



Steve Adams

May 6, 1955 - September 23, 2014

Steve Adams, 58, of Jonesville, VA passed away on Tuesday, September 23, 2014 at his residence.

He was born in Pennington Gap, VA on May 6, 1955 to the late J. T. and Lillian Gibbs Adams. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Tom Adams and two sisters, Dana Burns and Brenda Burton.

Steve had worked for 27 years as a coal miner before going to work for Wallen's Ridge State Penitentiary for 16 years until his retirement. He attended First United Methodist Church of Jonesville and coached little league baseball and football. He loved hunting and fishing, but most of all, he loved his family.

He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Tanna Rutherford Adams; three children, Lauren Ramsey and husband Blake of Sneedville, TN, Shelby Adams of Jonesville and Jay Adams of Jonesville; one granddaughter, Blakely Ramsey; one brother, Roger Adams and wife Wanda of Jonesville; four sisters, Nola Wheeler and husband Walter of Salem, VA, June Botelho and husband Dan of Salem, Linda Osborne and husband Donnie of Kingsport, TN and Pam Morris and husband Al of Atlanta, GA; special extended family members, Shirley Rutherford, Danny Rutherford and family, Eddie Rutherford and family, Allen Rutherford and family and Rhonda Elswick and family;

several nieces and nephews and his special dog, Si.

The family will receive friends from 6 until 8:00 p.m. Friday, September 26, 2014 at the First Methodist Church of Jonesville. The funeral service will follow at 8:00 p.m. with Rev. Layne Pennington Officiating. The graveside service and interment will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, September 27, in the Rutherford Family Cemetery. Everyone is asked to meet at Robinette Funeral Home in Jonesville by 10:30 a.m. Saturday to travel in procession to the cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Jay Adams, Blake Ramsey, Cole Rutherford, Grant Rutherford, Chad Rutherford, Derek Comer, Ryan Elswick and Goose Cluesman. Honorary pallbearers will be Wallen's Ridge Correctional Officers.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **26.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church of Jonesville
200 Church Street
Jonesville, VA 24263
fumc_jonesville@verizon.net

Funeral service

SEP **26.** 8:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Steve Adams*

October 05, 2023 at 07:31 PM



“ *Tanna and family we are so very sorry to hear about Steve's passing. You and your family are in our prayers. Remember that God will always be with you during this time carrying you in his arms until he knows you can stand on you own then he will walk with you every day.*
God Bless You,
Tammy & Danny Lockhart

tammy lockhart - September 30, 2014 at 04:13 PM



“ *Tanna and family..we are sincerely sorry for your loss. We have and will continue to pray for God's comfort.*

Tom and Darlene Gibson

Tom and Darlene Gibson - September 27, 2014 at 09:05 AM

RB

“ We worked on the mountain for probably 20 years together. Not only was ROHO a co-worker we fished many times together and one time that sticks out is when Jay was a young boy and we let him reel in a rock fish, he reeled until he was wore out but finally got it in the boat. We all shared lots of laughs and back pats. I don't know who was proudest that day.I'll never forget the Christmas I played Santa and the kids all knew me before I got started. I am glad that memories are a gift of God and the ones I have of Steve are all good ones.I'll see Steve again when we all get home

HOMEY

Ray Brooks - September 26, 2014 at 07:23 PM

DE

“ Tanna and family: We are sorry for your loss. May you find comfort in the many memories you have.
Glenn and Dianne Early

Dianne Early - September 26, 2014 at 01:32 PM

DP

“ I am truly saddened by the passing of Steve. He was a great friend from an early age on. He will be remembered with only the best of memories. My prayers are for his loving brother and sisters along with wife, children and Brooke. Debra Poe

Debra Poe - September 26, 2014 at 12:27 PM

MP

“ Dear Tanna,
I just spoke with Dad, he told me about Steve. I am very saddened for you, your kids and your friends/family! I think of my relatives often, always with a warm loving smile on my face. I loved our Mamaw Ward so much and have so many happy memories from our childhood when we visited her. I always loved seeing my cousins, aunts and uncles.
I saw a quote today, perhaps it's message will help motivate positive and encouraging emotions as it did for me; "God has a BIGGER PLAN for me than I have for myself". I love you dear cousin, with all my heart!
Myra Ward Phelan

Myra Ward Phelan - September 26, 2014 at 10:18 AM

LS

“ Lisa Fee Stapleton lit a candle in memory of Steve Adams



Lisa Fee Stapleton - September 26, 2014 at 09:33 AM

DE

“ Debbie lit a candle in memory of Steve Adams



Debbie - September 26, 2014 at 08:52 AM

DE

“ Tanna, I am so sorry for your loss. Steve was a good man! I never seen him that he did not call me Jesse!! Although I didn't see him alot, he will be missed. If there is anything that I can do, please let me know. Even if it to just listen or hold your hand. Love you!

Debbie Carroll McConnell

Debbie - September 26, 2014 at 08:51 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Steve Adams.



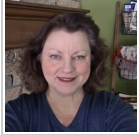
September 26, 2014 at 08:45 AM

LH

“ Linda Hurd lit a candle in memory of Steve Adams



linda hurd - September 25, 2014 at 08:23 PM



“ *Tanna- I just learned today of Steve's passing. He was a good man and I know your family will surely miss him. My prayer for you is that God will hold you in the palm of His hand and give you comfort and peace as you and your family cope with such a tremendous loss. My thoughts and prayers remain with you. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help you in the days ahead. Sincerely, Melissa Woods-Clark*



Melissa Clark - September 25, 2014 at 07:54 PM

CR

“ *Chris Rife lit a candle in memory of Steve Adams*



Chris Rife - September 25, 2014 at 01:41 PM

WS

“ *Wanda Stapleton lit a candle in memory of Steve Adams*



Wanda Stapleton - September 25, 2014 at 12:10 PM

CN

“ *Shelby, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I am praying for you and your family. Sincerely, Cyndi Newlon*



Cyndi Newlon - September 25, 2014 at 10:00 AM

JA

“ *Jamie lit a candle in memory of Steve Adams*



Jamie - September 25, 2014 at 09:49 AM

ST

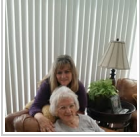
“ *So very sorry to hear of your loss! I will be praying for your family as you move through the coming days and asking God to fill you with His strength and to wrap His arms of comfort around each of you. May He bless you with His presence and encourage you with His words of peace. Bill and Susan (Wynn) Thompson and Ruth Wynn*

Susan Wynn Thompson - September 25, 2014 at 09:37 AM

SE

“ *tanna i knew this fellow i believe before u got him always had a smile and great to talk with also i remember the incident with him and jeff when there boat sink god was with them . prayers and great memories shirley evans*

shirley evans - September 25, 2014 at 09:16 AM



“ *Tanna and children, we are saddened to hear of the loss of Steve. I wish there were words to say that would take away your pain and heartache, but just know that you are in our thoughts and prayers at this time. Praying that God will wrap HIS loving arms around you and give you the peace and comfort that only HE can.*

Ray and Brenda Bledsoe

Brenda Bledsoe - September 25, 2014 at 07:25 AM

EC

“ *Too soon to lose a great husband, father, grandfather and friend but I'm certain that he is having a "big" party in the sky today so hold strong to your faith in God and be thankful in all things! I bet he's already made lots of friends up there! Hugs to all of you! ❤️*

eleanor & ikey joe chadwell - September 25, 2014 at 04:28 AM

BF

“ *Brenda Scott Dye And Family lit a candle in memory of Steve Adams*



brenda scott dye and family - September 25, 2014 at 12:51 AM

DC

“ *My heart goes out to you Tanna. So sorry to hear of your loss. May God be with you and the family.*

Debbra Cody - September 24, 2014 at 10:35 PM

EW

“ Dear Tanna, Lauren, Shelby, and Jay, My heart breaks for your loss. I cannot believe it yet, He was much too young to leave this world. I wish I had words to comfort you, but there are no words. Just know that so many are holding you close in our hearts and praying for peace and comfort for you and his brothers and sisters. He will be sadly missed. Love and Friendship to all the Adams family.



Ernestine Wright - September 24, 2014 at 10:28 PM

JE

“ Adams family,
We were so saddened to hear about the passing of Steve. My Mother and Father and all of us thought a lot of Steve. He will be greatly missed . Our thoughts and prayers will be with all the family.
Joe And Tracy Ely

Joe & Tracy Ely - September 24, 2014 at 10:21 PM

MR

“ I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. May The Lord comfort each of you during this very difficult time.

Martha Roop - September 24, 2014 at 10:08 PM

CD

“ Steve Adams was a very nice man. I am so sorry for your loss.
Tanna I will be praying for you and the family.

cornelia davis - September 24, 2014 at 10:07 PM

MM

“ Sending prayers of comfort for the entire family during this difficult time. Chuck and I enjoyed working with Steve at Wallens Ridge. He could make you smile when you were feeling down or not in a good mood. He was taken way too soon! RIP Steve

Malissa McConnell - September 24, 2014 at 10:01 PM

BG

“ So very sorry to hear about Steve, my thoughts & prayers are with you and your family tanna...

