



# Harry Gale Adams

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**H**arry Gale Adams, 81, of Fort Myers, FL passed away peacefully with his wife by his side on Monday, June 29, 2015, at Hospice House of Cape Coral. He grew up in Spencer, West Virginia, and at 16 years of age was recognized as the Nation's youngest fire chief. Harry graduated from Morris Harvey now known as the University of Charleston. Harry began his working career as assistant to the President of Gravelly Tractors in Dunbar, West Virginia. He later was associated with the insurance industry in West Virginia and Ohio. Upon moving to Fort Myers in 1972, he became the credit manager of the American Department Store and was the announcer at the Naples-Fort Myers Greyhound Kennel Club. He served for 19 years as a member of the Board of Adjustments for the City of Fort Myers. He was the Executive Director of the Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Fort Myers for the last 23 years of his career where he worked tirelessly assisting low income families in obtaining housing and held classes on how to maintain their homes. After retirement, he wrote and had published a book entitled The Dancing Porch. He was a Scottish Rite Mason and served as an officer of the Aracoma Lodge #99 A.M.&F.M. He had memberships in several civic organizations and was a Kentucky Colonel. Harry was born on February 23, 1934, in Yawkey, West Virginia. He was preceded in death by his father Harry Ross Adams, his mother Nina Kingrey Adams, and sister Evelyn Louise Adams Hoff. He is survived by Marie Adams, his wife of 41 years. He leaves many friends throughout the U.S. and Canada. A memorial service will be held at Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, 1589 Colonial Blvd, Fort Myers, FL 33907, at 2:00 PM Friday, July 3, 2015, with Pastor Forrest Devore, Grace Baptist Temple, and Rev. James A. Bing, Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, officiating. Cremation rites will follow. In celebration of Harry's life, memorials may be made to Harry Chapin Food Bank, 3760 Fowler Street, Fort Myers, Fl 33901 or Community Cooperative Ministries, 3429 Dr. Martin



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Luther King Jr. Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33916. The Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home has been entrusted with the care of Mr. Adams. Interment will be at a later date in Lewisville, Ohio. Condolences may be left to the family at [www.fortmyersmemorial.com](http://www.fortmyersmemorial.com)



## Tribute Wall

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ME

**Missie Eshbaugh** posted:

Lit a candle in memory of Harry Gale Adams

July 6 at 6:23 PM

ME

**Missie Eshbaugh** posted:

Thinking of you with love.The Bill Eshbaugh Family

July 6 at 6:22 PM

MS

**Mark Stephens** posted:

I knew Harry from Bennett's donut shop, where he was a welcome regular for several years. I always think of Harry as a gentleman, courtly and amiable. He was interesting and amusing to talk to, and I was proud to be his fellow West Virginian.R.I.P.

July 5 at 2:32 PM

AD

**Anne Dalton** posted:

I only met Harry once – when he was in the company of his dear wife Marie. She was photographing the wildlife on Sanibel at the Ding Darling Preserve and he accompanied her. I could tell just by looking at him how much he loved and admired her! What a gentleman. Our thoughts are with Marie.  
– Anne Dalton and Oliver Martin

July 2 at 11:52 AM

LR

**Laurie Rockwell** posted:

It is no wonder that Harry Adams was made a Fire Chief at a young age. He is one of those people that within the first seconds that you meet him, you could feel he was a man of peace and compassion and one could trust their life to him. Countless numbers of people have been impacted by the goodness of this man through his work at the City of Fort Myers Community Redevelopment Agency. I have heard so many stories! He and Marie were blessed to have a long and loving marriage and our hearts and prayers are with Mrs. Adams at this time. Sincerely, L. Rockwell

July 2 at 4:43 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Harry by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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