ years to come became a regular at Sunday morning worship services at many different churches, civic events, weddings, and memorial services. Her strong and beautiful alto voice would be shared by many over the four-decade period.

Francis continued her service to community and love for music by joining Gilbert and Sullivan Society of Huntsville and performing lead roles in H.M.S. Pinafore as Buttercup, Pirates of Penzance, and Yeomen of the Guard; along with numerous performances of the community presentations of Hee Haw where she made many new life-long friends. Francis showed her love and appreciation for her choir and performing friends through numerous parties, BBQ events, and fellowship gatherings she would host at the Family Ranch out on Bishop Road.

Francis' love for service and children eventually led her to serve on numerous organizations and give her time as a substitute teacher. When her son Mark was in the Huntsville high school marching band, Francis joined the Band Boosters to help with fund raising and negotiating discounts so the band could travel in style on Greyhound buses rather than the "ole' yellow dog" buses. During this time, Francis continued to grow her connection to the students, friends, and family of Huntsville with whom she connected.

Together, Francis and Don ran numerous businesses through their years, from assisting with the family Grocery and ranch to washeteria, real-estate, Adams-Koehl home building, established Pine Shadows Estates subdivision, Grenada Falls restaurant and shopping center, co-opened the Jolly Fox and eventually settled into Don's TV for a career in the electronics business, in which Francis helped with book keeping and public relations. The work she did never took away from her love of camping and trips and summertime excursions to the Guadalupe River with family and close friends.

Francis will always be remembered for fun, simple warm laughter and love. Francis was preceded in death by parents Clifford and Audrey Guerrant, Brother James Guerrant and cousin George Edward "Pet" Kay along with many other deeply loved family and friends.

Francis is survived by her husband Donald Dean Adams of Huntsville; son Michael Dean Adams and wife, Kitna, of Decatur, grandchildren Ashley Adams, Austin Adams, Melissa Adams; son Mark Clifford Adams and wife, Missy, of Huntsville, granddaughter Melynda Tobias and husband, John, of North Zulch, great-grandchildren Addy and Collin Tobias.

In lieu of flowers, the family wishes memorial contributions be made to the First United Methodist church of Huntsville choir scholarship fund. 1016 Sam Houston Ave, Huntsville, TX 77320 (936)295-5441

Tribute Wall



“ Francis Anne Guerrant Adams

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ My name is Tracy Odom and I wanted to extend my condolences to your family for the loss of Mrs. Francis and Mr. Adam's.

I lived in Huntsville a short distance from the Walls Unit as a boy with my mother and Pete Kay. Pete and his family were very kind to me and I have fond memories of Uncle Clifford. Aunt Cougar, Aunt Billie and Pete. When my mother and Pete divorced in the early 70's I lost contact with the family. My family are resting in a private cemetery just outside Trinity on FM230 and whenever I'm there I always think back to those times and people. Wonder what ever happen to them and where they rest that I might visit them again. My cell is 956-535-1478 if you would be willing to text or call I would be grateful. My email is tdarrino@aol.com

Respectfully

Tracy Odom

tracy odom - April 12, 2021 at 10:33 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Francis Anne Guerrant Adams.




August 04, 2020 at 06:08 PM

PC

“ *My condolences Mark to you and your family.*



Peggy Coker - July 31, 2020 at 03:56 PM


Charlotte
Efird

“ *Charlotte Efird lit a candle in memory of Francis Anne Guerrant Adams*



Charlotte Efird - July 30, 2020 at 08:00 PM

BA

“ *I am so sorry to hear about the loss of Mrs. Adams. She was always so kind and sweet. My thoughts and prayers go out to all the Adams family.*

Brian Adams - July 29, 2020 at 11:08 PM

BN

“ *Missy, Mark, Don, Mike and wife. My sincere condolences to the family. Loved Francis Ann's loving spirit. She will certainly be missed. She was a special friend.*

