

## Burley Adams

May 15, 1935 - February 20, 2018

Burley "Burla" Adams was born on May 15, 1935 in Gilmore, Arkansas to Kelo and Idella Adams and was the oldest son of 13 children. He was named after his Uncle Burley and moved to Joliet, Illinois as a kid he attended Washington Jr High as well as Joliet Central High School, thereafter joined the US Air Force as a fire fighter, soon after married his wife of 60yrs and they raised 6 children together, he attended the Joliet Church of Christ for over 60yrs and helped build the building on Margaret Street, he was employed by Caterpillar where after 30yrs he retired from being a Machinist Welder and Union Steward, he was a registered Buffalo Soldier and a 30yr Gold Veteran member from Grand Lodge local #851. He was a sports, fishing, hunting and CB enthusiasts and was known for his jovial sense of humor and zest for life. He was highly respected by those who knew him as a God fearing man.

He is preceded in death by both parents, his older Sister Opal Smith of St Louis, MO, 3 Brothers; Tylo, Lyndell and Bernard Adams and his special Aunt Pearl Henderson who lived to 104yrs young.

He leaves those to cherish his memories, his loving wife Dorothy Adams, 5 daughters; Lydia (George) Craft, Karla Boyd, Veda Gavin, Donna and Carolyn Adams of Georgia and Joliet, 1 son Richard (La Keisha) Adams of Frankfort, IL, 12 Grandchildren and 9 Great Grandchildren who fondly called him "PawPaw", 4 Brothers: Joedell of Oakland, CA, Carnell of Riviera, FL, Stanley

(Laura) and Romney Adams of Joliet, IL. 4 Sisters: Tamar McBride of Renton, WA, Magdalene Pierrot of Woodbridge, VA, Iola Chism and Gloria Wiley both of Joliet, IL

Also numerous nieces, nephews, family members and friends.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 1. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Delgado Funeral Chapel  
400 Landau Ave.  
Joliet, IL 60432  
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## Visitation

MAR 2. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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## Military Service

MAR 2. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery  
27034 S. Diagonal Road  
Elwood, IL

## Funeral Services

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MAR 2. 11:30 AM - 12:45 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Delgado Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Burley Adams*



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**Delgado Funeral Chapel** - March 01, 2018 at 06:21 PM



“ *Delgado Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Burley Adams*



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**Delgado Funeral Chapel** - March 01, 2018 at 05:16 PM



“ *Burley Adams*

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January 28, 2023 at 11:56 AM



“ *Oh, How I loved this wonderful man! I have known him since I was a little girl. Burley was always smiling and kind to everyone. He was the biggest teddy bear I have ever seen. Rest in peace my friend.*

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**Judy Ryan** - March 02, 2018 at 02:25 PM



“ 180 files added to the album LifeTributes



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**Delgado Funeral Chapel** - March 01, 2018 at 03:56 PM

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“ *God Bless the Adam's Family,*

*May your hearts soon be filled with wonderful memories of joyful times together as you celebrate a life well lived.*

*I remember this clear as day . When I was trying out for the 6th grade basketball team with Richard Mr Adams talk and explain things to me like I was his Kid.*

*When I'm town I'll truly miss seeing him drive through the Neighborhood .*

*Fred A*

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**Fredrick j Arbuckle** - March 01, 2018 at 02:05 PM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Burley Adams.*



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March 01, 2018 at 09:32 AM



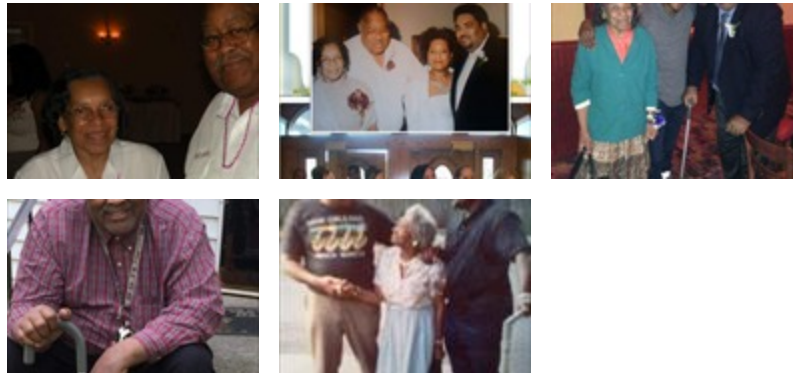
“ *Burley was always a happy, loving, caring person. He will be missed. Love Joyce Riggs*

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**Joyce Riggs** - March 01, 2018 at 09:08 AM



“ *8 files added to the tribute wall*



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**Donna Adams** - March 01, 2018 at 07:49 AM

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“ *My condolences to this entire family that I known all my life. My fondest memory of Mr Adams when he thought that I was one of his daughters and he told me to get in the yard right now that is something that I will keep with me forever. Mr Adams your spirit will live on.*



Deborah Glenn - March 01, 2018 at 06:33 AM

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“ *my condolence to The Adams family may God give you peace your friend Magnolia Terrerr*

Magnolia Terrell - February 28, 2018 at 09:33 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Burley Adams.*



February 28, 2018 at 05:25 PM



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



February 28, 2018 at 01:18 PM

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“ 2 files added to the album *New Album Name*



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**Karla Boyd** - February 26, 2018 at 03:08 PM