



Sykes Ray Adams

November 17, 1919 - April 24, 2008

Sykes Ray Adams, the loving husband to Emily for 64 years, a wonderful Daddy, a super Granddaddy, and the outstanding Great-Granddaddy went home to be with Jesus on Thursday, April 24, 2008. He was born in Kennedy, Texas on November 17, 1919 to parents Sykes R. Adams and Letha May Adams. His love for Our Savior, Jesus Christ, defined his entire life - from the time he was a small boy kneeling in a field with his brother and friend asking God to help them catch a horse to ride- to the daily prayers that he prayed over his wife, children, in-laws, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, our nation, and even the people of the entire world. God honored his faith mightily. He was a professional musician for 73 years, had a radio program on KVIC in Victoria, Texas, and performed with Glen Campbell and Jerry Reed for President Lyndon B. Johnson and Governor Dolph Brisco. His musical career ended just this past November with his retirement from performing in many local assisted-living facilities and nursing homes. He loved being a blessing to these audiences by speaking and sharing his faith in Christ during every performance. His part-time job was working for the U.S. Post Office, which he referred to as the Post Toasties, which reflected his great sense-of-humor and fun-loving attitude. He spoke about how God blessed him and Emily with eight loving and wonderful children and how God provided everything his family needed. He also praised God for all of his musician friends and coworkers and took great pleasure in sharing God's love with each of these fine musicians. Ray was preceded in death by his parents and brother Hayden Jep Adams.

He is survived by his wife, Emily Jane, children; Constance and her husband Ralph Reed, Ray Harris Adams and wife Barbara, Kathy and her husband John Richey, Margaret and her husband Larry Reed, Thomas Adams and his wife Julianna, Mary and her husband David Hunter, Robert Adams and his wife Cathy, and John Adams and his wife Imeldia, as well as 20 grandchildren and 10 great- grandchildren.

The viewing will be from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, April 27, 2008. The funeral service will begin at 3:00 p.m., Monday, April 28, 2008. Both services will be held at Mission Park North Chapels on Cherry Ridge Dr. The interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park on Austin Highway.

Tribute Wall

MW

“ Mikel and I want to express our sympathy at the passing of Sykes Ray Adams. We are life-long friends of Ray and Barbara and just found out today that Ray's dad had passed away. His love of our Lord Jesus will continue throughout his family generation

Mike and Marilyn Welch - May 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Dearest Emily and the entire Ray Adams Family~

We were so sorry to hear of Mr. Adams passing. Wje know how he loved Jesus and lived his life sharing the joy of the Lord. The Lord Jesus truly was his crown of life. Who wouldn't want to know his Jesus

Roger & Carolyn Freeman - May 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ Dear Emily and family ~

I am Rebecca Taylor, the middle of the Taylor girls from the old Alamo Revival Days, with Bro. Bill Guild as our pastor. I often think of those wonderful, foundational days of my childhood and you and all your family are in so

Rebecca Taylor-Dye - May 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ You are all in our prayers and even though you have experienced a great loss, the gain is even greater because Ray is in Jesus, Jesus in us, and all is well. We will see Ray again in a higher dimension than we can now imagine. God bless you all and keep y

J.V. Foster - April 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ On behalf of the Mullins family Alamo Revival Center, we were saddened to learn of your family's loss. We remember with fondness your beautiful family in those precious days with Bill Guilds at Alamo Revival Center. We were the other family of 8 kids!

Mary Mullins Branson - April 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CI

“ Emily and family, I was sorry to hear that Sykes has passed on. It is wonderful to know that he is with Jesus, my Dad and Grandmother Kate Thompson. I am so glad for the times I have seen you and Sykes. I wish those times were not so few. I will keep

Cliff Thompson II - April 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ We are sorry to read of the passing of Mr. Adams. We were fortunate to have had the opportunity to dance to his wonderful music. He added joy to many lives and will be missed by so many.

Mozelle & Lewis Barr - April 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

HZ

“ Ray, I am sooo sorry to hear this. You have a wonderful heritage. What a man your father was. I wish I could have known him. Married 60 years. I will pray for your mom too because she will be lost. I cannot come to the funeral today. I just learned about

Helen E. Zanatta - April 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ Robert,
My deepest condolences to you and your family during this difficult time. It's very obvious your father was a special man who touched many, many people during his time on this earth. Rejoice in his legacy and continue to carry it forward for ot

Lee Anthony - April 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ Our condolences to Emily and the family. We pray that Jesus will fill your void and give you peace.

Rosalynnda and Robert Garza - April 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ We love Uncle Ray and all of you. I'm so sorry that we couldn't be there. We would have but unfortunately just got the news this evening.

Pat & Peggy Hinman - April 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

FM

“ Dear Emily.....my sincerest condolence to you and all the family It's been a long way from our meeting at SAC, hasn't it? I'll remember Ray in my Mass and prayers as well as ask for Jesus' Easter peace and consolation for you.

Father Carl Maurer - April 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

VG

“ MY DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO THE ADAMS FAMILY. TO ME SYKES RAY ADAMS WAS BROTHER ADAMS. MY FAMILY AND I MET HIM YEARS AGO AT THE OLD ALAMO REVIVAL CENTER. HE WAS AN INCREDIBLE MAN OF MANY TALENTS AND A WONDERFUL FRIEND. HE WAS SO BLESSED WITH EMILY AND HI

VIRGINIA MARIE GOTTWALD - April 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Mr Adams truly had "a wonderful life". He achieved the truest measure of success in that he left this earth a better place for his having lived. All who knew him were blessed with his kindness, sunshine, and positive approach to life. One has only to kno

Roger Barnes - April 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Mr. Adams was an incredible man and I have the most respect for him. He always had a smile and a joke for all of us no matter what. My love for him goes very deep and my love for the entire Adams family goes as deep. I will miss him and know that he is

Stacy Riley - April 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ I send my deepest condolences to the Adams family. Mr. Adams delivered our mail 839 El Monte and if my mother was outside when he came by, he always stopped to have a friendly chat. He always had a smile on his face.
I went to Edison with Ray and Con

Margaret McMichael Emerson - April 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ *My deepest sympathy on the passing of "Mr. Adams" as I always knew him. As a young man growing up, I remember waiting for the mail and anticipating my next conversation with him. He always had a smile on his face and words of encouragement. I always thoug*

Tony and Laura Trial - April 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM