

## Pallbearers

**Clarkoares Adams**

**Lee Anderson**

**Tremon Bennett**

**Tyrone Bennett**

**Kentrell Donald**

**Cedric Hampton**

## To My Family and Friends

*I'd like the memories of me to be happy ones,  
I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done;  
I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways,  
Of happy times, laughing times, and bright and sunny days;  
I'd like the tears of those who grieve to dry before the sun,  
Of happy memories that I leave to each of you,  
When life for me is done.  
-Love, Ben*

## Acknowledgements

*The family of Mr. Bentman "Ben" Adams would like to thank you for your many expressions of love and support shown to us during the passing of our loved one. Special thanks to the Management and Staff of Beck Funeral Home, the Staff of Mississippi Care Center of DeKalb, Rev. Henry Rush and the Jerusalem Baptist Church Family, Rev. Marvin Brown and the New Hope Community Church Family, Rev. Melvin Rush and the Beulah Baptist Church Family, Mayor Clark Adams, Sis. Earline "Runt" Adams Thomas, Sis. Diann Adams Tisdale, Bro. L.C. Gatherright, and Min. Robert Bohannon.  
-The Adams Family*

## Final Arrangements Entrusted To:

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# Celebrating the Life of Mr. Bentman Adams

## "Ben"



*"Oh that I had wings like a dove, I'll fly away and be at rest"  
-Psalm 55:6*

Thursday, February 6, 2025

11:00 a.m.

The Chapel of Beck Funeral Home, Inc.  
13554 Highway 16 West • DeKalb, MS 39328

Rev. Henry L. Rush, Officiating  
Min. Robert Bohannon, Master of Ceremony

# Bentman "Ben" Adams's Life Story

**B**entman Adams, affectionately and commonly known as "Ben", was born on Tuesday, April 6, 1948, to Fletcher Adams and Birdie Lee Bourrage Cole Adams in the New Hope Community in DeKalb, Kemper County, MS. He received his education from the Kemper County School System where he attended Whisenton High School in DeKalb, MS. During his early life, he accepted Jesus Christ as his personal savior and joined New Hope United Methodist Church (now New Hope Community Church) in DeKalb, MS where he remained a member until his demise. On Monday, October 19, 1970, he married Clara Narvoell Rush, the daughter of James Rush and Clara "Neela" Jones Rush, who is also a native of DeKalb, Kemper County, MS. Three children, two sons and one daughter, were born to their union. Ben was employed with Neco in DeKalb, MS; Nemanco in DeKalb, MS; Alply in DeKalb, MS; and lastly being Wofford Nursery in Philadelphia, MS for many years until he retired. To know Ben was to love him! He had an amazing personality, very kind and friendly, and never met a stranger.

Mr. Bentman "Ben" Adams, age 76, departed his earthly life on Wednesday, January 29, 2025, at the Mississippi Care Center in DeKalb, Kemper County, MS. His father, Fletcher Adams; mother, Birdie Lee Bourrage Cole Adams; five siblings - three brothers, James Cole, Jr., Ezra Lee Adams, and Fletcher Adams, Jr.; two sisters, Mary Adams Temple and Billie Jean Adams; a special niece, Barbara Faye Sykes Gordon; father-in-law, James Rush; mother-in-law, Clara "Neela" Jones Rush; brothers-in-law, Robert Temple, Willie Thomas, Eugene "Catfish" Rush, Charlie Jennings, and J.D. Gully; sisters-in-law, Frances Rush Cayson Shields Jennings, Berronika Rush, and Linda Johnson Rush; paternal grandparents, Ezra Adams and Josephine "Josie" Vance Adams; and maternal grandparents, Frank Bourrage and Mandy "Tunch" Steele Bourrage, preceded him in death.

Survivors are: wife, Clara Rush Adams of DeKalb, MS; three children - one daughter, Tina Adams Bennett of DeKalb, MS; two sons, Kenyatta Adams (Audrey) and Danny Adams, both of DeKalb, MS; ten grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; four siblings - three sisters, Dorothy Adams Grady (James) of Ocean Springs, MS; Earline Adams Thomas (L.C.) and Diann Adams Tisdale, both of DeKalb, MS; one brother, Mayor Clark Adams of DeKalb, MS; five sisters-in-law, Mary Joyce Donald Cole of DeKalb, MS; Lorine Rush Gully of Marion, MS; Mary Rush Hudson of Daleville, MS; Carrie Rush Hickman of Davenport, IA; and Sarah Cherry Sutherland (Maurice) of Lauderdale, MS; three brothers-in-law, Norris Gene Rush (Vendetta) and James Rush, Jr., both of DeKalb, MS; and Willie Rush; and a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, cousins, and friends.



# Order of Service



When we all get to Heaven,  
 What a day of rejoicing that will be;  
 When we all see Jesus,  
 We'll sing and shout the victory.

- Processional... ..Soft Musical Prelude
- Scriptures... ..Rev. Marvin Brown  
 Old Testament: Psalm 23:1-6 [Favorite Scripture]  
 New Testament: John 14:1-7
- Prayer of Comfort... ..Rev. Marvin Brown
- Acknowledgements and  
 Solo Selection... ..Min. Robert Bohannon  
 "When the Gates Swing Open"
- Remarks... ..Deacon L.C. Gatheright
- Solo... .."If I Had Wings" ... ..Rev. Marvin Brown
- Eulogy... ..Rev. Henry L. Rush
- Funeral Directors in charge
- Recessional... ..Soft Musical Postlude
- Interment... ..New Hope Cemetery, DeKalb, MS
- Repast... ..Beulah Baptist Church Fellowship Hall



**Bentman "Ben" Adams**  
**(1948 - 2024)**



To My Dearest Husband

The memories we shared and the love we built will remain with me always. My heart will carry you, and I will never forget you.

Until we meet again Ben!

-Your Wife, Clara



To Our Beloved Father

Your love, guidance, and unwavering support shaped us into who we are today. You were our protector, teacher, and biggest supporter. Your wisdom will guide us, your laughter will echo in our hearts, and your unconditional love will remain our greatest gift. Though we will miss you deeply, we find comfort in knowing you are at peace and watching over us. You will always be our hero, and your legacy will live on through the lessons you taught us and the love you shared. You are forever in our hearts Daddy!

-Your Children, Tina, Kenyatta, and Danny



To Our Beloved Grandfather

Of all the special gifts in life however great or small. To have you as our grandfather was the greatest gift of all. The winds of love blow softly, and whisper in your ear. We love and miss you, and we wish that you were here. A silent thought and a secret tear will keep your memory ever near. You're in our hearts now and forever!

-Your Grandchildren



To My Beloved Brother

I can shed tears that Ben is gone, or I can smile because he lived. I can close my eyes and pray that he will come back, or I can open my eyes and see all that he has left. I can remember him and only that he is gone, or I can cherish his memory and let it live on.

-Your Baby Sister, Diann

# *I'm Free (To My Family)*



Don't grieve for me for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God laid for me  
I took His hand when I heard Him call,  
I turned my back and left it all  
I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work or play  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I've found that peace at the close of day  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah yes, these things I too will miss  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow  
My life's been full, I've savored much,  
Good friends, good times, my loved one's touch  
If my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief  
Lift up your hearts, rejoice with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free.

## *From The Entire Adams Family*

Ben, your love and kindness inspired us all. Your infectious smile and warm heart will be deeply missed. We're grateful for the memories, laughter, and love we shared with you. With hearts full of love and memories, we say goodbye to an incredible husband, father, grandfather, son, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend. Ben, you will be deeply missed!

*-Submitted By Your Niece, Venius*