



## Emily Jane Hinman Adams

July 28, 1924 - September 1, 2018

Emily Jane Hinman Adams, 94, went home to be with her Lord Jesus Christ on Saturday September 1st.

Born July 28th, 1924 in Carthage, Mississippi, Emily was the third child and only girl in her family. Growing up she was very active, independent and a self-described “tomboy” who loved spending time with her parents, three brothers and extended family. From a young age she showed herself to be an avid reader and began to develop what would prove to be a lifelong proclivity for learning.

In high school she excelled in academic pursuits and was known as a star player on the girls’ varsity basketball team. As a young adult she worked as a book keeper in a store and then as an administrative assistant in a dentist’s office.

On May 17th, 1943, when the U.S. Coast Guard band came to play at her younger brother’s high school dance she met a dashing young musician from Yoakum, Texas. Seaman Ray Adams was quite taken with the “Southern Belle”, and after Emily heard him talk about his faith in God as a little boy she knew that he was the man she wanted to marry. Less than 7 weeks after that fateful meeting they married on July 4th, 1943 – 4 weeks shy of her 19th birthday. As they began their lives together, Emily moved from Pascagoula,

Mississippi to New Orleans where Ray was stationed. Over the next 7 years they welcomed 4 blessings into their family.

In 1950 they moved to San Antonio, Texas which they would make their permanent home. The arrival of four more blessings brought Emily's lifelong dream of a large family to fruition as they became a joyful party of 10. As Ray worked days as a postal worker and evenings with his band to support the family, Emily focused on making their home, raising the children and taking caring of her invalid mother.

Alongside being a dedicated wife and mother, she worked as a Special Education teacher, completed classes at San Antonio College, and was an active church member: singing in the choir, teaching Sunday school and contributing to Bible studies. She always made it a priority to be involved in the church and to have her children (and later grandchildren, and great-grandchildren) know and build relationships with Jesus.

She was a prayer warrior and constantly prayed for her children and the family's friends and acquaintances and witnessed many miracles take place in her family and other's lives. People were very important to her and she thrilled at the chance to exercise her Mississippi hospitality in spending time with her and Ray's dearly loved friends and neighbors. She was very grateful to have the blessing of maintaining relationships with her extended family members; loving to reflect on her time with her cousins, brothers, and their families. Throughout her children's formative and adult years she was very focused on and involved in their lives. Always supporting and hoping for the best for them. This continued as they grew up, married and began to have families of their own, and came to include grandchildren and great grandchildren as well. She was an enthusiastic fan and willing attendee at special school, church, sporting, and other life events. Many days her phone was constantly ringing as one and another member of the family or friend called for prayer, to share

exciting news, or ask for her advice about something.

She was raised in a musical family, and being married to a musician, she and Ray, by nature, fostered an environment of music and singing in their family. She especially enjoyed the music of the famous tenor Mario Lanza, and at the age of 89 she traveled to Philadelphia, to visit the Mario Lanza museum and participate in the scholarship conferral. She, herself had a talent for singing and even performed with Ray's band when the occasional need arose. She also played the piano, helping teach several of her grandchildren to play as well.

She liked to travel and sightsee. After Ray's retirement from the postal service they visited many parts of the United States with different ones of their children and their children's families. She greatly enjoyed a trip she made to England and the chance it afforded her to visit some of her family there. Most recently, at 91, she took a trip to New York to see NYC, upstate New York and Niagara Falls. She was thrilled to return to New York for the first time since she and Ray were newlyweds and after seeing upstate New York she said how she loved to see the beauty of God's creation in nature and the fall foliage.

Throughout her life she was known for her independent nature, love and dedication to family, "Mississippi lady" etiquette, intelligent mind, and her desire to serve Jesus and bring others to a better knowledge of the Lord and His greatness.

In recent years individuals less acquainted with her were at times surprised to see that she was reading things like "The Count of Monte Cristo" (for the 2nd time), as well as in-depth current and historical political, biographical, and Christian works – and always her Bible. When visiting with her they were sure to see her spunky independence and sense of humor, as well as to hear about

her family members the miracles that had taken place in their lives and be asked if they knew her Savior. She greatly loved to share the many miracles that had taken place in her and her family's lives and had been working with the family to document them so they could be passed on to successive generations and shared with the world. Both with the thought to encourage others and help explain the great and transformative power of God in her and her families' lives. At last count, at least 75 such occurrences of miracles had been captured and are currently in the process of being formally documented to be shared.

