



Mrs. Betty Joyce Adams

November 16, 1969 - January 20, 2026

On November 16, 1969, Arthur Adams and Althea Ree Taylor Adams welcomed their second of four daughters, Betty Joyce. As they watched her grow alongside her sisters, they realized that she would be the most outspoken of them all! Her loving nature and kind spirit encapsulated those that she met and if you met her even once, you never forgot her. No matter where she went or who she encountered in life, she was always going to be Betty Joyce in the most endearing way.

Betty Joyce was immensely popular at Northwest Rankin High School and graduated with the class of 1989. There did not seem to be a football or basketball game where you did not hear Betty Joyce from the stands roasting the opposing team or calling the refs out for what she thought were bad calls!

Betty Joyce loved hard and wide and on February 12, 1993, she decided to share that love with David Jerome Mays as they united in marriage.

Her character was one of dedication and hard work which was demonstrated by longevity on her jobs. Throughout high school she worked at Jitney Jungle. Following graduation, she worked at Multicraft Corporation in Pelahatchie for more than 10 years until she began to face health challenges. But no amount of health issues stopped her! She spent countless hours working in ministry, babysitting, and being there for whatever you needed her to do. Betty was a

member of Greater New True Light Missionary Baptist Church where she was a joyful and faithful servant. She served on the Kitchen Committee, Pastor's Aid, as Assistant Secretary, and as Dance Ministry coordinator. She was also a choir member and Sunday School teacher. Because Betty Joyce was the party wherever she showed up, she used those talents to plan the church convention trips and Any Fun Days for the kids.

On January 20, 2026, Betty Joyce was called home to rest from her faithfulness here on earth. Her soul joined those who preceded her in death: her daughter, Khadesja Mays; her parents, Arthur and Althea Ree Adams; her maternal grandparents, Alfred and Abbie Ree Taylor; and her paternal grandparents Arthur and Florence Mae Adams.

While Betty Joyce has left this life to live again with the Lord, there are those that she has left behind to carry on her legacy of love and dedication. Her husband, David Jerome Mays of Fannin, Mississippi; her children, De'Netra (Christian) Adams, Jeronica (Tray) Jefferson of Fannin, Mississippi, and Keonta(Courtney) Boyd of Pelahatchie, Mississippi; and her five precious grandchildren, Arionna, Caiden, Kristiona, Cobie, and Zoey.

She also leaves her godmother, Hattie Blue of Fannin, Mississippi; four sisters, Cassandra Taylor, Wanda Adams, Latasha (Ronnie) Daniels, all of Fannin, Mississippi, and Didra (Carl) Bolton of Byram, Mississippi; and three brothers, Jimmy (Linda) Braggs of Madison, Mississippi, Henry Warren of Jackson, Mississippi, and Jeffrey (Sharee) Anderson of Fannin, Mississippi, god brothers Johnny (Ileaser) Blue of Fannin, Mississippi and Frankie Blue of Jackson, Mississippi.

Additionally, she leaves her mother-in-law, Jessie Amos of Morton, Mississippi; sisters-in-law Phyllis Brown and Wanda Harvey of Morton, Mississippi; brothers-in-law David Magee, Cedrick Worthy, and Cynthia

Worthy of Canton, Mississippi; Jolly Magee and Shirley Magee of Jackson, Mississippi; and Cleophus Amos and Linda White of Morton, Mississippi.

Betty Joyce is also survived by her loving nieces Precious, Ashley, Tashanna, and Althea, and nephews Nicholas and Lee (Fozy) Michael. She also leaves to cherish her memory a host of uncles, aunts, cousins, friends, and the entire Taylor, Adams, and Mays families.

Cemetery Details

Greater New Truelight M. B. Church Cemetery

316 Church Road
Brandon, MS 39047

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 30. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Dean Memorial Funeral Home
745 Highway 468
Brandon, MS 39042
(601) 825-3884
<https://deanmemorialfuneralhome.com/>

Homegoing Service

JAN 31. 11:00 AM (CT)

Greater New Truelight M. B. Church
316 Church Road
Brandon, MS 39047

Tribute Wall



“ *Dean Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Betty Joyce Adams*



Dean Memorial Funeral Home - January 28 at 10:16 AM

BT

“ *The Tate Family Lit a Candle in Memory of Betty Joyce Adams*

Brenda Tate - January 31 at 10:39 PM

LS

“ *Leah S sent a virtual gift in memory of Betty Adams*



Leah S - January 31 at 07:48 PM

LS

“ *Leah S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Betty Joyce Adams.*

