



## Sam Henry Adams, Jr.

November 8, 1942 - July 9, 2024

Sam Henry Adams, Jr. aged 81, passed away on July 9, 2024, in Tallahassee, FL. Born on November 8, 1942, in Little Rock, AR, Sam was known for his energetic, patient, generous, and encouraging nature, and took immense pride in his family.

Sam graduated with both a Bachelor and a Master of Science degree from Auburn University and moved to Tallahassee with his wife in 1969 where he intended to pursue his PhD in Chemistry at Florida State University. His education laid the foundation for his distinguished career as a computer analyst. While at FSU, he worked at the Supercomputer Computations Research Institute (SCRI) from 1978 to 1995 and later provided his expertise to Leon County Jail and Sheriff's Office until 2014.

A veteran, Sam served his country with the United States Army Special Forces (Green Beret) as an Airborne Radio Operator in Laos from 1961-1962, a period of his life of which he was particularly proud. He retroactively received the Expeditionary Force Medal over 50 years after his service, once records of that era were declassified. His commitment to service continued beyond his military career, as evidenced by his active involvement in his community.

A devoted member of Gray Memorial United Methodist Church, Sam found

spiritual fulfillment and community in worship, spiritual education, and mission work. Sam's hobbies included gardening, with a particular focus on cultivating hot peppers like habaneros, and computer strategy games. He was an enthusiastic member of the Tallahassee Citizen's Climate Lobby who thrived on advocating for legislation to combat climate change.

Sam is survived by his wife, Norma (Smith) Adams; daughter, Jennifer Adams; and sister, Mary (Adams) Lambert along with a number of cousins, nieces, nephews, and the grands beyond. He was preceded in death by his father, Lt. Col. Sam H. Adams, and mother, Elizabeth (Mercer) Adams.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, August 3, 2024, at 11:00AM at Gray Memorial United Methodist Church. with interment at the Tallahassee National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in Sam's memory to the Rethink Energy Florida or the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Dayne Parker of Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193 or [www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com)) is assisting the Adams family during this difficult time.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

AUG 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

Gray Memorial United Methodist Church  
2201 Old Bainbridge Road  
Tallahassee, FL 32303

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Norma and Jennifer, I'm so sorry for your loss. I am holding you close in my heart for comfort and strength.* ”

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**Sonja Guthrie** - July 14, 2024 at 05:41 PM

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*Sam was such an amazing friend and community member! He led the Tallahassee chapter of Citizens Climate Lobby and traveled to DC to lobby every office of Congress with a thousand other CCL members. He will be greatly missed!  
You can also donate to CCL at <http://cclusa.org/donate>*

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**Lisa** - July 15, 2024 at 08:37 PM



*Norma and Jennifer  
The service was beautiful. Thank you for sending me the link. Sending love and prayers. :Love, Martha*

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**Martha Wilkinson** - August 03, 2024 at 11:52 AM