Dearly loved "Emily", "Mama", "Mom", "Grandmother", Great-Grandmother", "Aunt Emily", "Cousin Emily", and "Mrs. Adams" was a blessing to all who knew her. She undoubtedly received a jubilant welcome in heaven by the loved ones gone before: her loving husband of 64+ years, Sykes Ray Adams, her parents: Hunley Park Hinman & Emma Cadenhead Hinman and three brothers: Hunley Park "Sonny" Hinman and wife Lola, Dr. James Cadenhead "Brother" Hinman and wife Mitzi, & Dr. Martin Edward "Ed" Hinman and wife Betty, her daughter-in-law Julianna Adams, and niece Mary Anne McNally, granddaughter Heather Catherine Adams, and great grandson Joshua Martin Richey. She will be greatly missed by her eight children: Constance & husband Ralph Reed, Ray Adams and wife Barbara, Katherine and husband John Richey, Margaret and husband Larry Reed, Thomas Adams, Mary and husband David Hunter, Robert Adams and wife Cathy, John Adams and wife Imeldia; her 20 grandchildren and 28 great grandchildren; family friend, Mike Bronson; her nephews & nieces: Van Hinman and wife Roz, Holly and husband Reed Cheeseborough, Dr. Munson Hinman and wife Kelley, Patrick Hinman and wife Peggy, Emily Hinman Smith, Chris McNally and wife Linda Walsh; and many other family members, as well as friends, neighbors, and acquaintances.

The funeral service will begin at 3:00pm Saturday, September 8th 2018, and will be held at Mission Park North Chapels on Cherry Ridge Drive. Pastor

Thomas Adams officiating. The interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park on Austin Highway. You may sign the on-line guestbook at [www.missionparks.com](http://www.missionparks.com) under the obituary section at Mission park Funeral Chapels North website.

In lieu of flowers please consider making memorial contributions to the Bethesda Christian Church at 2210 Basse Rd., San Antonio, TX 78213

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Memorial Park

1701 Austin Highway  
San Antonio, TX 78218

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

SEP 8. 3:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge  
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78230  
(210) 349-1414  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

# Tribute Wall

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“ There are so many memories of my favourite aunt with her large tribe of children that I always envied. She would preside over all the din in her calm but commanding way. Her gregarious open nature often accompanied by a laugh that so many of her children inherited. You know who you are! Then there was the quieter pensive side (that her other children inherited) often shown through her many stories of family and friends. So many wonderful stories...particularly those of her brothers growing up together in a supportive, loving, musical family. Then there were the great stories of her visit to England. What an adventure that was including the relief from the English motoring public when she left England! She rented a car here and drove many miles on the wrong side of the road navigating roundabouts along the way and survived! We are so sorry to lose such a warm, loving, caring aunt, but I still see so much of her living on in all her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. What a dynasty... We are sorry not to be with you at this time and send all our deepest love and condolences while remembering the joy of her wonderful long life.

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Van Hinman - September 07, 2018 at 03:27 PM

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“ Growing up, the Adams family lived a block down the street, and we attended the same little Baptist church. At a tender age, I knew that Mrs. Adams' family, faith and church were important to her. I remember coming home from high school to find her, my mother, and another church member reading and studying the Bible together. Thomas and I were close in age and good friends. A spirit of love and laughter always seemed to fill their home. A book could be written on the funny things the Adams kids said and did. I'm sure all eight would agree with President Lincoln's statement, that all they are or hope to be, they owe to their angel mother.

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**Gary Price** - September 05, 2018 at 08:21 PM

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“ I am so blessed to have Mrs. Adams in my life for the past 44 years. She welcomed me with open arms into the family and always had a smile and a laugh for me. She will truly be missed, although her spirit is with me in many, many ways. She is now reunited with her first love, Mr. Adams. Heaven has received a beautiful angel. I love her and love all of my Adams family. Thank you for letting me be a part of your life.

Love always,

*Stacy Riley-Robinson*

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**stacy riley-robinson** - September 05, 2018 at 07:57 AM

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**Adams Family** - September 04, 2018 at 05:38 PM