Rosemary Jane (Healy) Adams

March 7, 1925 - October 31, 2014

Rosemary Jane (Healy) Adams died on October 31. Her death will go unnoticed by most people living in the small town of Chester, MD, just 50 miles east of Washington, DC, but for those who loved her, she will sorely be missed.

Rosemary was born on March 7, 1925, in Chicago, IL. After attending St. Ida and graduating from Senn High School, she worked in her father's law firm. Some would say she lived a charmed life, but it was not without adversity. She met John "Tree" Adams, a Notre Dame football All American, while vacationing at their family's cottage in Sister Lakes, MI. John was immediately smitten but it took Rosemary awhile to warm to his charms. They were married on December 28, 1946, in Chicago, IL. After a brief honeymoon, they settled in Washington, DC, where John played for the Washington Redskins and went on to become a builder/developer in Bethesda, MD. At the same time, Rosemary began her career of wife and mother to 10 children. Needless to say, her time was spread thin, between volunteering for the Church of the Little Flower Sodality, working in the mailroom of the White House, and ferrying kids to sports activities and other engagements, there was little down time.

Tragedy struck the Adams family on August 20, 1969, when John "Tree" Adams died after a short illness. At 44 years old, Rosemary was left to raise

the children alone. They ranged in age from 7 to 19 years old. Her strong faith in God, the encouragement of her sister Missy, and her determination saw her through.

Rosemary could talk to anyone about anything. She was very proud of her Irish heritage, and she had the “gift of gab.” She never met a stranger. Most will fondly remember her contagious smile and sparkling blue eyes.

She was preceded in death by John; her parents, Frances and Katherine Healy; her sister, Gwendolyn; her twin brother Frank; and her son, John Adams, Jr.

She is survived by her sister Margaret Healy; her brothers, Patrick (Dell) and Dudley (Nancy) Healy; her children, Mary Katherine Adams Miller (Jerry); Agnes; Theresa Adams Plummer; Patricia Adams Sullivan(Terry); Rosemary; James; Margaret Adams Lewis (Robert); Joan Adams Marks (Scott) and Tom Adams. Rosemary was also blessed with 19 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren.

A visitation will be held on Wednesday, November 5, 2014, from 4-8pm with a Rosary ceremony starting at 7pm at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A. in Chester, MD. Services will be held on Thursday, November 6, 2014, at 11 am, at St. Peter’s Catholic Church in Queenstown, MD. Interment will be in St. Peter’s Cemetery.

The family requests that memorial contributions be made to Hospice of Queen Anne’s, 255 Comet Drive, Centreville, MD 21617.

Cemetery Details

St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery

5319 Ocean Gateway
Queenstown, MD 21658

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **5**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Rosary

NOV **5**. 7:00 PM (ET)

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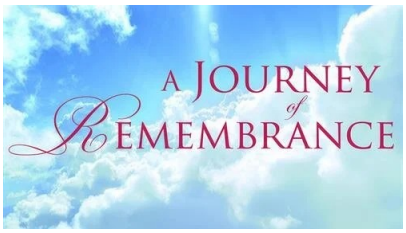
Service

NOV **6**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church
5319 Ocean Gateway
Queenstown, MD

Tribute Wall

Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rosemary Jane (Healy) Adams



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - November 07, 2014 at 11:30 AM

Malena Sharkey

What a beautiful slideshow of my Late Grandfathers twin sister. What a loving family she had. - Malena

Malena Sharkey - November 12, 2014 at 12:17 PM

Rosemary Jane (Healy) Adams

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM

Rosemary Jane (Healy) Adams

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM

Rosemary Jane (Healy) Adams

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

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Mom
Today is your birthday! This day 90 years ago you changed the world forever! Rosemary was born to Frances and Catherine Healy. We love you SO. I Miss you Mom.
Love Peggy

Peggy Lewis - March 07, 2015 at 02:08 PM

PS

Patricia Sullivan lit a candle in memory of Rosemary Jane (Healy) Adams

Patricia Sullivan - November 15, 2014 at 05:47 PM

Kathleen Sharkey

I was so Sorry to hear My Aunt Rosemary has died! The Picture Tribute was Amazing! I especially loved seeing her & My Dad when they were growing up and then all of her Kids after that! What a TRIBUTE! I am Sure my Dad can rest better now that his Twin sister is by his side! I wish we had all not lived so far away. She always had the best Smile and was such beautiful & Spirited Lady! Blessing to all her Beautiful Children, Grand children & Great Grandchildren. What a Legacy her & John have. May Your Hearts Always feel their LOVE!

Kathleen Sharkey - November 12, 2014 at 05:32 PM

Sorry to hear of the death of my Aunt who happened to be my Dad's twin. I do have a few very fond memories of her. Mostly at the lake, but she and Missy also visited in South Bend. I wish we could have been closer to the rest of the Healys, however I was too young to have been able to change that. She always had a smile and was very warm and loving. I'm glad I am able to remember her. At last she and my Dad are together forever. Terry Healy

Terry Healy - November 11, 2014 at 08:41 PM

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Chesterwye Center staff & individuals are very sorry for your loss~

Pat Amos - November 10, 2014 at 09:13 AM

Bob@Peggy Lewis lit a candle in memory of Rosemary Jane (Healy) Adams

Bob@Peggy Lewis - November 10, 2014 at 05:51 AM