



John William "Tree" Adams Jr.

November 12, 1952 - October 23, 2011

John William "Tree" Adams Jr., 59, of Denton, MD, passed away on Sunday, October 23, at his home.

He was born on November 12, 1952 at Columbia Hospital in Washington DC, John was the son of Rosemary Healy Adams and the late John "Tree" Adams.

John graduated from Walt Whitman High School in Bethesda, MD, and obtained a full athletic scholarship to play football at West Virginia University under the coaching staff of Bobby Bowden. He graduated from WVU, and following in his father's footsteps, who played for Notre Dame and the Washington Redskins, John, Jr., was drafted into the NFL and went on to play for the St. Louis Cardinals and NY Jets. After his football career, he became a caretaker at the Stevensville farm he grew up on, Batts Neck Plantation, and worked in the real estate business with his childhood friend, Billy Maloney, of The Maloney Companies.

John was an avid sports fan and dedicated to his family and grandchildren with a reputation for taking underprivileged members of society under his wing.

He is survived by two sons, John William Adams, III, and spouse Megan, and Joey Michael Adams; two grandchildren, Gemma and Levi Adams; his mother, Rosemary Adams; and nine brothers and sisters, Kathy Miller, Agnes Adams, Theresa Plummer, Patricia Sullivan, Margaret Lewis, Rosemary

Adams, James Adams, Joan Marks, and Tommy Adams, as well as many beloved nieces and nephews.

Friends may be received at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newman Funeral Home, 106 Shamrock Rd., Chester, MD, on Friday, October 28 from 6-8 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held 10 a.m. on Saturday, October 29, at St. Christopher's Catholic Church in Chester, MD.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Cemetery Details

St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery

5319 Ocean Gateway
Queenstown, MD 21658

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **28**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Chester Location / Kent Island
106 Shamrock Road
Chester, MD 21619
(410) 643-2226
info@fhfuneralhome.com

Service

OCT **29**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Christopher's Catholic Church
1861 Harbor Drive
Chester, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John William "Tree" Adams Jr.*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - January 28, 2023 at 08:11 PM



“ *John William "Tree" Adams Jr.*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *John William "Tree" Adams Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *John William "Tree" Adams Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

GC

“ When we were in 8th grade, John was our gentle giant, as he reached 6 feet, 200 lbs. I remember him coming into Western with a mohawk haircut and being escorted to the local barber by the Principal to have his head shaved. He took it in stride while the rest of us rallied to support him. Later I ran into him in Ocean City and we went for a midnight ocean swim with sand sharks nibbling at our toes. He was always full of life and mischief! My deepest sympathy to his family. He will be missed by all those knew him, because once you knew John, you never forgot him.

Ginny (Shipe) Cameron

Ginny Shipe Cameron - November 07, 2011 at 09:57 AM

AW

“ My name is Alan White, right now I am very sad because I didn't see John since Hlgh School. I can't figure out why I never saw John play football at West Virginia, I have told so many people about him. Not only his size, his athletic ability, but his heart, I have never met anyone as fearsome and kind as John Adams. I remember practicing against him at Whitman Football, I kid people that John was one of the reasons I quite football, and believe me it was no easy task to block him, he would knock me down, smile and help me up. I always asked my friends about John, tried to keep up with his life, and I even thought maybe there was a chance I would see him at our 40th year re-union. Its amazing that I never ran into him, and I am very sad that I didn't see him before he was gone. I hope that all of John's friends will make an effort to see each other more, and wish all of Johns famiy and friends my sympathy at his passing.

