



John Richard Adams

March 9, 1929 - January 15, 2022

One of the very best of men, father, grandfather, and husband, John Richard Adams (known as Doc, Coach, Dick) went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, January 15, 2022. Born March 9, 1929 in Coles County, Illinois, Dick was preceded in death by his parents, James and Bertha Adams; siblings Lillian, Marie, Ruth, Marvin, Corbert, and Orville, and wife Rose Margaret Adams. Dick leaves behind the loves of his life, including his daughter Jill Adams and granddaughter Hannah, and son John (Lourdes) Adams, grandson Orlando (and his daughter Lourdes), and granddaughter Alexa. In addition, stepdaughter Connie (Daryl) Delabbio, and grandchildren Juliette (Paul) Abbott, Gianina (Nikolai) Reichborn, and Laurel (Micah) Swalley, along with many relatives and friends. Dick's had a tremendous love of knowledge and sports. He graduated from Charleston High School (Illinois) in 1947 and Eastern Illinois University in 1951 with a BS in Education. He went to University of Illinois and taught part time while working on a MA in Health and Education. In 1952 Dick married Patricia (Andrews), and was drafted into the Army the same week. Corporal Adams was in the army for 21 months, and stationed at Vent Hill Farms, Virginia Communications Center, where he assisted leading recruits in daily physical exercises, and afterwards ran the recreation program in both baseball and basketball for service personnel. They played every military team on the east coast. Afterwards, Dick taught and coached at Henry Ford Community College for six years, earning a PhD from the University of Michigan in 1967. He was hired by Eastern Michigan

University, before finishing his dissertation. He served in the E.M.U. Department of Health and Physical Education Department, where he served for 37 years until he retired in January 1998. He coached golf and basketball, and was a faculty coach for the NCAA, and a teacher in the HPER department. He received emeritus faculty status and in April 1998, Dick was Grand Marshall at the EMU spring commencement. With an especially blessed love, in November 1987, Dick married his beloved Rose Schoonover. Moving to Saline, they became parishioners at St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church. Avid travelers, Dick and Rose vacationed many places around the world. They were known for their love for one another, family, and friends. Dick will mostly be remembered for his faith, positive attitude and joyful love of life and all of God's creation. He had a contagious smile right to the end of his life. The family would like to thank The Gilbert Residence in Ypsilanti as well as Heart to Heart Hospice, for their loving and compassionate care of Dick. A service will be held at the St. Andrew Catholic Church Columbarium on Monday, June 13, 2022 beginning at 10:00 A.M. A visitation time for family and friends will take place following the service. To leave a memory or to sign Dick's guestbook, please visit www.rbfhsaline.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church Columbarium

910 Austin Road
Saline, MI 48176

Previous Events

Inurnment in Columbarium

JUN **13**. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *John Richard Adams*

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *I have known Dick and Rose for over 20 years as neighbors in the Woodcreek Condos in Saline. They were a lovely couple that were always joyful and friendly. It was a honor to called him Coach for his years of coaching and his interest in physical fitness and working out. Miss seeing and talking to him as he did his daily walk around the loop ... Now in Heaven with Rose ... Gene Bull*

Gene Bull - January 25, 2022 at 10:36 AM



Thank you Gene for your kindness and sharing of memories of Dad and Mom.

Constance De - January 26, 2022 at 03:03 PM



Maybe you can make it tomorrow to the memorial!

Connie Delabbio - June 12, 2022 at 04:44 PM



“ *Dick and Rose were our neighbors at Woodcreek and we loved getting to know them! Dick will always have a special place in our hearts. He was a good man for sure!*

Robert and Nancy Rhodes

Nancy Rhodes - January 24, 2022 at 08:24 AM

CD

Thank you so much Robert and Nancy for your kind words! They missed you when you moved. Hope all is well with you both.

Constance De - January 26, 2022 at 03:04 PM

CD

We hope to see you tomorrow at the memorial!

Connie Delabbio - June 12, 2022 at 04:45 PM

SD

“ *Sharon L Drake sent a virtual gift in memory of John Richard Adams*



sharon L Drake - January 21, 2022 at 12:52 PM

MB

“ *I remember your dad fondly, he was a kind and gentle man. Jill and John, sending my prayers and deepest sympathies. May your dad RIP*

Marlie Bartow - January 19, 2022 at 04:25 PM

CD

Thank you so much Marlie. Your prayers are appreciated. I'll make sure Jill and John see this. Connie

Constance De - January 26, 2022 at 03:08 PM

CD

Hoping to see you tomorrow at the memorial service

Connie Delabbio - June 12, 2022 at 04:46 PM

JA

“ Such a kind and lovely man. We in Walking With Purpose met Rose, who was so lovely, and then we met her husband Dick. What a kind Christian couple. May they both Rest In Peace and be joined together once more in Heaven. 🙏

janet - January 16, 2022 at 04:32 PM

CD

Thank you so much Janet for your kind words and sharing such a sweet memory of our dear dad and mom.

Connie Delabbio - January 18, 2022 at 06:37 PM

SD

Uncle Dick was so special to Roy and I. I knew he would always be there for me. We didn't get to see Rose and uncle Dick much I didn't drive out of town very far. Jill and John you and your families are welcome anytime. Rose always said us cards of their trips, made me want to be with them. Rose and Dick were a perfect pair Love them both. They will always be in our hearts.

sharon L Drake - January 21, 2022 at 12:49 PM

IW

Experiencing Rose and Dicks love for each other was a blessing. Now that lovely couple are together again. Peace be with you, Connie.

Iris Williams - January 22, 2022 at 04:08 PM

CD

Hi Sharon, I remember Mom talking about you fondly. Thank you for your kind words about Dad and Mom. They are so missed for sure. In case John and Jill haven't seen this yet I'll share with them. Connie

Constance De - January 26, 2022 at 03:14 PM

CD

Thank you so much for your sweet words and prayers Iris. Connie

Constance De - January 26, 2022 at 03:16 PM

AR

I am just seeing Dr Adams passed in Jan and am very sad to hear about it. I have fond memories of Dr Adams taking Jill and I to EMU so we could swim and run the halls during basketball games at EMU with a stop at Dunkin Donuts on our way home. He was a very kind man and a treasure. May he rest in peace. love, Ann Zureich Richards

Ann Zureich Richards - May 26, 2022 at 08:21 AM

CD

Hoping to see you tomorrow at the memorial service.

Connie Delabbio - June 12, 2022 at 04:48 PM