



Claybrook Adams

December 11, 1947 - December 31, 2025

Claybrook Asbery Adams, 78, of Chattanooga, passed away suddenly on Wednesday, December 31, 2025, at his residence. It was only 46 days after his mother's homegoing and 20 days after his 78th birthday. He was born on December 11, 1947, in Chattanooga, Tennessee. He was a 1966 graduate of Riverside High School and a member of Galilee Missionary Baptist Church. Claybrook accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior and was baptized at the age of 76. He was a 20-year Air Force Veteran and served his country during the Vietnam War. He was a generous friend and possessed an uncanny or strange ability to connect with anyone he met. He was a very friendly person with a profound sense of humor. Claybrook loved to reminisce about "back in the day" with his brother and friends.

Claybrook was an avid movie enthusiast with horror and classic being his favorite. He was also passionate about music. He could drink a gallon of milk while listening to his favorite artists. This past October we took a spur of the moment trip to his favorite place, Gatlinburg. He loved the rustic cabins and the beautiful mountain views. Little did we know this would be our last trip together.

Claybrook was preceded in death by his parents, Theodore Adams and Carrie Beck; grandparents, Walter and Mary Towns; and brothers, Leroy A. Beck Jr., Danny R. Beck, and Eric A. Colen.

Cherishing his memories include his son, Claybrook Asbery Adams, Jr. of Fayetteville, NC, his former wife, Marvis Douglas Adams; sister, Paula B. Leath; brother, Maynard W. Beck; sister-in-law, Deborah Colen; brother-in-law, John Leath; nephews, Korlon (Quantilia) of Atlanta, GA, Christopher (Phobe) of Dallas, TX, Marcus, Derrick, and Eric Jr.; nieces, Shanika (Ardis), JaMia (DePriest), Talia, Dessalyn, and Erica; several great-nephews and nieces who he loved dearly; cousins, Sharon Lyle Johnson and family, Andre Westfield and family, extended family, Mark and Kimberly Colen; dear helpful friend, Latoya Butler who he loved like a daughter; dear friend Theodore "Teddy" Jackson, and a host of cousins and close friends.

He will lie-in-state on Saturday, January 10, 2026, from 1-5 p.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Funeral service will be Sunday, January 11, 2026, at 1 p.m. at Galilee Missionary Baptist Church with Pastor Alonzo Noble as the Eulogist. Burial on Monday, January 12, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Chattanooga National Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Chattanooga National Cemetery

1200 Bailey Avenue
Chattanooga, TN 37404

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

JAN **10**. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home
3417 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411-1076

Funeral Service

JAN **11**. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

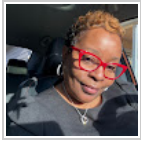
Galilee Missionary Baptist Church
2000 Jackson Street
Chattanooga, TN 37404-1426

Burial

JAN **12**. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Chattanooga National Cemetery
1200 Bailey Avenue
Chattanooga, TN 37404

Tribute Wall



“ *From the Davis Family we sorry for your loss and our class mate Riverside High School class of 1966.*

Ivonya Douglas - January 12 at 03:38 PM



“ *Thelma Murray lit a candle in memory of Claybrook Adams*

Thelma Murray - January 12 at 11:25 AM



“ *Thelma Murray lit a candle in memory of Claybrook Adams*

Thelma Murray - January 12 at 11:24 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. May God continue to bless each of you.*

The Taylor Family

John Taylor - January 10 at 06:30 PM

SS

“ To the family, we send our sympathy to you at this time. Words cannot express how we feel but know that we have you in our thoughts.
Sharon Seay & family!

Sharon Seay - January 10 at 06:26 PM

CS

“ Chris, Febi, Elijah, and London Sammons planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Claybrook Adams.

Chris, Febi, Elijah, and London Sammons - January 10 at 06:09 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Claybrook Adams.



January 10 at 06:09 PM



“ Gloria Daniels lit a candle in memory of Claybrook Adams

Gloria Daniels - January 10 at 04:32 PM



“ Fairwell,my good friend Claybrook Adams. I'm going to miss you dearly. Your stories and humor were a true reflection of your incredible personality and the joy to those around you. My prayers and deepest condolences go out to Claybrook Jr, Paula, and Maynard. Rest in peace my friend. I'll see you on the other side.

Gloria Daniels - January 10 at 04:25 PM

CM

“ Sorry for your loss. Praying for you and your family.

Cynthia McCutchen - January 10 at 03:05 PM

CM

“ Cynthia McCutchen lit a candle in memory of Claybrook Adams



Cynthia McCutchen - January 10 at 03:03 PM

LK

“ Love DD, JaMia, Kylan, Kyce, and Kavi purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Claybrook Adams.



