



Edwin Adams

March 10, 1935 - May 30, 2017

Edwin Keith Adams, 82, of Charlotte, passed away May 30, 2017. He was born in Charlotte on March 10, 1935 to Donald and Mildred (Keith) Adams. Ed was lucky to have a head start in electrical training working alongside his dad who owned Adams Electric. This brought him many interesting experiences including wiring the current Charlotte City Hall, local school buildings and many local homes. Later Ed worked at Diamond Reo, Owens Illinois and with several commercial contractors. Next Ed was employed by MSU in the Physical Plant, where he also taught courses in refrigeration. In 1990 Ed joined Hayes Green Beach as the Director of Engineering.

Ed was a member of the Charlotte Junior Chamber of Commerce serving as Secretary and President. He also was a member of Charlotte Masonic Lodge and the Eaton County Shriners. He also served as a Webelos leader. Ed was a volunteer fire fighter for the Charlotte Fire Department for 21 years and enjoyed playing Santa Claus for Christmas Kiddies. After his retirement from HGB, he worked for the Charlotte Fire Department as a fire inspector. Ed continued his service to the community on the Charlotte Planning Commission for 14 years.

Ed enjoyed bowling and made sure that each of his kids and grandkids learned how to not only play, but excel in the game. He had a passion for trains, model and real, and was active in the Mid-Michigan Railroad Club at

Turkeyville...he was such an enthusiast he even went so far as to have a caboose in his own back yard. Ed was also the Conductor for the Charlotte Dinner Train for a number of years. He was an avid deer hunter and an active member and past President of the Eaton County Buck Club. There were many fishing trips he shared with friends. Some of his favorites were the UP fishing trips with his son Kevin. After retirement Ed and Jackie loved to spend winters in Bullhead City, Arizona. Ed was a passionate rock hound. He took his family on many rock hunting adventures, a tradition that continues to this day.

Ed is survived by his wife, Jacqueline (Rhines); children, Dawn Adams Miller, Kevin (Diane) Adams, Kyle (Belinda) Adams; grandchildren, William Adams; Annie (Bill) Naylor, Erica (Nathan) Thoun, Kelsey (Jared Arras) Adams, Sidney Adams and Whitney Adams; great grandchildren, Nathaniel, Sophia, Obadiah, PrescillaGrace, Catalina; siblings, Sharon (Ardon) Cronk, Phil (Jan) Adams, Larry (Sharon) Adams. He was preceded in death by his son, Evan Drew; brother, Robert; and his parents.

Funeral services will be held Monday, June 5, 2:00 PM at the First Congregational Church in Charlotte, with Pastor Phil Hobson officiating. Visitation will be held Sunday, June 4 from 2-4:00 PM and 6-8:00 PM at Pray Funeral Home. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Mid-Michigan Railroad Club, Charlotte Fire Department, First Congregational Church of Charlotte, or the Eaton County Buck Club. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Ed on his Tribute Page at www.PrayFuneral.com. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Cemetery Details

Maple Hill Cemetery

801 Tully Brown Rd.
Charlotte, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 4. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W. Seminary St.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Visitation

JUN 4. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Ceremony

JUN 5. 2:00 PM (ET)

First Congregational Church of Charlotte
106 S. Bostwick
Charlotte, MI 48813

Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Edwin Adams*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - June 03, 2017 at 03:28 PM



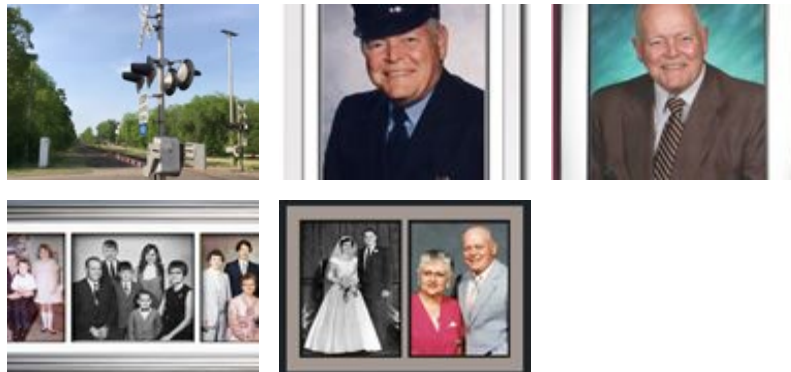
“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Edwin Adams.*



