



Deacon John "Honey Pump" Adams

January 6, 1935 - November 19, 2022

Ecclesiastes 3:1-2: To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted.

A Time to Be Born

John Quincy Adams, affectionately known as "Honey Pump" or "Pump", was born in Fannin, MS, on January 6, 1935, the fifth oldest of eleven children born to Joe Lee Adams and Ruth Mae Blowe Adams. He enjoyed a happy childhood filled with hard work and farming alongside his siblings Bernice, Bessie Jean, Louise, Joe Willie, Glenn, Spencer, Lonnie, Johnnie, Rayfield, and Verdine. He also had another sister, Ruby Evans Macklin.

A Time to Plant

John was educated at the Fannin School. He completed 10th grade and left school to begin working alongside his father at Knox Glass. He later became employed at Rankin Bus Barn as a mechanic. After an unsuccessful run as Beat 3 Supervisor, John vacated this position and opened his auto body shop. During this time, racial tensions were high. Determined to make conditions better for African-Americans, John dedicated his life to service and civil rights. He was instrumental in organizing Freedom Summer in Rankin County in 1963. At 27 years old, John became President of the Rankin County Chapter of the NAACP. He transitioned to a position at Siemens Allis in 1974 where he

was gainfully employed for 25 years until his retirement in 1999. John wore many hats in his lifetime working as a barber, farmer, cattleman, store owner, and auto mechanic. Always committed to securing equal rights and benefits for all, John became a member of the United Auto Workers (UAW) while employed at Siemens Allis where he served as Union President.

John married Alean McIntyre on November 9, 1953, and to this union, five (5) children were born. John and Alean made Fannin, MS, their home and dedicated themselves to raising their children in the tight-knit community surrounded by family. Their children were educated in Rankin County at a time where segregation was prevalent. Once again determined that their children and others like them deserved the same education as others, John and Alean were instrumental in filing the class action lawsuit Adams vs Rankin County Board of Education. This lawsuit ushered in the desegregation of Rankin County Schools where his children were amongst the first African-American students to attend.

A Time to Harvest

John and Alean enjoyed a simple life in Fannin, MS. A devout Christian, John and Alean attended church at Greater New Truelight M.B. Church and Fannin Baptist M.B. Church where he served as a Deacon and member of the Male Chorus. In 1991, John and Alean fully transferred their membership to Fannin Baptist M.B. Church where he also served as Deacon, Finance Secretary, and faithful member until his death. John loved his family, his church, his cows, and his community. He could often be found working alongside his friend Tommy Lindsey, who helped him greatly after his leg amputation. Nothing gave him greater joy than visiting with family and friends and recounting history and familial connections. John loved staying in touch with friends and family, calling multiple people each day, just to check in. His children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren were his greatest source of pride. To many, John was affectionately known as the unofficial Mayor of Fannin.

A Time to Die

John peacefully transitioned from this life and entered into eternal rest on Friday, November 18, 2022. Left to cherish his many memories and bask in his legacy are his devoted and loving wife of 69 years, Alean McIntyre Adams; five children: Kenneth (Shirley) Adams, Linda Smith, Garry Adams, Laurie (Keith) Barnes, and Tony Adams; fifteen grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren. He also leaves his siblings: Spencer (Claudia) Adams, Johnnie Anderson, Rayfield Adams, and Verdine Thompson. Seven siblings preceded him in death: Bessie, Joe Willie, Louise, Glenn, Bernice, Lonnie, and Ruby. Also left to cherish his memories is a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **23**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Dean Memorial Funeral Home

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Brandon, MS 39042

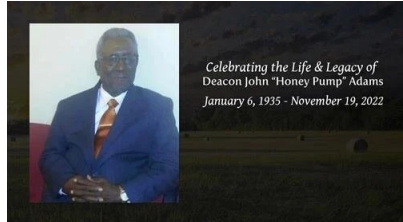
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Tribute Wall



“ *Dean Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Deacon John "Honey Pump" Adams*



Dean Memorial Funeral Home - November 23, 2022 at 03:50 PM

VB

Our deepest condolences to Mrs Adams and the entire family. Lifting you up in prayers.

velma bennett - November 25, 2022 at 04:01 PM

DR

“ *John Adams was one of the finest gentlemen I have ever met. And I trusted him completely. He and his wonderful wife Alean have offered courageous, honest, God-centered leadership for so long! It's hard to imagine John is no longer with us.*

Alean, you and John have brightened my life for decades. And now John is brightening Heaven. Rest in peace, my friend.

