



Mr. Francis L. Adams

November 2, 1940 - February 22, 2017

Francis Leroy Adams, a lifelong resident of Willow Springs, passed away early Wednesday morning while at Ozarks Medical Center in West Plains due to natural causes. Born November 2, 1940 in Willow Springs to Willard and Inez (Carey) Adams, he was 76 years old.

Growing up in Willow Springs, Francis attended the local schools and graduated from Willow Springs High School, Class of 1958. He owned and operated the Standard Gas Station and then later went to work for Jack Jones of Jones Candy Company, delivering candy. This made his children the two luckiest and happiest kids on the block, because to their delight, he would open the door of the delivery truck and let them pick all of their favorite candy that they wanted to eat. In 1976, he opened his own business providing wrecker and welding services and was actively working up until his passing. Francis was well known for his expertise in welding. Everyone knew that if you needed something welded, you went to Francis. He was certainly a master at his craft. He was affectionately known as "Grumpy" by all who knew him. He will be very missed by his family, friends, and the community he served.

He and Susan met in West Plains and were married in Willow Springs in 1970. He particularly loved to hunt deer and turkey. It was said that he never took a vacation until deer season opened each year and would go back to work when the season ended. He especially loved his children and grandchildren,

and loved to spoil them rotten.

Francis was preceded in death by his parents, his daughter, Tammy Lynn Adams; his sister, Helen Lovan, and numerous aunts and uncles.

He is survived by his wife, Susan; his son, Roger Adams and daughter, Lisa Adams, all of Willow Springs. He is also survived by two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Further surviving are his sister, Ethel Roberts, and two brothers, Charles Adams and Ronald Adams, also of Willow Springs.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 27. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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106 E 3rd St
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Service

FEB 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SB

“ Francis and his family were acquainted with my Mom and Dad, Frank and Curly Edgar, for years. I and my family also knew them and never had an unkind word or thought about them or from them. They were an asset to the whole community. Mrs. Sherryl Brannan

Sherryl Brannan - February 27, 2017 at 05:09 PM

MM

“ Sue an Family, my thoughts an prayers are with you all. Francis was one of a kind, an will be missed by many! Mary Sue Meal



Mary Sue Meal - February 24, 2017 at 07:25 AM

HS

“ francis will be missed very much. him and i go way back stock cars foe pepsi cola and i worked for him at the standard station. francis was the type of a person if you needed something he would work with you. he was a great man and i will miss him....henry shipley



henry shipley - February 23, 2017 at 09:18 PM

LD

“ Francis and I went through school together, first Hutton Valley and then Willow Springs High School both graduating with the class 1958. He will be missed by all of us who knew him. May he rest in peace. Linda K. Daugherty



Linda K Daugherty - February 23, 2017 at 08:04 PM

CF

“ Craig Jones Family purchased the Springtime Wishes for the family of Mr. Francis L. Adams.



Craig Jones Family - February 23, 2017 at 02:35 PM

CB

“ I will truly miss Grumpy. He was always there for anyone. He took my son deer hunting with him I know it was something special. He leaves a big hole in alot of people heart. Love you Sue

Carrie Brown - February 22, 2017 at 09:36 PM

 Shawna Rose

“ Shawna Rose lit a candle in memory of Mr. Francis L. Adams

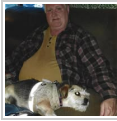


Shawna Rose - February 22, 2017 at 07:26 PM

CC

“ I can remember when if ever in need for a wrecker service, he was the one you called. I had at one time needed his service to pull my dad's truck up an incline and stood there watching him hook up, asking me to put the truck into neutral and steer it as he pulled it up, seeing the front end of the wrecker go up in the air, scaring me more of flipping his wrecker than it did when I lost control of the truck, sending it down an inclined hill. I or my dad would have Francis to do some welding work on some small deal and he would have it done in a matter of minutes. Francis was a great man full of life, love and laughter. He will be greatly missed. Prayers being sent to you Sue and your family. God bless you.

Carolyn Robertson Collins - February 22, 2017 at 05:51 PM



He towed several of our cars...lol....I have good memories of him.

Larry Chaney - February 22, 2017 at 07:14 PM



“ Francis will be missed by everyone. I am sorry for your loss.



Ronda Kupitz Anderson - February 22, 2017 at 05:45 PM



“ Loyd Lippert lit a candle in memory of Mr. Francis L. Adams



Loyd Lippert - February 22, 2017 at 05:05 PM

TB

“ Francis will be missed by the entire community. Troy and I would like to extend our heartfelt sympathy to the entire foamy in your loss.