June 04, 2017 at 06:30 PM



“ *52 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - June 03, 2017 at 03:24 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Edwin Adams.*



June 03, 2017 at 01:22 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Edwin Adams.*



June 02, 2017 at 06:34 PM



“ *Kurt D. Coffman purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Edwin Adams.*



Kurt D. Coffman - June 02, 2017 at 02:28 PM



“ *Please accept our condolences.*

Neil Becker - June 02, 2017 at 11:26 AM

KA

“ Just like most dad's he was his children's hero!! A rock solid man who taught well. His lessons were always appropriate and left a lasting good impression that has served all of his children well. He and was always there for his wife and children. When Drew was having his heart transplanted he and mom were there for several, several weeks. When I had my first knee replacement in Green Bay, WI they were there. Always available to help Dawn whenever she needed something. Always there for Kyle when something mechanical went wrong. It was usually a simple fix but it weren't for Dad the problem would have remained a mystery. When ever I got into an electrical problem I couldn't figure out he was only a phone call away. He would drop what ever he was doing and talk me through my rescue. Just to call up from time to time and say "Hey, Dad" He would always ask "how's things in the UP EH" I'm sure going to miss that. May his forever in God's heaven be blessed. He and Drew will give God and his partner a run for their money a Euchre. Love Ya Dad to the bottom of my sole. May God keep you and bless you until we meet again!! Thanks for everything!!

Kevin

Kevin Adams - June 01, 2017 at 10:05 PM

TW

“ My memories of Mr. Adam's are only happy ones. We had a common interest with ROCKS! I remember going to his basement where he showed me ALOT of his polished rocks of which he gave me some (a box full). My price possession is a polished dinosaur poop. Funny as it may seem I've had it for years and when I look at it I will remember my time spent with him in that basement. Ed was a kind generous man who loved his family and will be missed by all of us who's life he touched. My condolences to the Adam's family. I will keep you ALL in my thoughts and prayers and may God hold you all in His loving arms.

Tina Walton - June 01, 2017 at 08:46 PM

ML

“ So happy to speak with Ed the week before he passed and he sounded so like himself. A happy remembrance. My belief that Ed is up with the Lord making the trains work. My condolences to the whole family, I know how much he will be missed by all. I send special love to my dear friend Jackie we all go back to CHS. Bless you my dear friend. so sad.

Marilyn Lyons - June 01, 2017 at 05:05 PM

SI

“ Mr. Ed kept HGB hospital running for years with his vast knowledge and expertise. There were no problems he couldn't solve! A great and gentle man. Our condolences to Jackie and the rest of his family! Rest In Peace my friend! Sherman Horn II MD

Sherman Horn II - June 01, 2017 at 02:21 PM

DM

“ When I opened Ready Set Grow Preschool in 1995 next door to Ed and Jackie, I couldn't have asked for more supportive neighbors. Ed helped me with anything I needed and looked after me. He was always around when I had questions and needed advice. I will never forget his support and friendship! Ed will be greatly missed by all who knew him! My thoughts are with his family.
Dawn Mayhew

Dawn Mayhew - June 01, 2017 at 01:04 PM

RS

“ Jackie and family, it was my pleasure to know and be a friend, classmate with Ed. We have so much in common, he was a great guy and our love of trains, fire trucks, and just being young men growing up in Charlotte was our bond. I remember when he put the caboose in his backyard I wanted to come and spend the night in it. Gayle and I regret we cannot be there to express our prayers for you, but do remember, Ed's life was a full an rich one, serving and caring for family and everyone. Sincerely, Leonard and Gayle Shults

Rev. Leonard H Shults - June 01, 2017 at 12:10 PM

FF

“ From Kevin's Football Friends purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Edwin Adams.



From Kevin's Football Friends - June 01, 2017 at 11:12 AM

SS

“ I remember coming to a party for the fire dept and riding Ed's train in his backyard. As a kid this was so much fun. Also playing in his old caboose with the Nevins kids. Couldn't have asked for a better neighbor growing up. Ed will be missed.

Shelby (Raymer) Skelton

Shelby Skelton - June 01, 2017 at 09:22 AM