



Jessie Dawson Adams

February 7, 1918 - February 14, 2015

Jessie Dawson Adams, age 97, Double Springs, AL. died Saturday, February 14, 2015, while at home with his wife, Edith. They had been married 74 years on Christmas Eve.

Visitation with family and friends will be at noon, Wednesday, Feb. 18, with funeral following at 1 p.m., all at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, county road 32, Haleyville. Burial in the church Cemetery.

Dawson was born Feb. 7, 1918, and lived in Winston County most of his life. He passed from this life less than a mile from where he was born. He did leave to serve in the Army 1942-45 in Brownsville, Texas, and Little Rock, Arkansas. Afterward, he worked more than a year at the Savannah River Bomb Plant while living in South Carolina with his wife and three children.

Some people know he was one of the Adams who constructed the rock chapel and cabins at Camp McDowell near Nauvoo. Dawson learned the rock, brick and home construction trades from other family members, then went on to build numerous homes, custom fireplaces, and cabinetry throughout the area.

In his spare time and during retirement he also farmed, enjoying a few head of cattle, peanuts he grew for roasting, vegetables they shared with neighbors

and friends, and several kinds of fruit that he and Edith preserved for winter months.

When he wasn't building, repairing or farming, he enjoyed Sacred Harp, or shaped-note singing, at Shady Grove and other churches that hosted occasional singings. Dawson was a devoted man of God, often seen reading his Bible and praying in spare moments at home. He served as Sunday School superintendent at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church.

Dawson is survived by his wife, Edith; children Jesse Adams of Haleyville, Janice (Jerry) Shoemaker of Curry, Gaylon "Nick" (Peggy) Adams of Yorktown, Virginia; grandchildren Bethany (Daniel) Giles of Tuscumbia, Debbie Taylor of Huntsville, Greg (Cassie) Adams of Augusta, Georgia, and Steven Adams of Double Springs; 8 great-grandchildren; also brother Kermit Adams of Double Springs and sister Emily Jones of Birmingham.

He also is survived by Susanne Smith (Greg) Mecke of Atlanta, Lisa Smith (Mark) Arnett and sons of Florence, and Angel Adams of Double Springs, whom he considered grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were brothers Merrill and Ralph; sisters, Cora Livingston, Ora Lee Fannin, and Pernie Pelfrey; parents, Jessie and Maude Godsey Adams; and daughter in law, Kathryn Adams.

Pallbearers will include nephews and grandsons.

Honorary pallbearers include Jackie Livingston, James Livingston, Leon Livingston, Dwight Pelfrey, Lucien Pelfrey, Gary Pelfrey, Mack Fannin, Dale Fannin, and Bobby Aderholt.

Special thanks to Bobby Aderholt, Terry Bendall, John Sudduth and Sacred

Harp friends for their participation in the funeral; also to Sandy Berry for frequent and heroic assistance in Dawson's final months.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks memorials be made to the Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church cemetery fund, c/o Steve Comeens, PO Box 682, Double Springs, AL 35553.

You may leave online condolences at www.pinkardfh.com

Cemetery Details

Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 18. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church
Haleyville, AL

Funeral Service

FEB 18. 1:00 PM (CT)

Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church
Haleyville, AL

Tribute Wall

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“ *Edith,
We are so sorry to hear about your loss of Dawson. You were more than neighbors, you were family. Praying God’s strength and comfort over you and the entire family, Doyce & Jayne Overton, Kim, Lee & Molly Desmond*

Kim Desmond - February 17, 2015 at 02:55 PM

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“ *We are very sad to learn of the death of Dawson. He was one of the most gentle men I've known. He was a very devout Christian as I knew him. The church at Macedonia has lost a very devoted member and so has the community.
Edith, you and the children are in our hearts and minds today and may the Lord give y'all strength in this time of sadness.
Ray McKissack and family.*

Ray McKissack - February 17, 2015 at 11:19 AM

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“ *So saddened to hear about the passing of such a sweet man. He and Edith helped my mother and my sister and I in so many ways. We will forever be grateful for all the kind deeds shown to us during the years we were neighbors to them. May God comfort you all during this difficult time. Praying for you all...
Angela Curtis Tidwell. Keith, Caroline & Juliana Tidwell*

angela tidwell - February 16, 2015 at 12:35 PM