Dale Rose - November 30, 2022 at 10:50 AM

JS

“ My sincere condolences to Mrs. Adams and family. This one life touched many throughout Rankin County. Because of Mr. Adams work with the NAACP a kindergarten school (Head Start) was built in Pearl, MS during the 60's which help give a number of children a great start before entering the Pearl School system. My twin sister and I were products of this school, and I believe it greatly help us be successful in our academics within the pearl school system and beyond. We are thankful to God for sending us a life such as Mr. John Adams. God Grace, John L. Stevenson & family

John L. Stevenson - November 28, 2022 at 03:54 PM

MB

“ Myra Boone lit a candle in memory of John Adams



Myra Boone - November 28, 2022 at 12:51 AM

MF

“ Myra and Family lit a candle in memory of John Adams



Myra Boone and Family - November 28, 2022 at 12:48 AM



“ *James Taylor - Shower the People*



Nikolas Smith - November 25, 2022 at 02:44 PM

LB

“ *My Father was something else with himself! He loved God, my mom, his children, grandchildren, his family, his cows, food, sports and all people. We are so blessed to have daddy for seven extra years after his leg was amputated. He never complained not once about losing his leg and he always believed that God favored him. Grace and mercy brought him through! Daddy not only called all his children and grandchildren but his friends and family as well on a continuous basis.. He could tell you all about the past and familial connections with anybody in Fannin (that was what those phone calls were about). He had to stay in touch! Daddy lived as if anything was possible and that nothing should stand between you and your fellow man even when you disagree. His work is done but his spirit lives on. Our dad was something else with himself!*



Laurie Barnes - November 25, 2022 at 08:00 AM

LB

"Honey Pump" daddy and daughter Laure. 2 phones, really!

Laurie Barnes - November 26, 2022 at 11:08 PM

TW

“ My prayer is that God will continue to strengthen you and your family during this difficult time! Bro Adams will truly be missed at Fannin M B Church and the Fannin Community 🙏🙏

Teresa and Randy Wallace - November 25, 2022 at 12:25 AM

PW

“ To: Cousin Aleana and family my prayers and thoughts are with in the passing my of Cousin John who was a mighty man of God who stood for what was right and what he believed in, and was always willing to fight for it. Cousin John was my grandfather's Cousin. I always saw he and Cousin Aleana as a power house of wisdom , might Servants of God that I learned from. Lord give my family a peace, Comfort and strength in the passing of Cousin John that only you can give. Amen.
Love you all

Patsy Joe Adams Watson - November 24, 2022 at 09:56 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Deacon John "Honey Pump" Adams.



November 24, 2022 at 12:08 PM

LW

“ Love Issiac and Gladys Williams purchased the S imply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Deacon John "Honey Pump" Adams.



Love Issiac and Gladys Williams - November 24, 2022 at 12:07 PM

DA

“ Dorene Anderson lit a candle in memory of John Adams



Dorene Anderson - November 23, 2022 at 11:56 PM

K(

“ katherine graves (Kitty) lit a candle in memory of John Adams



katherine feltson graves (Kitty) - November 23, 2022 at 09:41 PM

BM

“ Barbara Magee sent a virtual gift in memory of John Adams



Barbara Magee - November 23, 2022 at 06:59 PM

NB

“ *Neva Bryant lit a candle in memory of John Adams*



Neva J Bryant - November 23, 2022 at 06:05 PM

SF

“ *Gratitude for all the Wisdom you have provided this Family. Your Legacy will forever live on as you have left an indelible footprint. Cousin Sharon Kidd Fryer*



Sharon Kidd Fryer - November 23, 2022 at 01:38 PM

NS

“ *Noble Carson lit a candle in memory of John Adams*



Noble Carson sr - November 23, 2022 at 11:52 AM

TD

“ *With deepest sympathy for your loss.*



T Dellinger - November 23, 2022 at 11:45 AM

EF

“ Earnest Family lit a candle in memory of John Adams



Earnest Rogers Family - November 23, 2022 at 01:10 AM

WM

“ Sending sincere condolences to the Adams family. May God grant you peace and comfort during this time of sorrow and in the coming days...



