



Ada Mae Hammonds

OCT 3, 1948 - MAY 23, 2023



Scan to Visit

*Taylor Funeral Home
of Chattanooga, Inc.*

Table of Contents

Obituary	Page 3
Events	Page 5
Tribute Wall	Page 6



Ada Mae Hammonds

OCT 3, 1948 - MAY 23, 2023

Ada Mae Hampton Hammonds, 74, of Chattanooga, passed away Tuesday, May 23, 2023, surrounded by her family. She was born on October 3, 1948, in Hazel Green, Alabama. Ada was the third of eight children born to Walter B. and Odessa Hampton. Walter worked as a sharecropper and enlisted the help of his children to complete the work. It was arduous work, but Ada found it enjoyable because of the efforts of her father to make it a fun activity. She sometimes felt adventurous, such as the time she snuck and drank out of the “white’s only” water fountain while her town was still segregated, to which she remarked, “it tastes the same to me!” After declaring his love for her, Ada would marry Willie James Hammonds in 1965, and complete her high school studies at Councill Training School the following year. One of Willie James’ first gifts to her would be a record of “My Girl” by her favorite group at the time, the Temptations. The couple would move to Chattanooga, Tennessee and settled in the Shepherd neighborhood. They both would find employment at the McKee Foods Corporation, where Ada would work for eighteen years. During that time, they would welcome three children, Willie James Hammonds Jr., Tracie LaRae Hammonds, and Chad Everett Hammonds. In the 1970s, the couple would join the East 8th Street Seventh Day Adventist Church, which would later become the Orchard Park Seventh Day Adventist Church. She would serve faithfully as Sabbath School teacher, Sabbath School Superintendent, and even as Women’s Day keynote speaker. In 1981, while raising 3 children, working full time, and serving in church, she enrolled in the nursing program at Chattanooga State Technical Community College. She graduated in 1986 and began a 26 year career as a nurse at Erlanger Medical Center in Chattanooga, TN. She thoroughly enjoyed her time working as a nurse and often referred to it as her personal ministry. In the mid-1990s she began serving at the New Life Seventh Day Adventist Church where she held several positions. She was fully committed to loving and serving her church and family. She



Obituary

Ada Mae Hammonds

OCT 3, 1948 - MAY 23, 2023

also loved nature. Her favorite hymn was “This is My Father’s World.” She participated in wilderness survival programs and enjoyed taking cruises to various destinations with her husband, sister, and other family members. She spent countless hours outdoors in her garden, enjoyed cooking, and giving away the food that she would harvest. She loved to exercise and enjoyed walking on the hills surrounding her home. Ada would post her yearly birthday video outdoors hoola-hooping the corresponding number to her age, always beginning with thanking God for however many years she had made. She shared the love of outdoors with her grandchildren and was fully committed to the role of “granny.” She spent quality time with her “grandbabies” every opportunity she could get. She was always on top of every birthday for each one, sending gifts in the mail and putting money in hand. She often jazzed up their greeting’s cards with her own added messages. Her grandchildren absolutely loved and adored her. Ada is preceded in death by her father, Walter B. Hampton; mother, Odessa (Thomas) Hampton; sister, Freda Benton; sister-in-law, Mary Hampton. Survivors include her husband, Willie James Hammonds, three children, Willie James “Fee” (Felicia) Hammonds Jr., Tracie LaRae Hammonds, and Chad (DaJuana “Dee Dee”) Hammonds; ten grandchildren, Nastasia “Star” Dangerfield, Alesha Nicole (Cordarius) Samples, Tia Renee Greer, Jonerica “Taye” Laster, Leslie Katelyn Hammonds, Chloe Elise Hammonds, Carter Ethan Hammonds, Ellington Renee Hammonds, Grant Evan Hammonds and Dawson Rose Hammonds, Sr.; four brothers, Walter Lee (Laverne) Hampton, Clarence (Evelyn) Hampton, Eddie Hampton, and Willie Hampton; two sisters, Mildred Tyous and Geraldine (Raymond) Andrews; and a host of nieces; nephews; other relatives and friends. Ada will lie-in-state on Sunday, June 4, 2023, at 2 p.m. at New Life Seventh Day Adventist Church. Funeral service will follow at 3 p.m. at the church. Burial on Monday, June 5, 2023, at 12 noon in Lakewood Memory Gardens, East. Funeral arrangements are by Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc.



