



## Elizabeth Colleen Adams

July 9, 1936 - March 12, 2017

Elizabeth “Bette” Colleen Thomas Adams died on Sunday, March 12, 2017, at University of Maryland Shore Medical Center in Easton, MD, after a courageous battle with lung cancer.

Born on July 9, 1936, she was the daughter of the late Ruby & William Thomas of Grasonville, MD. Bette married John D. Adams on July 7, 1972, and moved to Centreville where she helped her husband on the farm driving trucks or delivering parts, getting lunch or whatever was needed. Bette also worked for the Chesapeake Bay Ferry and Pete and Helen Burgess Nationwide Insurance. She took care of her mother-in-law, Lillian, for several years until her passing. Bette drove a school bus for Queen Anne's County from 1983 to 2012. She loved her bus kids and their families as much as they loved her.

She is survived by her husband, John D. Adams; a son, William “Keith” Hoxter (Kim); a daughter, Karen “Lynn” Reed (Dewey) and daughter Samantha “Sam” Grimes (Dale); grandson, Brandon Hoxter (Amanda); other grandsons, Nathan & Nick Hoxter, Hunter Reed, Garrett, Ryan, Jake & Grant Grimes; brothers, John “Bluey” (Frieda) Thomas and Edward “Snapper” Thomas. She is predeceased by her twin sister, Mary, brothers, Bill & Sonny Thomas, son, Stewart Lee Hoxter, and her former husband, Stewart Hoxter. She loved her children and grandchildren with all of her heart, she will be missed by them all.

A visitation will be held on Thursday March 16, 2017, from 6-8 p.m. at the Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A. in Centreville, MD, where services will be held on Friday, March 17, 2017, at 11 a.m. Burial will follow in New Spring Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to American Cancer Society Hope Lodge, 636 West Lexington St., Baltimore, MD 21201 or Goodwill Volunteer Fire Department, 212 Broadway, Centreville, MD 21617.

# Cemetery Details

## New Spring Hill Cemetery

Easton, MD

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 16. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Centreville Location  
408 South Liberty Street  
Centreville, MD 21617  
(410) 758-1151  
info@fhfuneralhome.com

## Service

MAR 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

Centreville Location  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Elizabeth Colleen Adams*



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - March 15, 2017 at 10:38 AM



“ *Elizabeth Colleen Adams*

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October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Elizabeth Colleen Adams*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Elizabeth Colleen Adams*

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January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *My deepest sympathies to the family . My son Will enjoyed many fun times with Brandon on the farm with Miss Betty & John . I will miss our chats in the grocery store . Extended sympathies to Brandon . I know how important she was to him  
Laura Roth*

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**laura roth** - March 17, 2017 at 05:29 PM

KS

“ Thinking of your family at this difficult time.  
With deepest sympathy, Kathy Spry



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**Katherine Spry** - March 16, 2017 at 11:07 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for  
the family of Elizabeth Colleen Adams.



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March 15, 2017 at 07:28 PM

SJ

“ *Suzanne Jackson lit a candle in memory of  
Elizabeth Colleen Adams*



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**Suzanne Jackson** - March 15, 2017 at 07:11 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray* was purchased for the  
family of Elizabeth Colleen Adams.



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March 15, 2017 at 06:37 PM

TJ

“ Terrie Jarrell sent a virtual gift in memory of Elizabeth Colleen Adams



Terrie jarrell - March 15, 2017 at 04:52 PM

TJ

*The tribute video was absolutely perfect, literally told her life story. A beautiful tribute to one very special beautiful lady! Yshe will be missed by so many, we love you Bette (bad a\*\*) and thanks for the memories you made with us.*

*Keith, Lynn and Sam and families, there are really no words to say to suffer such a great loss. May all of your beautiful memories of you comfort you during difficult times.*

*Love to all,  
Steve & Terrie*

Terrie jarrell - March 15, 2017 at 04:57 PM

TJ

*\*Your beautiful memories of her comfort you*

Terrie jarrell - March 15, 2017 at 04:59 PM

MM

“ Mary Martin sent a virtual gift in memory of Elizabeth Colleen Adams



Mary martin - March 15, 2017 at 01:34 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Colleen Adams.*



March 15, 2017 at 11:10 AM



“ *Gene & Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Elizabeth Colleen Adams*



**Gene & Lynda Palmatary** - March 15, 2017 at 10:15 AM



*John and family: Thinking of you in our prayers and thoughts in the loss of Betty. She loved her family and driving that school bus. Her memories will always remain in your hearts and she will be with you each day. Blessings to all and God Bless. Gene and Lynda Palmatary*

**Gene Palmatary** - March 15, 2017 at 10:16 AM



“ *Frank & Tish Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Elizabeth Colleen Adams*



**Frank & Tish Palmatary** - March 15, 2017 at 09:50 AM

FP

*Thinking of you all in our prayers and thoughts. Betty will surely be missed by many. Blessings. Frank and Tish Palmatary*

**Frank Palmatary** - March 15, 2017 at 09:51 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Colleen Adams.*



March 15, 2017 at 08:18 AM

CC

“ *Cathy Crew lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Colleen Adams*



**Cathy Crew** - March 15, 2017 at 06:21 AM

KT

“ *Keith, Carrie, Tyler And Kayce Titus lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Colleen Adams*



**Keith, Carrie, Tyler and Kayce Titus** - March 14, 2017 at 09:29 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Colleen Adams.*



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March 14, 2017 at 09:06 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of your loss. May peace be with you all*



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**Donald and Norma Dean** - March 14, 2017 at 02:59 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of her passing prayers for her family for strength during this difficult time*



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**Bonnie Coleman** - March 14, 2017 at 02:45 PM



“ *Dear John David and family,  
We are sending you our love, thoughts and prayers from down here in Florida. My Dad always loved hearing Bette's stories of her school bus adventures. Sending you a special hug John.  
Much love,  
Lynda Adams  
Silver Springs, Florida*

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**Lynda Adams** - March 14, 2017 at 01:30 PM

TB

“ *Bette is in our thoughts and prayers. We send our deepest sympathy to John and their family.*

*Temple Blackwood & family*

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**Temple Blackwood** - March 14, 2017 at 12:28 PM



KB

“ *So very sorry for your loss♥ Prayers and love to all♥*

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**Kathy Bankard** - March 14, 2017 at 12:06 PM



JP

“ *John And Phyllis Perkins lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Colleen Adams*

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**John and Phyllis Perkins** - March 14, 2017 at 11:50 AM



SC

“ *Susan Coppage lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Colleen Adams*

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**Susan Coppage** - March 14, 2017 at 10:26 AM



MF

“ *Marjorie Freeman lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Colleen Adams*



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**Marjorie Freeman** - March 14, 2017 at 10:12 AM

MB

“ *Mike & Brenda Beaver lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Colleen Adams*



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**Mike & Brenda Beaver** - March 14, 2017 at 10:03 AM

PR

“ *Sam, my heart aches for you. Please know that you and all your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Pat Radcliffe** - March 14, 2017 at 10:00 AM

MD

“ *Matt & Roxanne Dean lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Colleen Adams*



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**Matt & Roxanne Dean** - March 14, 2017 at 08:45 AM

GT

“ Glenn, Linda, and Charlie Thomas purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Elizabeth Colleen Adams.



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**Glenn, Linda, and Charlie Thomas** - March 14, 2017 at 01:15 AM

GT

“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



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**Glenn Thomas** - March 14, 2017 at 12:58 AM

GT

“ Glenn Thomas lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Colleen Adams



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**Glenn Thomas** - March 14, 2017 at 12:51 AM

GT

“ I'm sorry that I have not participated in Maryland family events like my father, sister, and brother. The solitude of a lone wolf has been, and always will be, my preferred way of life.

The few times that I have visited Maryland, there was nothing more beautiful than Bette's smile, laughter, good humor, and endless spirit of giving. I loved Aunt Bette with all my heart and offer my most sincere condolences to all of my distant family at this great time of loss and sorrow.

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**Glenn Thomas** - March 14, 2017 at 12:50 AM

SS

“ Shirley And Nan Severa lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Colleen Adams



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**Shirley and Nan Severa** - March 13, 2017 at 09:28 PM

RJ

“ Ronnie & Rhonda Jewell lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Colleen Adams



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**Ronnie & Rhonda Jewell** - March 13, 2017 at 09:22 PM

SU

“ Sam, Dale & boys,  
Please know that you are in our thoughts & prayers. Miss Bette was a dear sweet lady and she will surely be missed. She made lasting impression in our hearts. We hope in time that all your wonderful memories will fill the emptiness you are feeling. Love, Stephanie, Danny, Ben & Brian



Stephanie Usilton - March 13, 2017 at 09:20 PM

CW

“ Cathy Wirth lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Colleen Adams



Cathy Wirth - March 13, 2017 at 09:17 PM

CW

Sam, my deepest sympathy to you and your entire family on the loss of your mom.

