



Emily Kathryn Adams

December 2, 1947 - March 2, 2011

Emily Kathryn Adams, Age 63, Haleyville, Alabama passed away Wednesday, March 2, 2011.

Visitation will be Saturday, March 5, 2011 from 1- 2:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial Service will be @ 2:00 p.m. at Pinkard Funeral Home-Haleyville, Al.

Emily Kathryn Smith Adams, 63, Haleyville, died Wednesday, March 2, 2011 after battling ovarian cancer for more than four years.

Though disabled for the past 22 years, Kathy often reflected back upon her working life, when she was a legal secretary in law firms in Haleyville, and also when she was a data entry operator at the International Fertilizer Development Center in Muscle Shoals.

She loved to work, and she loved the many friends and acquaintances she made through those years. Her work also led her to the local Business and Professional Women's Club in Haleyville, for which she served as an officer and committee member on a number of occasions.

Service gave her a charge, whether with the B&PW, with her church, First United Methodist Church in Haleyville, or with friends and family. She sewed beautiful clothing, including a personally and uniquely designed baptismal gown for her grandson. She crafted for years, creating embroidered works of art, handcrafted jewelry, custom draperies, baby blankets, and more. Many have received her encouraging and personal notes in the mail.

Kathy grew up an "Air Force brat" living in various places and moving numerous times during her childhood. At times when her father, Johnny Smith, was overseas or in Alaska, she and her mother, Dorothy Smith, and sister, Nancy, would stay with grandparents and extended family in western Tennessee. Riding the school bus through muddy, creek-laced roads brought about many funny stories, as did life with "Ma Smith."

Kathy even met the love of her life, her husband, Jesse, while he was enlisted in the Air

Force. This May they would have been married 46 years.

Kathy will be remembered most for her love of others, for her sweet disposition, for her cheerful encouragement of even the most forgettable and lost of souls.

She is survived by her husband, Jesse Lee Adams of Haleyville; her daughter, Bethany Adams Giles(Daniel); her grandchildren, Colin and Kate; her sister, Nancy Smith Puckett(Marc); father- and mother - in -law, Dawson and Edith Adams; sister - in -law Janice Adams Shoemaker(Jerry); brother - in-law Gaylon "Nick"Adams(Peggy); several nieces, nephews, and grand nieces and nephews.

A visitation time with family will be at 1:00 p.m. Saturday. March 5, 2011 at Pinkard Funeral Home in Haleyville with a memorial service to follow at 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Kathy's memory to the American Cancer Society or to the music ministries of either First United Methodist Church in Haleyville, or First Presbyterian Church in Tuscumbia.

Tribute Wall



“ *Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Sharon Boyles##imported-end##*

March 08, 2011 at 10:36 AM



“ *Dear Family, I was so sorry to learn of Kathy's passing. She was a good friend, and such a strong woman. I knew she was struggling, but didn't know. She was an inspiration and a mentor, as well as a good friend when I worked in Haleyville, for attorney Sam Masdon.*

You have my deepest heartfelt sympathy. This world is a sadder place without her smiling face.

God be with you all during the days ahead and may he bring you comfort, peace, and healing.

Love Darlene Thomas##imported-begin##Darlene B. Thomas##imported-end##

March 07, 2011 at 02:09 PM



“ *I was blessed to know Kathy through her working with Hobby. She was always a bright light to those who knew her. So sorry to hear about her passing. She will be missed.##imported-begin##Jennifer McInnish##imported-end##*

March 06, 2011 at 01:01 PM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss. She was a sweet person loved by many. She will be missed.##imported-begin##Jim and Jeanette Masdon##imported-end##*

March 05, 2011 at 06:09 PM



“ *Jesse,
Don't know if you remember me or not. I am Wanda Elliott Hess. I didn,t know Kathryn, but I am sorry for your loss.
You and your family are in our prayers.*

W.S.and Wanda##imported-begin##W. S. and Wanda Hess##imported-end##

March 04, 2011 at 10:44 PM



“ Kathy was the tpye of person that would build you up with her kind words. She was a very special person. My thoughts or with you Bethany and Jessie. God Bless you.

Don Smith, Corinth, Ms.##imported-begin##Don Smith##imported-end##

March 04, 2011 at 05:35 PM



“ Jesse, Bethany & family,
My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.
Kathy was part of my church family and a dear friend, she was an encouragement to all who knew her.
Please know that she will be missed, and I will forever cherish her friendship.
Love to you all,
Maryanna Foster
Jasper, Alabama##imported-begin##Maryanna Foster##imported-end##

March 04, 2011 at 11:48 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Kathy's passing. She was such a sweet person and I will miss seeing her. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Joanne Williamson (Your Mail Carrier)##imported-end##

March 03, 2011 at 11:34 PM



“ Bethany,
I am sorry about your Mother. Know that you and your family are in my prayers.
Angie##imported-begin##Angela Barnett##imported-end##

March 03, 2011 at 05:47 PM



“ Jesse, Bethany and family. I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Kathy. Even though I have not seen her in awhile, she was always in my thoughts. Kathy touched my live as I know she has others. She was there for me several years ago when I just needed a shoulder to cry on and someone to listen without judging. I will always remember her kindness and am thankful for having known her. God Bless and comfort you during this time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Neita Pierce##imported-end##

March 03, 2011 at 05:02 PM