



Shara L Adams

July 12, 1932 - February 3, 2012

It is with regret and sadness that the family of Shara L. Adams, 79, Bismarck, announces her death. She died the evening of Friday, February 3, 2012, at her residence in Bismarck, ND. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 am Friday, February 10, at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway, Bismarck. Burial will be in Mandan Union Cemetery, Mandan. Shara was born in Mandan, ND, on July 12, 1932, to Sherman and Pat Alta Melarvie. She was a 1950 graduate of Bismarck High School and completed registered nurses training through St. Alexius Hospital. Shara was united in marriage to Edward L. Adams III in April of 1957. To this union four children were born. Shara and Ed spent a great majority of their married life in Grand Forks, ND, where their children were raised and educated. Ed was a former partner in the architectural firm of Wells, Dembrook, and Adams. Shara owned and operated a catering business in Grand Forks, White Glove Catering, with two other partners. Shara relocated to Bismarck in 1986, where she resided for the last 26 years. Shara was a very talented individual with hobbies of sewing, quilting, and cooking. She also undertook several different forms of artistic endeavors. She was a very accomplished painter and artist using many different medias to express her artistic talents. She was very proud of the denim quilts she made for her children and grandchildren, as well as trying to get her family together to enjoy her various culinary experiments. Shara also enjoyed working as a Foster Grandparent through the Bismarck Public Schools, specifically at Dorothy Moses Elementary. She was proud of the fact

that she was able to help children learn to read and thoroughly enjoyed her time with her foster grandkids! She also believed that these "grandchildren" and her "family" at Dorothy Moses helped her as much as she helped them, even through the last week of her life. Shara is survived by her children: Edward L. Adams IV MD Nancy, Grand Forks, and their children, EJ Lyndsie Adams, Eden Prairie, MN, and Casey Adams, Grand Forks; Erin Dick Gibb, Dallas City, IL, and their children, Brittany Warner and her children, Johnny and Jayden, and Andrea Johnson PJ and their children, Davion and Denzel, all of Schaumburg, IL; Jon S. Mary Adams and their children, Dalton and Ian, Bismarck; and Allison Adams and her children, Ben and Jacob Harms, Grand Forks, ND. Shara is also survived by her siblings, Annabelle Bourgois, rural Baldwin, ND, Joel Arlene Melarvie, Mandan, and Richard Kathy Melarvie, Mankato, MN; and numerous nieces and nephews in ND, MN, SD, WI, IA and Korea. Shara was preceded in death by parents, Pat and Sherman Melarvie; brother-in-law, Paul Bourgois; and her cousins, Marilyn Jacobson and Darlene Hatzenbihler.

Tribute Wall

CN

“ *Grandma Shara was a big part of my sons life. He is a 2nd grader at Dorthy Moses. Grandma Shara helped him with his spelling, reading and etc. My son looked up to Grandma Shara and was so excited when she was there to see all her "grandchildren". All what I ever heard were great things about Grandma Shara. She will be missed so deeply by everyone that new her. Thanks for sharing this amazing grandma with us. Gods Peace to you and your family.*

Chrissy Schell Nelson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FS

“ *We are so sorry to hear about the loss of Shara. She made a difference in the lives of the youth with whom she worked as Foster Grandparent, and will be missed. We are sad to miss the service today, as we have a commitment out of town. We are keeping Shara's family and friends in our thoughts. Mary Siverson, Erin Pringle, and Rachel Alme*

Foster Grandparent/RSVP Staff - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ *I wish to extend my prayerful sympathy to all the members of the family in this of personal sorrow. May God wlecome Shara into the peace and joy of eternal life and fill your hearts with the abundant comfort of the Lord.*

Rev. Albert R. Leary - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *We have such good memories of Shara. She was a lovely person.*

Julia and Bob Ritterbush - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Joel & Arlene Please accept our sympathy on the loss of your sister. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. We know you have many special and fond memories of Shara that you will cherish forever.

Lloyd & Janice Schmidt - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ Our deepest sympathy in the sudden death of Cousin Shara. What a beautiful picture of her in the story of her life! Thank you for sharing it. Our thoughts, memories, and conversations this week have often turned to the “good old days” and fun times with Shara. Also, her gifts of “art” from the kitchen were unequaled! Although we are in Lake Havasu City, Arizona, for the winter and will not be attending her service on Friday, our thoughts, hearts, and prayers will be with you all. We send our love to everyone in the family.
Cousin Paul Jacobson and Paige Newton

Paul Jacobson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ My mother and I send our condolences. We remember you well, although we've been out-of-contact for so long.

Schurkey Swanke - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ Norm and I were very saddened to hear of the passing of Shara. We got to know Shara through Joel and Arlene. She had a very tender spirit. She was always pleasant, easy to talk to and fun to be with. We will miss her wonderful baking. The last time we spent time with her was at Christmas. The family was blessed to have such a warm and wonderful person as part of their family. We will miss her. May our thoughts and prayers comfort you in your loss. Blessings,
Norm and Jan Evans

Jan Evans - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ Dear Jon, Mary and Family, I am so sorry to read about the passing of your mom Shara. I had the pleasure of getting to know her during her time as a Foster Grandparent. She so enjoyed her work with children. May she be at peace. You are in our thoughts and prayers.
Love, KK

Kaye Knudson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ So sorry for the families loss. I will always remember and be forever grateful to Shara for coming to see me in Mandan, as she specifically wanted to talk about my Daddy Johnny. She wanted to reassure me if I ever had any doubts how much my Daddy loved me, since I may not of understood that because he died when I was 2 1/2. It was a real gift and beautiful thing to do and speaks of Shara's character and love of family. Shara also gave me one of her awesome pound cake recipes. It has a dozen eggs in it. Bee

Lauren McCrea - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ We are so sorry to hear that Shara is gone. She is in our thoughts and prayers. Alex & Flo Feland

Alex & Flo Feland - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Dearest Jon and Mary, My thoughts are with you during this difficult time. I know you will forever miss your Mom. Hope you can take comfort in those who love you. Katie

Katie Smith - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ My condolences to Joel, Arlene, and all the family in the loss of your loved one.

Joyce McDowall - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ We were saddened to hear of Shara's passing but have many good memories of growing up in Grand Forks on 22nd Ave. So. with the Adams family. My mother, Louvain Boettner, still talks often about that time in her life when she spent many good days with Shara and the other ladies in the neighborhood. Ours thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Scott & Jodi Boettner - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ I will always remember the Red Velvet cakes that Shara would bring to family functions-they were wonderful. My thoughts and prayers are with you all through this tough time. Shara is now home and at peace. Love you all.

Marcie Conmy - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ I've many memories of being a little boy in Grand Forks, playing with John and Erin primarily as Eddy was a little too old, and Allison a little too young. I remember one afternoon, like it was yesterday, chasing a rainbow across backyards and finding the end of it, resting on top of a golden metal table; and, for an instant, thought we'd actually found a pot of gold. Sue and I are in Hawaii until the 15th; so, from across the pacific, not unlike a giant rainbow, you'll find kind thoughts and prayers headed your way. God Bless, Everybody.

Shaun and Susan - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Grandma Shara was a foster parent for my son a few years ago. She will be missed by our family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Melissa Anderson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ What a dear lady. I worked with her as an aide in the classroom. Shara spent most of her time in. Then it was fun to see her when I subbed in Dec. May God give you peace and comfort as you grieve. My prayers are with you.

Sharon Sonneson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM