



## Charles Bennett Adams Jr.

May 25, 1932 - September 13, 2022

Charles Bennett Adams, Jr., lifelong resident of Trappe, MD, passed away on Tuesday, September 13, 2022. He was born on May 25, 1932, and resided in Trappe except for his time as a student at the University of Maryland, College Park and his service as a member of the military forces.

He was active in his church and community throughout his life and was proud of his Trappe birthplace and Talbot County heritage.

He was an active member of the Boy Scouts as a youth and began working in his family's business, Defender Packing Company, at an early age. He became a member of the Trappe Volunteer Fire Company as a teenager (1948) and had the honor of becoming a Life Member in 1982. He served as the President of the Trappe Volunteer Fire Company in 1966. He graduated from Easton High School in 1949 and began his undergraduate studies at the University of Maryland, College Park in the fall of 1949. He graduated from the University of Maryland with a degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1953. He was an inductee of the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society which was one of his cherished accomplishments.

He returned to the family business upon his graduation and in November, 1954, he enlisted in the United States Army and spent the first part of his service in Georgia. He was assigned to Frankfurt, Germany, in the spring of

1956. Prior to his transfer to Frankfurt, he married Wilma B. Diamond of Easton on April 7, 1956. They enjoyed their time living in Frankfurt and spent their leisure time traveling through Belgium, England, France, the Netherlands, as well as Germany. They returned to the States in November of 1957 and began to build their home and family in Trappe. He returned to working within Defender Packing Company which included growing and canning tomatoes.

His interest in serving his community included two unsuccessful but competitive races for the House of Delegates in the early 1960's and he continued to stay active in his love of the community by serving as an elected member of the Trappe Town Council from June 1985 through April 1993.

He raised his daughter and two sons with his wife, Wilma, and he was active in the PTA at Trappe Elementary and White Marsh Elementary, and other community, social organizations such as the Trappe Little League and Football League. He became a blood donor via his local blood bank (now Blood Bank of Delmarva). He donated regularly through July 2012.

His deep faith began as a boy with his family's attendance at the Trappe Methodist Church (later the Trappe United Methodist Church) where he served as the Superintendent of the Sunday School, Lay Leader and Sunday School Teacher. In his later years of life, he also served as the Church's Historian.

After retiring from the canning business, he continued to promote canning in the Delmarva region by speaking and demonstrating his vast life experience in the family canning business. He was interviewed by many local and state news outlets over the years about canning and enjoyed giving demonstrations of putting a lid on a can by hand. During this time, he also worked as a Real Estate Agent and continued staying active in his community.

His final passion was leading the charge to establish the Trappe Rural Life Museum which had been a dream that he shared with his father. In 2006, local town members began meeting to establish the Museum, and it became an official charity on September 11, 2006. His love of Trappe and his family's heritage sustained his desire to expand the museum, and he enjoyed working with many volunteers over the last 15 years to celebrate Trappe's history and culture.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles B. Adams & Martha O. Adams (née Ornett); his wife, Wilma D Adams (née Diamond) of 39 years; and his sister, Hilda Jane Brooks (née Adams). He is survived by his wife, Mary Rae Adams (née Harrison), his three children, Dorinda, Charles, and Terence; his grandchildren, Kelly Walker (née Adams), Charles Adams, and Ethan Adams; and his two great-grandchildren, Brianna Donohue and Lucas Walker.

His funeral service will be held on Thursday, September 22, 2022, at 11 AM at Trappe United Methodist Church. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, please feel free to make a donation in his memory to the Trappe United Methodist Church, (<http://www.tfcumc.org/>), the Trappe Volunteer Fire Company (Trappe Fire Department), 4001 Powell Ave., P.O. Box 86, Trappe, MD 21673 (410- 476-3535), or the Trappe Rural Life Museum (<https://rurallifemuseum.org/>).

## Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Funeral Service

SEP **22**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Trappe United Methodist Church  
29421 Maple Avenue  
Trappe, MD 21673

# Tribute Wall



“ *Charles Bennett Adams Jr.*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Charles Bennett Adams Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Charles Bennett Adams Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Yvonne Allen lit a candle in memory of Charles Bennett Adams Jr.*



**Yvonne Allen** - September 30, 2022 at 10:56 AM

KW

“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



**Kelly Walker** - September 24, 2022 at 08:24 PM



“ 1 file added to the album dad



**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - September 22, 2022 at 04:23 PM

NT

“ Naomi Diane Thomas lit a candle in memory of Charles Bennett Adams Jr.



**Naomi Diane Thomas** - September 21, 2022 at 08:50 PM

AF

“ *Altvater Family lit a candle in memory of Charles Bennett Adams Jr.*



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**Altvater Family** - September 21, 2022 at 03:17 PM

PL

“ *Pam Luby lit a candle in memory of Charles Bennett Adams Jr.*



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**Pam Luby** - September 19, 2022 at 09:12 AM

BB

“ *Beverly Metz Blakeney lit a candle in memory of Charles Bennett Adams Jr.*



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**beverly metz blakeney** - September 17, 2022 at 11:39 AM

DD

“ *Debbie Dean lit a candle in memory of Charles Bennett Adams Jr.*



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**Debbie Dean** - September 16, 2022 at 08:31 PM

SD

“ Sara Davidson lit a candle in memory of Charles Bennett Adams Jr.



sara davidson - September 16, 2022 at 01:35 PM

PF

“ Phil Foster lit a candle in memory of Charles Bennett Adams Jr.



Phil Foster - September 16, 2022 at 03:25 AM

CA

“ 1 file added to the album dad



Charles Adams - September 16, 2022 at 02:49 AM

CM

“ Chris Metz lit a candle in memory of Charles Bennett Adams Jr.



Chris Metz - September 15, 2022 at 06:27 PM

NS

“ *Natalie Sommer lit a candle in memory of Charles Bennett Adams Jr.*



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**Natalie Sommer** - September 15, 2022 at 04:45 PM

LK

“ *Louis And Evelyn Koski lit a candle in memory of Charles Bennett Adams Jr.*



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**Louis and Evelyn Koski** - September 15, 2022 at 02:26 PM

EA

“ *Wendy and I have many happy memories of Charles and his dedication to Christ and the good of the Trappe community. We will always treasure these memories.*

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**Ellery Adams** - September 15, 2022 at 11:22 AM

AD

“ *Amy And Donnie Dulin lit a candle in memory of Charles Bennett Adams Jr.*



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**Amy and Donnie Dulin** - September 15, 2022 at 10:34 AM