Alan White - Whitman 71'

Alan Mitchell White - November 01, 2011 at 02:14 PM

BM

“ *Uncle John,
I love you so much! I know you are so very happy to be w your dad
now! 2 John Tree Adams in heaven!! I am sure you will be playing a
game football!! :O) I love you Uncle John!! Missed you so much and
I am sorry I didnt get to visit w you before you passed away!! I love
you so much!! Please say Hello to my dad as well! I miss him so
much!!*

*Love you so much,
Bonnie Marie Montgomery*

BONNIE MONTGOMERY - October 29, 2011 at 07:43 PM

FB

“ *Dear Mrs. Adams and family we are so sorry to hear about
John's passing. Our family has had an email chain circulating for 2
days about all of the great memories we had of John, recollecting so
many fond memories and funny stories about our escapades on
Jordan Road. And, although we had moved away during our high
school years, we still kept in touch with him and had an occassional
visit with him over the next several years. He drove up to our house
a couple of times, once with Tommy in tow, in the early 70's. I
traveled to Pittsburgh and Morgantown in the mid-seventies to see
him play at WVU and he came over to our house in Pennsylvania
after tryouts with the Redskins. There were many, many stories
shared by our family about what a great guy and kind and thoughtful
person he was. We all loved John, who was such a gentle giant. He
will be sadly missed; may he rest in eternal peace. We will keep
John and his family in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Frank Brown and Marcy, Kelley, Hank, Charlie, Packer, Greg,
Kathleen*

frank brown - October 28, 2011 at 09:15 PM

JL

“ To the Adams Family...I am saddened to hear about John's passing. You have my deepest sympathy. I met John on a Wednesday night at the Red Cellar in Morgantown. We had many good times together...whether we were at WVU or in Bethesda or in Ft. Lauderdale for spring break, it was always an adventure. John's excitement for everything he did in life was contagious. He was kind to everyone he met. It has been more than thirty years ago...but I have thought about John often and in my heart wished him happiness and a good life.

May God be with you all at this difficult time and always,

Julia Feola Lovins

Julia Feola Lovins - October 28, 2011 at 05:33 PM

FN

“ 0 file added to the tribute wall

Frank Nester - October 28, 2011 at 12:20 PM

EM

“ One could not have picked a better person to grow up with. The memories from Western Jr.High, to Walt Whitman High, Kenwood summers, football, basketball, swimming, the sand lot games at Western, the trips to Ocean City, duck hunting at Bat's Neck, learning how to drive on Kent Island and the other thousands of things we did and experienced together throughout our teen years can never be replaced, and many of those are things only John and I could ever remember, those I cherish. I am thankful to have been a close friend.

Ed Mellor - October 28, 2011 at 10:23 AM

JN

“ To all of the Adams family. I am so sorry to hear about John's passing. I knew John from Little Flower School where we played football and basketball together and then again at Walt Whitman where again we played football together. He was the Defensive Tackle on my side of the defense where I played Defensive Back and it was so much fun and such a thrill to have him there to help me look good. I have very fond memories of Big John. He was the first person I ever saw tear down a glass backboard while dunking a basketball in Walt Whitman's dome. I lost track of John after the college years but would get news about him from Billy from time to time. What I have always known about John is that his warm heartedness was always a match for his large stature. May he rest in peace,

John Nunez

John B. Nunez - October 28, 2011 at 09:26 AM

CJ

“ Dear Adams Family: I read about the loss of Mr.Adams in the obituary today and I wanted to extend my sympathy, as humans we want to live, and we want to enjoy life with those we love, it is only natural that we yearn to see our dead loved ones again, so it's comforting to know that the Bible teaches that most people who have died will be resurrected. The Bible promises this at John 5:28,29 which in part reads:"Do not marvel at this, because the hour is coming in which all those in those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who did good things to a resurrection of life,". Your family will be in my prayers, my sincere condolences.
Christine Jackson

Christine Jackson - October 28, 2011 at 07:50 AM

BS

“ *A warm, generous friend, strong, kind, a great viking teammate, rest in peace John...Brian S.*

Brian L. Southmayd Sr. - October 27, 2011 at 07:34 AM

GD

A wonderful human being. I am proud to have known you. My heart is breaking for your family and friends. Rest in peace my friend and fellow Viking. Gloria

Gloria Darnall - October 27, 2011 at 07:09 PM