Bryan Gilley - September 24, 2014 at 09:44 PM

JW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family Tanna . Deepest sympathy from The Woodards ,John ,Kim and family.

John and Kim Woodard - September 24, 2014 at 09:06 PM

SY

“ So so sorry Tanna,Lauren,Shelby and Jay. May loving memories and the prayers of family and friends help you through this difficult time. In Christian love, Dan, Sheri and Andy Yates

sheri yates - September 24, 2014 at 08:55 PM

KR

“ Kim Cope Roop lit a candle in memory of Steve Adams



Kim Cope Roop - September 24, 2014 at 08:50 PM

KR

Steve always had a grin on his face. Many stories from my dad of their days on the mountain together and all the pranks they used to play on the other men. you are all in my heart and prayers.

Kim Cope Roop - September 24, 2014 at 08:53 PM



“ *Susan Martin lit a candle in memory of Steve Adams*



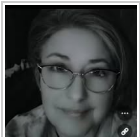
Susan Martin - September 24, 2014 at 08:23 PM

JC

“ *I can remember my dad telling me a story about Steve when they were hunting together. They were riding in dads truck when Steve accidentally discharged his gun in the cab and shot out the front tire.*

Steve was always a super nice guy, I always enjoyed talking with him about hunting as Jay was growing up. He was a wonderful husband, father and friend. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him. R.I.P. big guy!

Joey Coopee - September 24, 2014 at 08:22 PM



“ *It says share a memory but there are so many, I don't know where to start! My heart, love & prayers go out to Tanna, Lauten, Shelby, Jay & the rest of the family! Steve was a fine man & a great friend! Words can not describe this man! Truly one of a kind! I am so sorry & pray that God will wrap his loving arms around all of, give u the strength to carry on & know you will see Steve's smiling face once again! This is not goodbye, but see you later!*

Jill Evans - September 24, 2014 at 08:13 PM

ML

“ *Mark And Cheryl Light lit a candle in memory of Steve Adams*



Mark and Cheryl Light - September 24, 2014 at 07:48 PM

FC

“ *I remember Steve very well... We worked at Wallens Ridge State Prison together for many years! He was an awesome coworker and you could tell he loved his family! He will be greatly missed! Prayers for the family and friends that knew him! He had such a great heart and would help anyone!! Prayers for peace to all his loved ones! RIP my friend! You will be missed!*

Felicia Calton - September 24, 2014 at 07:20 PM

DS

“ *Dora Inman Slack lit a candle in memory of Steve Adams*



dora inman slack - September 24, 2014 at 07:05 PM

LA

“ *Linda Allen lit a candle in memory of Steve Adams*



Linda Allen - September 24, 2014 at 06:48 PM

LA

“ For Tanna and family. So so sorry to hear this. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Linda Allen - September 24, 2014 at 06:47 PM

CM

“ Was so sorry to hear the news about Steve. Way too young to leave his family and friends. Will always remember Steve from his Glory days in High School. He always had a smile and good attitude and loved being with friends. My heartfelt sympathy and prayers go out to Steve's family and the entire Adams family as well as his extended family and friends.

Cathy Johnston McClure

Cathy Johnston McClure - September 24, 2014 at 05:06 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Steve Adams.



September 24, 2014 at 04:10 PM



“ I remember Steve very well. The thing that stands out the most is how much he loved his family and friends. Steve will be greatly missed by many, we all know where Steve is and will see him again one day. His family are very special and important people to my family and myself, I love all of you deeply. May you be blessed in the days ahead.

Ryan Hines - September 24, 2014 at 02:13 PM

DG

“ Steve always enjoyed giving me a hard time at work, I always enjoyed his humor and laughter. Wallens Ridge Warehouse has not been the same without him. No one shined a lawnmower like Steve. He always talked about his family, and would show me pictures of his kids. He was a very proud Dad. He looked forward to retirement and spending time with his family. He was taken way to soon. My thoughts and prayers are with his wife and children. God Bless each of you.

Dora Lynn Garrison - September 24, 2014 at 01:11 PM

LO

“ Steve will always be remembered as a wonderful person in our lives. He meant the world to me and my kids! He always brought a laugh and a smile when we needed it. Then, he always had our backs when we needed him, too! No doubt he loved his family to the stars and back! It seems like we traveled the country to every ball field that could be found since the boys were old enough to hold a bat. I am thankful for the memories! Know that we are lifting you in our prayers! We love you!
Lisa Sexton Oaks (Lance, Dakota, and Canaan)

Lisa Sexton Oaks - September 24, 2014 at 12:45 PM

NN

I pray God will send comfort to each of you as only He can.. God bless each and all..

Norma Napier - September 24, 2014 at 09:48 PM