Events

Ada Mae Hammonds

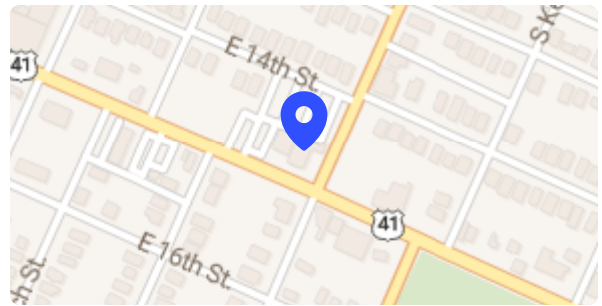
OCT 3, 1948 - MAY 23, 2023

Lie-In-State

Sunday, June 4, 2023

2:00 PM ET

New Life Seventh-day Adventist Church
2099 E. Main Street, Chattanooga TN 37404

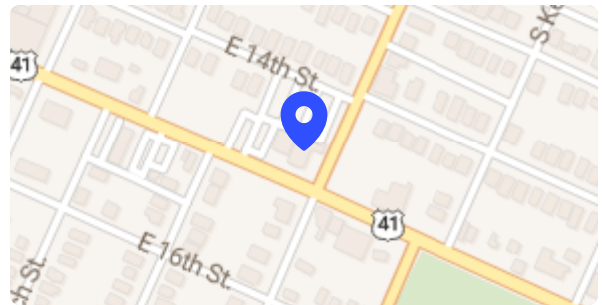


Service

Sunday, June 4, 2023

3:00 PM ET

New Life Seventh-day Adventist Church
2099 E. Main Street, Chattanooga TN 37404



Burial

Monday, June 5, 2023

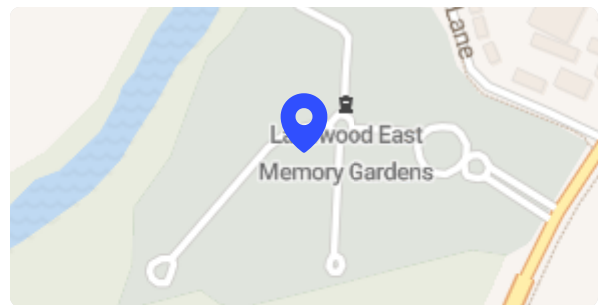
12:00 PM ET

Lakewood Memory Gardens East
4621 Shallowford Road, Chattanooga TN 37411



Cemetery Details

Lakewood Memory Gardens East
4621 Shallowford Road, Chattanooga TN 37411





Tribute Wall

Ada Mae Hammonds

OCT 3, 1948 - MAY 23, 2023

EW

Earl Wilson lit a candle in honor of Ada.

June 20 at 10:59 AM



WW

Willa Williams lit a candle in honor of Ada.

June 6 at 8:05 AM



JF

Jerria Goins And Family posted:

A shining light from God...the epitome of what God wanted women to aspire to be. Such a warm and loving soul, we love you Grandma Ada

June 4 at 6:49 AM

HC

Hortense Carrington posted:

Ada will be greatly missed. Remembering fondly our many camping trips. We had so much fun. She was one of the sweetest persons. Keeping the family in prayer. Carrington

June 4 at 6:43 AM

BS

Beverly Harris Silva lit a candle in honor of Ada.

My sincere condolences to the family! May God give you his love and comfort during this difficult time!

June 3 at 9:06 AM



LC

Linda Calloway posted:

Ada and I rode together when we worked at McKee Baking Company many years ago. She was one of the sweetest persons I've met. Everyone loved her. I shall never forget when she called to express her condolences after my mom passed. Sending MY condolences to her family.

June 2 at 3:15 PM



Tribute Wall

Ada Mae Hammonds

OCT 3, 1948 - MAY 23, 2023



Larry And Kathleen Barker sent a Serenity Wreath to the Hammonds family.



June 2 at 2:13 AM



Patricia Lane Bullard lit a candle in honor of Ada.



June 1 at 7:23 PM



Anonymous sent a Divine Light to the Hammonds family.



May 31 at 9:26 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Ada.



May 31 at 9:26 AM



Lindia B Mathis lit a candle in honor of Ada.