Love DD, JaMia, Kylan, Kyce, and Kavi - January 10 at 01:56 PM

PM

“ Paula and Maynard purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Claybrook Adams.



Paula and Maynard - January 10 at 04:02 AM

TK

“ Talia and Kinsley purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Claybrook Adams.



Talia and Kinsley - January 10 at 12:55 AM

LJ

“ Love, Deborah, Desi, Erica, and Eric, Jr planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Claybrook Adams.

Love, Deborah, Desi, Erica, and Eric, Jr - January 09 at 10:56 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Claybrook Adams.



January 09 at 10:56 PM



“ *My condolences to the family, may the love and grace of God be with you all during this time.*

*Sincerely,
Pamela Berry*

Pamela Berry - January 09 at 03:33 PM



“ *Sincere sympathy to the family of Clay - a sweet spirit - and gentle soul -now resting in the arms of our Savior - RHS Class of 66 - Always remember never forgotten.*

Ruby Wilson - January 07 at 11:50 AM



“ *Wilma Brown lit a candle in memory of Claybrook Adams*



Wilma Brown - January 06 at 10:43 AM



The Riverside Class of 66 extends our sympathy to the family of Claybrook Adams. Each has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal.

Wilma Brown - January 06 at 10:45 AM



Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal.

Wilma Brown - January 06 at 10:46 AM

WM

“ *I will always remember you as a Friend Forever.*

Wanda Brown Williams Morant Morant - January 05 at 05:00 PM

WM

“ *Wanda Brown Williams Morant Morant lit a candle in memory of Claybrook Adams*

Wanda Brown Williams Morant Morant - January 05 at 04:59 PM

AM

“ *Our Condolences and Sympathy and Prayers of Comfort at this difficult time to our Cousins in the loss of your Big Brother:
The Kilgore & Children*

We love you Paula and Maynard

Alice Montgomery - January 05 at 04:17 PM

AM

“ *Praying for Our Family.
Love you Maynard &. Paula
John Robert, Nita,Benny, Sue, Marshall &
Tonya Kilgore
Love you Maynard and Paula .*

Alice Montgomery - January 05 at 04:12 PM

RW

“ Richard A Williams planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Claybrook Adams.

Richard A Williams - January 04 at 01:39 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Claybrook Adams.



January 04 at 01:39 AM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Richard A. Williams - January 04 at 01:35 AM

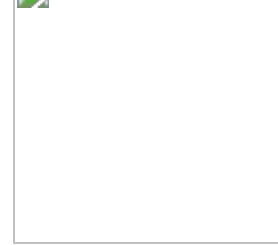
R

“ Claybrook and I were stationed together at Pope Air Force Base and he was one of the first persons I knew from Chattanooga when I arrived there. We remembered each other and had great times together as long as we were both assigned. Having known him through his sister (Paula) our friendship lasted the rest of our lives.

Richard A. Williams - January 04 at 01:31 AM



“ Karen Henry lit a candle in memory of Claybrook Adams



Karen Henry - January 03 at 11:15 PM



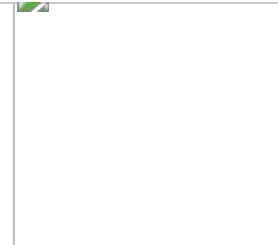
“ Condolences to my family especially to my cousin Paula and Maynard. Losing Claybrook was a shock to us all. He was a fun loving person who saw humor in mostly everything. I may not have seen him often but when I did he would always bring joy to my spirit. He was sort of a gentle giant of a man. His presence will be surely missed. May he rest in eternal peace. 🕊️



Gracelia Moore - January 03 at 03:29 PM



“ To the family;
"May you find hope in your sadness, peace in your thoughts, healing in your heart. Thinking of you in this difficult time". Always remember the good times - laugh, cry, jokes, hugs and present of Clay in your life.



Ruby L. Wilks-Wilson
RHS Class of '66'

Ruby Wilson - January 03 at 12:58 PM



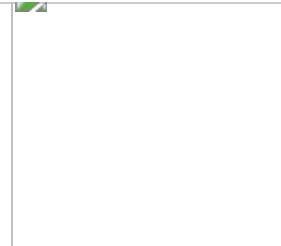
“ *Prayers to your family love you always and forever Clay*

Quan

Richie Porter - January 03 at 05:06 AM



“ *Audrey High lit a candle in memory of
Claybrook Adams*



Audrey High - December 31, 2025 at 09:52 PM