



## Billie Adams

April 12, 1929 - April 2, 2016

Billie D. Adams, 86, of Manteno passed away on Saturday, April 2, 2016 at Riverside Medical Center. He was born on April 12, 1929 in Herrin to Fern and Beulah (Littlejohn) Adams. Billie married V. Jean Favors on December 16, 1949 in Kankakee.

Billie grew up in Carterville, graduating from Carterville High School. He was the International Regional Director and Vice President of OPEIU AFL-CIO from 1964 until 1986. He enjoyed golfing and fishing; but there was nothing he enjoyed more than spending time with his family.

A veteran of the United States Navy, Billie served his country from August 1948 until July 1952. He was a member of the American Legion, Masonic Lodge and Manteno United Methodist Church. Billie was an avid St. Louis Cardinals baseball fan.

He is survived by his wife Jean Adams of Manteno; two sons William (Victoria) Adams of Lolo, Montana and James (Lori) Adams of Gold Beach, Oregon; one daughter Cynthia (Ray) Carson of Limestone; seven grandchildren Jamie (Cameron) Rindel, Travis (Kirstin) Carson, Sarah (John) Yuncker, Jesse Adams, Rose (Joe) Peck, Molly Mattick and Alex Mattick; and four great-grandchildren Cashlyn Adams, Gracie Jean Carson, Colton Ray Carson and Harper Jean Adams.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister Joan E. Conkey and one grandchild Casey Jean Adams.

Visitation will be held on Friday, April 8, 2016 from 9am until the 11am funeral service at Manteno United Methodist Church. Burial will immediately follow at Kankakee Memorial Gardens. Memorials may be made to Manteno United Methodist Church or Kankakee Masonic Lodge #389. Please sign his guestbook at [www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Kankakee Memorial Gardens

15 South 3000 E. Rd.  
Kankakee, IL 60901

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 8. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Manteno United Methodist Church  
Manteno, IL 60950

## Funeral Service

APR 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

Manteno United Methodist Church  
Manteno, IL 60950

# Tribute Wall

WA

“ As read these memories from family and friends, can't help but relive my own. I'm the oldest son and Dad (Billie) was a great man. Mom ( Jean) is also gone now and was a great woman. I was very fortunate to live the life they provided. Surrounded by family, friends, neighbors all who helped shape the man I am. I'm grateful to you all.

*I miss you Mom & Dad, thank you for all the lessons and love. RIP*

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**William Adams** - March 19, 2025 at 08:06 PM



“ *Billie Adams*

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February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM

WO

“ *Wanda Ohrt lit a candle in memory of Billie Adams*



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**Wanda Ohrt** - April 08, 2016 at 11:34 AM

PF

“ *Dearest Aunt Jean and Family,  
Colin and I are very sorry for your loss. I married into the Adams Family plus Bill and Jean were neighbors out on Warner Bridge Road. We have so many fond memories of our time out there. One time Billie and I were talking and I come to find out he knew my mother's cousin Jimmy. They were friends from a union convention in Florida. Jimmy was the one who introduced me to "Growlers" at a very young age. I can bet there was a good time had by all. And I can't ever forget the "perfect manhattans" which if I recall correctly we had more than once. Thanks Bill for a life well lived and you will be sadly missed.*

*An Irish Blessing*

*May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face, the rain fall soft upon your fields. And until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

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**Peter Foley** - April 07, 2016 at 10:46 AM

WA

*Thanks Peter*

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**William Adams** - March 19, 2025 at 08:08 PM

JB

“ *jean and family, one of the first persons i met after being hired at a o smith, was billie adams. i was so impressed of this guy who was president of the local 311 office union, i was excited to work under his leadership. he was a wonderful guy. my prayers are for billie and with you jean, the family, and relatives. god bless you all.*

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**jim barnes** - April 06, 2016 at 09:41 PM

TM

“ We grew up right next door to this wonderful family. Billie was ALWAYS a very kind, happy and friendly gentleman! So many good memories to think on. We kids spent many, many great days together trekking thru the fields and woods, building "tree houses" and having acorn wars! There was never a sweeter lady than Jean! Such a sweet smile ... and we were all "Hun" to her. You formed a great family, for sure Bill....a very good neighbor, husband, father and friend. God bless you and keep you in His loving care.

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**Terry & Linda (Mau) Meyer** - April 06, 2016 at 05:24 PM

MF

“ Mary Isabelle , Eddie Lee, Linda and family purchased the Heaven Woodgrain Music Box for the family of Billie Adams.



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**Mary Isabelle , Eddie Lee, Linda and family** - April 06, 2016 at 11:32 AM

WS

“ I knew Billie from being Billie and Jean's insurance agent for many years. They became my friends and not just clients. He was such a great guy to be around and to talk to. He touched many lives in ways you will never know. Jean, I am so sorry for this loss of your very best friend. Cindy and Earl, you have my deepest sympathy. It is hard to lose a parent but you will be telling "Billie stories" forever. To the whole family, I am so sorry for your loss. He will never be forgotten.

*Wendy Skarstad*

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**Wendy Skarstad** - April 06, 2016 at 10:15 AM

PF

“ *Billie was a great influence on my life and that of my late husband. We meet at our work, lived neighbors 22 years and continued as friends always. Our family has great memories with Billie's family. We all loved him.*

*Pat Freeman*

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**Pat Freeman** - April 05, 2016 at 02:24 PM

SS

*Jean we have so many good golfing memories. I am sure Bill will be missed. He touched many lives. You and your family are in my prayers.*

*Sandy schweigert*

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**sandy Schweigert** - April 07, 2016 at 01:09 PM

SF

*Dear Mrs. Adams & Family:  
We will all miss Mr. Adams very much; we enjoyed our visits in the office and discussing many things with both of you. It was a pleasure to have him as a patient. I still have not made it to Anthony's Café, but I promise I will in honor of his memory. God bless all of you at this difficult time.*

*Sincerely,  
Dr. & Mrs. Steven D. Williams & Staff*

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**Steven D. Williams, MD FACS** - April 08, 2016 at 09:15 AM