



## **BILLY WAYNE ADAMS SR.**

July 22, 1948 - November 23, 2023

Billy Wayne Adams Sr., 75, of Berwind, WV, passed away Thursday, November 23, 2023, surrounded by his family at his home in Berwind. Born July 22, 1948, in War, WV, he was the son of the late Claude Adams Sr. and Lela Clydie Trivett.

He was married to his soul mate the late Wilma Lea Hicks Adams for over 50 years. They all preceded him in death as well as his brother, Claude Adams Jr.; brothers-in-law, Leonard Dougaree, Ronald Lee Hicks, Charles "Buck" Hicks, Fred Adams, David Ford; sisters-in-law, Mildred Hess Wessinger, Wanda Hicks Ford, Fronie Hicks Graham, Shelby Jean Hicks, and Elvie Hicks. Bill was a US Veteran, having served in the United States Army in the 60's. He worked at several coal mines in the area, Barrett's Construction for many years, where he worked along side his dad and his brothers. He retired from Harry's Mobile Homes. Currently serving as Chief of the Berwind Volunteer Fire Department where he has been a member for 37 years. He loved his department and the firemen there were his family as well. They recently honored him as a Hometown Hero, and it made him so proud. He has also been serving as a Deacon at the Canebrake Freewill Baptist Church for several years. A commitment that he took very seriously and that he was honored to serve the Lord.

Those left to cherish his memories are his daughter, Linda "Dee Dee" Adams-Brigham (Damon); his son, Billy Wayne Adams Jr. (Lori); his sister, Betty Dougaree of Chester, MD and brother, James Adams (Connie) of Tazewell,

VA; three granddaughters, "his babies" Shelby Nicole Adams, Haley Sierra Adams and Paige Makenzie Adams; brothers-in-law, Rudolph Hicks, Patrick Graham; sisters-in-law, Kaylene Adams, Gail Rutherford (Tommy), Jackie Mitchell (Howard). Lots of cousins, nieces and nephews and friends. A very special friend Linda Blevins Royston, and his best friend of many years "Skeeter" Hyatt.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, November 29, 2023 from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM at the Canebrake Freewill Baptist Church in Canebrake, WV. Funeral services will be conducted at 3:00 PM, with the Reverend Darrell Long, officiating.

Following the services the funeral procession will proceed to the Berwind Fire Department, where Military Rites will be conducted by the laeger V.F.W. Post 1144 of laeger, followed by the Fire Department Service Rites including the Bell Ringing Ceremony and Last Call.

Pallbearers will be members of the War Fire Department. Honorary Pallbearers will be Freddy Gayness and members of the Berwind Fire Department

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the family for Bill's funeral expenses.

Following Bill's wishes the body will be cremated.

The Douglas Mortuary in Welch is assisting the family. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.douglasmortuary.com](http://www.douglasmortuary.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **29**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Canebrake Freewill Baptist Church  
Canebrake, WV 24815

## Funeral Service

NOV **29**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Canebrake Freewill Baptist Church  
Canebrake, WV 24815

# Tribute Wall

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“ I never had the privilege to meet Bill but I have heard so many amazing stories about him. He was a true hero and brave to the core. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time and always. We love you all!  
Love, Jim Dimmitt & Kris, Kami and Ty Grammerstorf

Kris Grammerstorf - November 27, 2023 at 01:02 PM

JR

“ I'm grateful for having you in my life Bill. From the time I was a small girl, to becoming one of your firemen. You were always like a second dad to me. You will always be the Intimidator and Yosemite Sam in my heart 😊👍❤️ Prayers for DeeDee, Billy and all family. 🙏

Jaime Johnson Ring - November 25, 2023 at 01:08 PM

JR

“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



Jaime Johnson Ring - November 25, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *Peaceful Wishes was purchased for the family of BILLY WAYNE ADAMS SR..*



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November 25, 2023 at 12:07 PM



“ *Bill was a great guy to work with. I enjoyed learning a lot from Bill. He was a great mentor. We had fun and will always be family. Our condolences will go out to family of Bill and prayers throughout this sad time. R.I.P Bill your now at home.*

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**Lee angles** - November 25, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Condolences to his family and his brothers of Berwind and War VFD's he was a great friend to all and will be greatly missed.*

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**Bobby Rose Jr Chief Gary VFD** - November 24, 2023 at 10:15 PM