Leah S. - January 31 at 07:42 PM

BD

“ *Brenda Denson lit a candle in memory of Betty Adams*



Brenda Denson - January 31 at 11:36 AM

TH

“ *Theresa Hines-Johnson lit a candle in memory of Betty Adams*



Theresa Hines-Johnson - January 31 at 09:02 AM

MJ

“ *Mekia G Jones lit a candle in memory of Betty Adams*



Mekia G Jones - January 31 at 08:00 AM

MT

“ *Michelle Taylor lit a candle in memory of Betty Adams*



Michelle Taylor - January 30 at 10:45 PM

JA

“ Betty I am truly going to miss you especially when you wanted to to cook cabbage corn bread and lemon pie . You always remain my daughter instead of a daughter in law . I never did have to to tell you that I loved you you new in your heart I felt the same way about you

Jessie Amos - January 30 at 07:43 PM



“ Amaria Ayanna lit a candle in memory of Betty Adams



Amaria Ayanna - January 30 at 04:06 PM

OJ

“ My condolences to the Family of Ms.Betty Adam's, Mays Family



Ollierea Jones - January 30 at 03:48 PM

RS

“ Robbie Singleton lit a candle in memory of Betty Adams



Robbie Singleton - January 30 at 10:02 AM

KB

“ *Kym Batton lit a candle in memory of Betty Adams*



Kym Batton - January 29 at 07:30 PM

JB

“ *Jonathan Boone lit a candle in memory of Betty Adams*



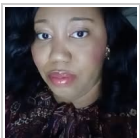
Jonathan Boone - January 29 at 06:53 PM

ET

“ *Evelyn Tillis lit a candle in memory of Betty Adams*



Evelyn Tillis - January 29 at 06:44 PM



“ *I'm going to miss you Mrs. Betty Joyce Adams*



Danielle Jackson - January 29 at 05:20 PM

FW

“ *FELIX WILLIAMS lit a candle in memory of Betty Adams*



FELIX WILLIAMS - January 29 at 02:59 PM

TM

“ *TONY McCOY lit a candle in memory of Betty Adams*



TONY McCOY - January 29 at 02:39 PM

LW

“ *Lisa Wallace lit a candle in memory of Betty Adams*



Lisa Wallace - January 29 at 11:40 AM

SA

“ *Praying for the family of Betty Joyce Adams.*



Sandra Abby - January 29 at 09:34 AM

CY

“ Carolyn youngblood lit a candle in memory of Betty Adams



Carolyn youngblood - January 29 at 09:24 AM

RH

“ Randy & Shay Horton lit a candle in memory of Betty Adams



Randy & Shay Horton - January 29 at 04:09 AM

PM

“ Patricia Myers-Robinson lit a candle in memory of Betty Adams



Patricia Myers-Robinson - January 29 at 01:51 AM

MJ

“ Marilyn Johnson lit a candle in memory of Betty Adams



Marilyn Johnson - January 28 at 11:30 PM

RW

“ *Randy Wallace sent a virtual gift in memory of Betty Adams*



Randy Wallace - January 28 at 11:07 PM

JN

“ *Jeanette Neal lit a candle in memory of Betty Adams*



Jeanette Neal - January 28 at 10:18 PM

TJ

“ *Theresa Hines Johnson lit a candle in memory of Betty Adams*



Theresa Hines Johnson - January 28 at 10:16 PM



“ *Audrey Brown lit a candle in memory of Betty Adams*



Audrey Brown - January 28 at 09:27 PM

MB

“ *Our deepest condolences to the family, Boone Family.*



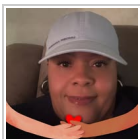
Myra Boone - January 28 at 08:23 PM

MJ

“ *Michael & Annette Jones lit a candle in memory of Betty Adams*



Michael & Annette Jones - January 28 at 08:05 PM



“ *Betty was such a sweet spirit. She and I worked together many years ago. My condolences to the family. RIP Betty..Get your rest*

Eugena Dobson - January 28 at 07:52 PM

CJ

“ *Cynthia Hines Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Betty Adams*



Cynthia Hines Johnson - January 28 at 07:29 PM

CJ

“ Cynthia Hines Johnson lit a candle in memory of Betty Adams



Cynthia Hines Johnson - January 28 at 07:28 PM

ZJ

“ I love you nana

Zoey Jones - January 28 at 07:22 PM

MF

“ So Sorry to hear of Betty's passing. She was such a sweet person. Praying you Wanda and the rest of the family.

