



Violet Bjortomt Adams

April 18, 1924 - April 17, 2021

Violet “Vi” Elaine Bjortomt Adams, 96 of Asheville passed away peacefully at the JFK Solace Center Saturday, April 17, 2021. She was born on April 18, 1924 in LeRoy, Minnesota to the late Helmer and Alma Bjortomt. Violet is preceded in death by her beloved husband, Robert F. Adams and brother, Harold Bjortomt.

Vi is survived by two daughters, Pamela Lynn Ruby (William) of Stone Mt., GA, Charlotte K Adams (George Hawke) of Tucson, AZ, son, Dr. Steven R. Adams (Jeanie) of Mills River, NC, five grandchildren, Christopher Ruby of Stone Mt., GA, Whitney Ruby (Christopher Miller) of Alexandria, VA, Lindsay Adams Sakran (Jason) of Charleston, SC, Brandon Adams (Caroline) of Charleston, SC, Robert Adams (Chelsea Rath) of Asheville, NC, and five great grandchildren, Loflin and Atticus Sakran, Allison Ruby, Cecelia and Sutton Adams, numerous other family members and dear friends.

Vi grew up in LeRoy, MN, population 1,079. She was very proud of her Norwegian heritage. She graduated LeRoy High School Valedictorian 1942. In support of the war effort of WW II, she moved to Minneapolis MN and worked as a bookkeeper. On her birthday in 1944 she met Robert Adams on a blind date. They danced the night away to big band music and married on August 7, 1947 in Minneapolis on the hottest day of the year. They moved to Dayton, Ohio where Bob attended the University of Dayton and Vi worked for Peerless as a bookkeeper. They developed lifelong friends, joining the Dayton Canoe Club, dancing on Saturday nights, playing Euchre and Pinochle, sledding and

ice skating. Vi took pride in being a mother and homemaker. She was a creative force for her three children.

Vi and family moved to Asheville NC in 1969, discovering the beauty of the Blue Ridge Mountains. She was a longtime member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church and WELC Women's group. She was an avid quilter and a member of the Asheville Quilt Guild. She delighted in the wildflowers and birds of WNC, enjoyed hiking, loved playing Rummikub and working crossword puzzles. Her grandchildren loved their fun filled time with their energetic grandmother. She regularly organized family and friends for picnics up the Blue Ridge Parkway to Craggy Gardens, Mt. Pisgah, and Mt. Mitchell. Her enthusiasm for life and loved ones was irrepressible. After retirement, Vi and Bob traveled extensively throughout the U.S.

Family and friends are invited to her memorial service at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 10 North Liberty St, in Asheville, NC on Friday, May 7, 2021 at 12:30 PM with Pastor Matthew Smith officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 10 North Liberty St., Asheville, NC 28801.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 7. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

St. Mark's Lutheran Church
10 N. Liberty Street
Asheville, NC 28801
<http://stmarkslutheran.net/>

Tribute Wall



“ Violet Bjortomt Adams

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ I knew Vi as a fellow member in the Asheville Quilt Guild. Loved her wit and wonderful smile. She was a beautiful quilt artist and always full of energy. Micki Batte'

Mary Batte - May 04, 2021 at 09:44 PM



“ Steve,
We're so sorry to hear about your mom's passing. Sending love to you and Jeannie and your family.
Pat and Charlie O'Cain

Pat O'Cain - May 02, 2021 at 08:29 AM

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“ To My Special and Dear Friend Vi,

As I recall, our friendship started approximately 55 years ago. As you know, I had met your oldest daughter, Pam, at Colonel White High School in typing class. My friendship with Pam grew as I started taking the city bus in Dayton to travel to work and Pam was taking it to attend classes at the University of Dayton. I was soon over at your family home visiting with you, your husband Bob, Pam, Charlotte and Steve. What fun times I had with your family!!!

I remember the times when Bob and I sat at your piano and he would try and teach me to play "Nola." Although, I did not get too far with learning how to play the song, I still remember the good times and the laughs we all shared while I was trying my best!

Through the years we have always been in contact with each other. I remember the time I traveled to Atlanta to visit Pam and Bill and you were there. I asked you to show me how to make the "Perfect Pie Crust" as I was still trying my talents out by trying to find the perfect recipe. You graciously showed me your tricks and gave me your recipe which I still have. Thank You!

Although we did not have the opportunity to see each other as often as we would have liked, I always treasured the times we had together. I am sharing a few pictures of these special moments.

The last time we spoke over the phone you shared your thoughts with me and said "Take good care of each other and love one another." I believe your words are very important for everyone to remember.

Thank you for your precious friendship, your always caring and thoughtful ways and especially your love. Thank you for sharing part of your life with me!

May God Hold You in the Palm of His Hand.

I Love You Vi and Will Miss You!

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Anita Akerley - April 22, 2021 at 08:17 PM

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I met Mrs. Adams through her oldest daughter, Pam, when we entered third grade at Van Cleve elementary in Dayton, Ohio. We attended Van Cleve, Colonel White High School, and the University of Dayton together, developing a long and treasured friendship.

My fondest memory of Mrs. Adams is that she often drove through alleys, telling us girls it was a "short cut." Mind you our elementary principal, Mrs. Bartels, had forbidden her students to ever walk in an alley to or from school. How fearless Mrs. Adams was in my mind.

I also recall spending the night at the Adams' home on five Oaks on several occasions. One one occasion Mrs. Adams helped Pam and I with an eight grade home economics clothing construction project.. With Mrs. Adams' guidance and patience we completed the projects which included sewing in a zipper, quite a task for young girls.

Van Cleve PTA was fortunate to have such a capable and hard working member such as Mrs. Adams, who typed minutes of the meetings and worked endlessly on school festivals.

I appreciate and cherish the memories and influence of Mrs. Adams. She made our lives better.

Deepest sympathy and much love to the family.

Sharon (Terry) Murphy

Sharon Murphy - May 02, 2021 at 11:26 AM

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Charlotte, Steve, and Pam,

Your mother Vi was a beautiful Lady and we were fortunate to have had here while she lived in our neighborhood.

Teresa White

TeresaWhite - May 03, 2021 at 03:03 PM

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Larry & I loved this lady! Such a sweet, kind, gentle, dedicated friend who we shall never forget. Vi & Bob have created such a lovely large family. Their friendships meant everything to us!

Beth & Larry Kowalski

Beth Kowalski - May 05, 2021 at 07:08 AM