Ada is missed by a host of people. She touched so many lives through her job, church, neighbor, and most of all her family. I appreciated her service as a Sabbath School teacher for the little ones. The children were eager to get to her class room because she had an engaging study for them. I miss her kind Christ-like personality. She was always a ray of sunshine and I look forward to seeing Ada again when the last trump shall sound. R.I.P.



May 31 at 6:05 AM



Shwana lit a candle in honor of Ada.

My Lovely Cousin...



May 30 at 3:50 PM



Tribute Wall

Ada Mae Hammonds

OCT 3, 1948 - MAY 23, 2023



Diane Manley posted:

My deepest condolences to the entire, Hammonds Family. I have fond memories of spending time with Ada, and her family. She was a very lovely person who always had a smile on her face. I have fond memories of eating dinners as a youth at her home. She taught me how to make gluten patties. She will be greatly missed by all who loved and cherished her.

May 29 at 1:36 PM



Janet, Stetson, And Musonda Ndhlovu sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Hammonds family.



May 29 at 10:15 AM



Rose M. Lawrence lit a candle in honor of Ada.



May 29 at 7:22 AM



Bridgette Lawrence Bridges lit a candle in honor of Ada.



May 29 at 7:21 AM



Janet Ndhlovu lit a candle in honor of Ada.



May 28 at 7:30 PM



Allen Belcher lit a candle in honor of Ada.



May 28 at 1:44 PM



Tribute Wall

Ada Mae Hammonds

OCT 3, 1948 - MAY 23, 2023



Bea Horton lit a candle in honor of Ada.

May 27 at 2:16 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Hammonds family.

May 27 at 1:55 PM



Vincinetta Brown lit a candle in honor of Ada.

May 27 at 2:41 AM



Yolanda Calloway lit a candle in honor of Ada.

May 26 at 7:19 PM



Keturah Sawyers lit a candle in honor of Ada.

May 26 at 10:48 AM



Cj lit a candle in honor of Ada.

May 25 at 5:28 PM





Tribute Wall

Ada Mae Hammonds

OCT 3, 1948 - MAY 23, 2023

VT

Vickie Fielder Thornhill lit a candle in honor of Ada.

May 25 at 2:45 PM



JG

Joy Gray lit a candle in honor of Ada.

May 25 at 5:45 AM



PS

Princetta Foster-Stovall lit a candle in honor of Ada.

The world has lost such a bright light

May 25 at 4:23 AM



DM

Diane Manley lit a candle in honor of Ada.

May 25 at 2:37 AM



JM

Jennifer Thompson Malone lit a candle in honor of Ada.

May 24 at 2:17 PM



JW

Juliet Williams lit a candle in honor of Ada.

May 24 at 1:53 PM





Tribute Wall

Ada Mae Hammonds

OCT 3, 1948 - MAY 23, 2023

VB

Vincinetta Brown lit a candle in honor of Ada.



May 24 at 11:34 AM

VL

Vickie Lockett posted:

Mrs. Hammonds was such a wonderful and beautiful woman of God inside and out. She was kind, thoughtful, hardworking, loyal, and treated my family and I like we were her blood relatives. She was one of my mother's closest and lifelong friends. For years she used to pick my brother and I up from school when we were kids and bring us to her home until my mother got off work. We spent a lot of time with her and her family back then and I learned all of Wintley Phipps' songs because she played his albums quite often. We were also fortunate to grow up with her wonderful children, Fee, Tracie, and Chad. I remember Mrs. Hammonds ensuring that Tracie and Chad take piano lessons and they faithfully practiced on their home piano. I remember the time we got into a car accident on the way home from school and Mrs. Hammonds made sure that we were okay first. We also had choir rehearsals at her home on occasion while Chad accompanied us on the piano. In more recent years, before Covid, (2019), Mrs. Hammonds came to Huntsville, Al, where I now reside, for campmeeting, and she paid a visit to my house. It was a joy to see her and spend time with her. She will always have a special place in my heart and I appreciate the love that she displayed to me and my family. To her family: may the Lord impart strength, courage, comfort, endurance, and love to you all during this challenging and difficult time of bereavement. You all are in our thoughts and prayers. Peace and blessings. With love from Vickie Reneé Lockett and family.

May 23 at 11:28 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Ada by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



Scan to Visit

*Taylor Funeral Home
of Chattanooga, Inc.*