



Dene Adams

January 23, 1916 - November 14, 2005

Dene Adams died on Monday, November 14, 2005 at Midland Hospice House.

Mr. Adams was employed by Boeing Aircraft as an engineer from 1939 through World War II, until 1946. After the war, he moved to the Topeka area where he developed a farming operation until 1954. At that time he joined an insurance firm, and in 1955, he established Adams Insurance Agency, which he owned and operated until his retirement in 1980.

Mr. Adams was born on January 23, 1916, in Onaga, Kansas to Ira Andrew and Emma Jane Adams. He was raised in Ottawa and graduated from Ottawa High School in 1936. He attended and graduated from Wichita School of Engineering in 1941.

He was a former member of Topeka Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Sales and Marketing Executives International; a member of the Local, State, and National Association of Life Underwriters; a member of the Local, State, and National Association of General Agents and Managers. He was also a member of Gideon International, and a deacon at First Southern Baptist Church for many years.

He married Mable "Sally" Smith on February 16, 1941, in Ottawa. She preceded him in death in November 1982. He married Mariella White Smith

on August 4, 1984, in Topeka. She survives. He was preceded in death by a granddaughter Sarah Broxterman, and a great-granddaughter Charissa Brownlee.

Other survivors include three daughters, Kay Lewis, Overland Park, KS, Trude McCoy, Gatlinburg, TN, Carol Broxterman, Topeka; two step-sons, Richard Smith, Topeka, and Charles Smith, Tempe, AZ; 14 grandchildren, three step grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren; and a sister Norma Miller, Ottawa, KS.

Mr. Adams will lie in state after 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday at church. Funeral Services will be 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, Nov 16, 2005 at First Southern Baptist Church. Burial will be at Mt Hope Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Southern Baptist Church 1912 SW Gage, Topeka, KS 66604

Tribute Wall



“ *Dene Adams*

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“ *It was a pleasure for me to have been able to know Mr. Adams. He was always very accepting of me and of how I came to be a part of the family. Mr. Adams always treated me with nothing but the utmost respect.*

My thoughts are on the family now, as they are all gathered together paying their final respects to a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, & friend.

My prayer for the family and friends: "Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you." 2 Thessalonians 3:16

My love to all of you.

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