Beverly Conner Niederhofer - July 29, 2020 at 12:13 AM

GG

“ Francis was the joyful spirit that made our Gilbert and Sullivan productions such fun. Blessings to the family during this time. Greg and Dani Gathright

Gregory Gathright - July 28, 2020 at 06:20 PM

CN

“ Dear Don and all your family,
Mike and I are so sorry for your loss. Please know that you all are in our thoughts and prayers. I will always remember Francis Anne for her musical talent, especially her singing, and her joy and service. May God bless you all now and in the days ahead.
Most sincerely,
Carol and Mike Nichols

Carol Nichols - July 28, 2020 at 04:47 PM

MF

“ Francis was a wonderful and talented friend that will surely be missed at Family Dinners. Thanks to the author of her obituary with all the wonderful memories of Francis and Huntsville, Texas and did not realize Francis was a popular citizen not too long ago. I knew Francis was talented musically but did not realize her contribution to Huntsville society.
We are so glad to have known Francis for a few short years and know she is again with so many friends and family. Francis we love you and know you are singing with the biggest choir ever.
Mike and Carla Ford

Mike and Carla Ford - July 28, 2020 at 02:44 PM

AS

“ The is you for the beautifully written memorial to Frances. I grew up in Huntsville and the United Methodist Church and choir. I remember Frances' beautiful alto voice. I went to seminary after Sam, then accepted churches in north Texas and Colorado. Frances' contributions to the musical life and talent in the Huntsville area, her beautiful voice, tireless energy and spirit will be a living memorial.

Allen Simons - July 28, 2020 at 12:52 PM



KM

“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Francis. I have so many wonderful early memories of her. We lived down the street and our families were friends for many years. My heart goes out to you all. Please know that you are in my prayers!

Kerri McAlister McElligott

Kerri McAlister McElligott - July 28, 2020 at 09:24 AM

 Becky
Martin
Spelce

“ Our deepest heartfelt sympathy on the loss of Mrs. Adams. She  was like a second mom to a lot of us and we all loved her dearly. She now has the best seat in town to watch the Fighting Hornet Band  so loved so. She will be missed by all. May she Rest in Peace.



Becky Martin Spelce - July 27, 2020 at 06:36 PM



“ Thoughts & Prayers was purchased for the family of Francis Anne Guerrant Adams.



July 27, 2020 at 10:25 AM



“ Francis Anne and I went through school together and I will always remember her as a darling girl with a beautiful smile who was loved by everyone who knew her. Don, please accept my sincere sympathy in your loss. I'm sure the heavenly choir sings a little bit sweeter for Francis Anne's being there.

Montie Belle Burns Shelton - July 27, 2020 at 09:05 AM



“ I am so very sorry for the loss of Francis Anne. My prayers are with the family during this difficult time.

Jeannine Jacoby - July 27, 2020 at 08:30 AM



“ Rhonda Mauldin lit a candle in memory of Francis Anne Guerrant Adams



Rhonda Mauldin - July 26, 2020 at 03:26 PM

MH

“ *M. Hyvl sent a virtual gift in memory of Francis Anne Guerrant Adams*



M. Hyvl - July 26, 2020 at 09:41 AM

SE

“ *Dear Don and family, we are so saddened by the death of Frances Ann- we have been long time friends and her smile, sense of humor and love for everyone are memories of her we will cherish - Peace finally for her and we pray God's Peace will envelope each of you, Sunny and Bob*

sunny ernst - July 26, 2020 at 08:44 AM

MD

“ *Mark and Robin Daniels purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Francis Anne Guerrant Adams.*



Mark and Robin Daniels - July 25, 2020 at 06:36 PM

FM

“ *Heart felt condolences to Don and to the family of Francis Anne Adams. She was a long time friend of our family and a best friend to my sister Shirley Martin Baker. She will be missed by all. Rest in Peace. Prayers for the friends and family. God Bless. Fred Martin and Shirley Baker.*

Fred Martin - July 25, 2020 at 04:56 PM