Cathy Wirth - March 13, 2017 at 09:18 PM

TF

“ The Gallagher Family lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Colleen Adams



The Gallagher Family - March 13, 2017 at 09:06 PM

SF

“ *Scott, Stacy And Cody Fleming lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Colleen Adams*



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**Scott, Stacy and Cody Fleming** - March 13, 2017 at 08:59 PM

JT

“ *Jessica Turowski lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Colleen Adams*



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**Jessica Turowski** - March 13, 2017 at 08:57 PM

NM

“ *Loved talking to Ms Bette, enjoyed seeing her around and telling stories. Prayers to her family and friends.*

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**Nancy Morris** - March 13, 2017 at 08:37 PM

KL

“ *Karen Lode lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Colleen Adams*



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**Karen Lode** - March 13, 2017 at 08:37 PM

CF

“ *Chuck and Leesa Stokes and Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Elizabeth Colleen Adams.*



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**Chuck and Leesa Stokes and Family** - March 13, 2017 at 08:27 PM



“ *Robin Geesaman lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Colleen Adams*



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**Robin Geesaman** - March 13, 2017 at 08:23 PM

AM

“ *Amy McGinnes lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Colleen Adams*



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**Amy McGinnes** - March 13, 2017 at 08:20 PM

TF

“ *The Handzo Family lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Colleen Adams*



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**The Handzo Family** - March 13, 2017 at 08:12 PM

JE

“ *Jim Ewing lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Colleen Adams*



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**Jim Ewing** - March 13, 2017 at 08:11 PM

LA

“ *Lisa Adkins lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Colleen Adams*



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**Lisa Adkins** - March 13, 2017 at 07:55 PM

CB

“ *Cindy Brinsfield lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Colleen Adams*



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**Cindy Brinsfield** - March 13, 2017 at 07:42 PM

DR

“ *Delores Kelley Reep lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Colleen Adams*



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**Delores Kelley Reep** - March 13, 2017 at 07:27 PM

GS

“ Greg & Laura Saddler lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Colleen Adams



Greg & Laura Saddler - March 13, 2017 at 06:55 PM

BH

“ Billy & Dorothy Hollingsworth lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Colleen Adams



Billy & Dorothy Hollingsworth - March 13, 2017 at 06:29 PM

JM

“ Jacki Thuman Mcardle lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Colleen Adams



jacki thuman mcardle - March 13, 2017 at 06:28 PM

SW

“ Sue Wolff lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Colleen Adams



Sue Wolff - March 13, 2017 at 06:14 PM

SW

*Dear Mr. John and Family, I am so sorry for your loss. Having recently lost my mother, I know that pain. My sincere and heartfelt condolences.*

**Sue Wolff** - March 13, 2017 at 06:18 PM

DC

“ *David And Junr Clark lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Colleen Adams*



**David and Junr Clark** - March 13, 2017 at 06:04 PM

DC

*Dear John and family,  
We are sorry to hear the passing of Bette. Our thoughts and prayers are with each one of you. We all had so much fun years ago when we went to Hawaii. Bette and I often talked about it and how much fun and memories we have of it .*

**David and Junr Clark** - March 13, 2017 at 06:09 PM



“ *Barbi Hunter lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Colleen Adams*



**Barbi Hunter** - March 13, 2017 at 05:42 PM



*Aunt Bette you will be missed*

**Barbi Hunter** - March 13, 2017 at 05:44 PM

CT

“ John and family, so sorry to hear of Bette's passing. She was such a special lady and I know she will be dearly missed by family and friends. My sincere condolences.

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**Connie Todd** - March 13, 2017 at 05:39 PM

CT

“ Connie Todd lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Colleen Adams



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**Connie Todd** - March 13, 2017 at 05:37 PM

JB

“ Jordanna Barrett lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Colleen Adams



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**Jordanna Barrett** - March 13, 2017 at 04:16 PM

JB

Your family is in our prayers! The Barrett Family

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**Jordanna Barrett** - March 13, 2017 at 04:17 PM