Michelle Funches - January 28 at 05:21 PM

MR

“ Myra Ransom lit a candle in memory of Betty Adams



Myra Ransom - January 28 at 05:01 PM

BF

“ Birdie Amos Ross & Family purchased the Simpl y Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Betty Joyce Adams.



Birdie Amos Ross & Family - January 28 at 09:32 AM

BF

“ Birdie Amos Ross & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Betty Joyce Adams.

Birdie Amos Ross & Family - January 28 at 09:32 AM

BL

“ Love you my gal 😘



Blacque(Angie) - January 27 at 09:43 PM

DJ

“ Daisy Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Betty Adams



Daisy Johnson - January 27 at 06:02 PM



“ Phyllis Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Betty Adams



Phyllis Jenkins - January 25 at 09:14 PM

VR

“ Virginia Rucker lit a candle in memory of Betty Adams



Virginia Rucker - January 25 at 01:19 AM

VE

“ Vergiejackson lit a candle in memory of Betty Adams



Vergiejackson - January 24 at 06:58 PM

BB

“ May



Barbara Barnes - January 23 at 07:16 PM

MR

“ Michelle Rawls lit a candle in memory of Betty Adams



Michelle Rawls - January 23 at 07:01 PM

PJ

“ Patricia Jones sent a virtual gift in memory of Betty Adams



Patricia Jones - January 23 at 04:58 PM

PJ

“ Patricia Jones lit a candle in memory of Betty Adams



Patricia Jones - January 23 at 04:57 PM

GS

“ Thoughts of Love with prayers for comfort and strength to endure.



Gwendolyn & Dallas Sutton - January 23 at 12:17 AM

CA

“ Carolyn J Anderson lit a candle in memory of Betty Adams



Carolyn J Anderson - January 22 at 09:06 PM

EA

“ Eddie Ainsworth lit a candle in memory of Betty Adams



Eddie Ainsworth - January 22 at 08:55 PM

LT

“ Lakeshia Taylor sent a virtual gift in memory of Betty Adams



Lakeshia Taylor - January 22 at 07:25 PM

LT

“ The one thing I could for sure with cousin Betty was good laugh or impersonation. You'll be missed cousin. No more suffering cousin. Until I see you again, please kiss my baby for me. I love you always and forever. 💜💛💜💛 Get your rest baby girl.



Lakeshia Taylor - January 22 at 06:08 PM

MJ

“ She was always in good spirit going to miss that smile rest in peace my sister



Margaret Jackson - January 22 at 05:46 PM

JR

“ *She was such a sweet spirited lady. She will be greatly missed. You all have our deepest condolences during these difficult days.*

Jennifer Rawls - January 22 at 01:57 PM

DP

“ *Donna J Paige sent a virtual gift in memory of Betty Adams*



Donna J Paige - January 22 at 12:01 PM

BT

“ *Bessie Taylor lit a candle in memory of Betty Adams*



Bessie Taylor - January 22 at 11:11 AM

NK

“ *Betty was such a wonderful and beautiful spirited person. Praying for her sweet family. So sorry for the loss.*



Natalie Keyes - January 22 at 10:41 AM

PJ

“ *You brightened all our days, Betty. Thank you for your joy.*

Pam Johnson - January 22 at 10:12 AM

EW

“ Memories of friends! Praying comfort for families!

Edna Winsley - January 22 at 08:30 AM

MM

“ Mary McCoy lit a candle in memory of Betty Adams



Mary McCoy - January 22 at 08:10 AM

KM

“ Karen McCoy lit a candle in memory of Betty Adams



Karen McCoy - January 22 at 07:46 AM

MW

“ Mildred Winston lit a candle in memory of Betty Adams



Mildred Winston - January 21 at 11:41 PM

WW

“ You will be truly miss 😞 mrs Betty Adams



William Woods - January 21 at 08:11 PM

RW

“ Rogert and Minyonia Williams sent a virtual gift
in memory of Betty Adams



Rogert and Minyonia Williams - January 21 at 06:39 PM

EJ

Sis Betty loved church and I really enjoyed her at the Voting Precinct.
Her smile was contagious!! We will miss her dearly

Eatlene Johnson - January 24 at 05:33 PM

LB

Condolences to the family.

Linda Diane Berry - January 31 at 01:29 PM