Troy & Linda Bradford - February 22, 2017 at 04:33 PM

KC

“ Willow won't be the same without Grumpy. My thoughts and prayers are with Sue and the family. My deepest sympathies to all. R.I.P. Grumpy.



Karen Collins - February 22, 2017 at 03:19 PM

 Tammy Meal

“ Tammy Meal lit a candle in memory of Mr. Francis L. Adams



Tammy Meal - February 22, 2017 at 02:14 PM

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“ Sue my thoughts and prayers are with you in these trying times. Francis was a great guy. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Tammy Meal - February 22, 2017 at 02:13 PM

WP

“ Sue, So Sorry. Think of you and Francis often. Lots of memories in Willow Springs.

William Pollard - February 22, 2017 at 01:40 PM



Steve
Grass

“ One of the best. I remember when he showed to upright a double tractor/trailer. A "shiny" large wrecker showed up from a near by large city to upright the second back half. While the second operator was putting on his deer skin gloves and sizing up the situation in his khakis, Francis already had his uprighted and hooked before the other operator even pulled a cable! You will be missed!

Steve Grass - February 22, 2017 at 01:33 PM

SH

“ Sue, you and your family are in my thoughts. Francis was a great man and will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.
Sarah Nocks-Hardin

Sarah Hardin - February 22, 2017 at 01:31 PM

RS

“ Was a very good man AAA will miss him

Rick Schilling - February 22, 2017 at 01:01 PM



Chastity
Lairson

“ Francis and Sue were some of my grandparents best friends when they first moved to Willow Springs. Their friendship with our family didn't end when my grandparents had to move back to Florida because of my Grandpa's health. When the news came that Grandpa had passed Francis was determined I be with my family so he and Sue drove me all the way to North Florida. Francis saved me I don't know how many times by unlocking my car when I left the keys in it at school :) Francis and Sue were at my wedding to help celebrate my big day plus come to show their love their love and support when my Grandma and Mom passed. The military has us in California right now, Sue, but we will be home in March and hope to see you! Sending our love to you, Roger, Lisa and the grandkids!

Chastity Lairson - February 22, 2017 at 09:56 AM

RB

“ To Sue and Family, I remember when I first met Francis. He helped me deal with The loss of my Mother back in 78. I thanked him several times, and wanted you all to know he really was a special man to everyone.

Robert W Barton

robert barton - February 22, 2017 at 09:27 AM

CP

“ Always around to help, a good neighbor, and such an icon to the tapestry of Willow Springs. My deepest condolence Sue.

Carole Perkins - February 22, 2017 at 09:17 AM

RP

“ Although he sometimes delighted to be a curmudgeon, he was really one of the sweetest, finest men we have ever known. He gave us the gift of laughter and a dry wit that never failed. Heck, he never failed. He was always there when you needed him.

He loved you, Sue. I am sure that he took that love with him when he went away.

God bless both of you and keep you in His arms always.

Gene and RoseAnna Prater

RoseAnna Prater - February 22, 2017 at 09:10 AM





Craig
Bennett

“ So glad I went by and visited with him last week. He was truly an original and he will be greatly missed

Craig Bennett - February 22, 2017 at 08:59 AM

MS

“ To Sue and family. The Hale family would like to express our deepest sympathy for your loss. Francis was a good friend and always willing to help out when needed. He will be missed. May your light shine bright in heaven as it did in Willow Springs.

Myrtle, David, Barbara and Sally - February 22, 2017 at 08:54 AM



Shannon
Caldwell

“ A true Icon of the Willow Springs area. We will miss having you around buddy. RIP

Shannon Caldwell - February 22, 2017 at 08:34 AM

GK

So sorry to hear about Francis' passing. He was always so kind and helpful to both me and Leon.

Glenna Kentch - February 22, 2017 at 09:47 AM

DD

“ There is not enough space on here to share memories of Francis as there are just too many to mention! So sorry for your (and our) loss. Francis, you and Sue were great friends and you will be missed!

Dan & Vesta Dunn - February 22, 2017 at 06:01 AM



I First met Francis in 1976 I owned a Grocery in Raymondville Mo Francis called on me we became good friends I have been trucking since 1990 and Francis did wrecker calls and welding. He was one of a kind. Son sorrow for your loss.

Larry Long - February 23, 2017 at 08:12 PM