Willie & Kathey Mosley - November 22, 2022 at 09:58 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Deacon John "Honey Pump" Adams.



November 22, 2022 at 09:54 PM

AM

“ Audrey Terry Myers lit a candle in memory of John Adams



Audrey & Terry Myers - November 22, 2022 at 09:29 PM

RM

“ *Marvin Mclaurin lit a candle in memory of John Adams*



Rev Marvin Mclaurin - November 22, 2022 at 09:05 PM

MM

“ *& Diane Mcaurin lit a candle in memory of John Adams*



Marvin & Diane Mcaurin - November 22, 2022 at 09:04 PM

RM

“ *Rev & Diane Mcaurin lit a candle in memory of John Adams*



Rev Marvin & Diane Mcaurin - November 22, 2022 at 08:59 PM

DJ

“ *Daisy Johnson lit a candle in memory of John Adams*



Daisy Johnson - November 22, 2022 at 08:52 PM

RE

“ *Rev. Ervin lit a candle in memory of John Adams*



Rev. Melvin Ervin - November 22, 2022 at 08:48 PM

LW

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



Lisa Wallace - November 22, 2022 at 08:40 PM

OJ

“ *OLLIEREA JONES lit a candle in memory of John Adams*



OLLIEREA JONES - November 22, 2022 at 08:33 PM

RW

“ *Rosalind Washington lit a candle in memory of John Adams*



Rosalind Washington - November 22, 2022 at 08:22 PM

JN

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



Jeanette Neal - November 22, 2022 at 07:33 PM

ET

“ *Evelyn Tillis sent a virtual gift in memory of John Adams*



Evelyn Tillis - November 22, 2022 at 07:30 PM

EA

“ *Eddie Ainsworth lit a candle in memory of John Adams*



Eddie Ainsworth - November 22, 2022 at 05:51 PM

MM

“ *Mary McCoy lit a candle in memory of John Adams*



Mary McCoy - November 22, 2022 at 12:27 PM

DH

“ *Dana Hampton lit a candle in memory of John Adams*



Dana Hampton - November 22, 2022 at 11:41 AM

EJ

“ *Deacon Adams will truly be missed at our church His seat will be vacant at Sunday School and he always opened up service with a hym. Continued prayers for Sis Alean and the family. Rev. Ricky and Earlene Johnson*

Earlene Johnson - November 22, 2022 at 10:35 AM

FW

“ *My Deepest Condolences to the family of Bro. John Adams, may God continue to strengthen you all during your time of bereavement*



Frances Wallace - November 22, 2022 at 05:25 AM

EF

“ *Earnest Family lit a candle in memory of John Adams*



Earnest Rogers Family - November 22, 2022 at 12:55 AM

VJ

“ *Vera Jones lit a candle in memory of John Adams*



Vera Jones - November 22, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ *Margaret Jackson lit a candle in memory of John Adams*



Margaret Jackson - November 21, 2022 at 10:29 PM

CA

“ *RANKIN COUNTY HAS LOST:
A civil rights icon. A trailblazer.
Thank you for your amazing service, Mr. John Adams. Sincere
condolences to your wife, Alean and your family from the Late
LeRoy and Margaret Jones family.*

Car - November 21, 2022 at 09:41 PM

EW

“ *Praying for comfort to the Adam family! God is able! Johnny & Edna Winsley*

Edna Winsley - November 21, 2022 at 08:08 PM

CS

“ *May God bless, cover and comfort your family at this time of lost. In Loving memory, Deacon Douglas (Cynthia) Spann and family*



Cynthia Spann - November 21, 2022 at 07:17 PM