



John W. Adams

November 29, 1941 - June 7, 2019

John W. Adams, age, 77 of Elizabethton passed away Friday, June 7, 2019 at Sycamore Shoals Hospital in Elizabethton. He was the son of the late Virgie Adams. In addition to his mother he was also preceded in death by his wife; Donna Jean Shoun Campbell Adams, two sisters; Betty Adams and Chrissy Garland, grandmother; Nora Harless, Affectionately known as "Granny".

Mr. Adams was a Sharp Shooter in the US Army. He was a graduate from ETSU with a Bachelor of Science/Chemistry degree which he used daily in his career at Nuclear Fuel Services. He was a very gentle and soft spoken man. He was an avid photographer, enjoyed staying active with outside activities such as hiking, rollerblading and walking. He was a man of habit who was loved and will be missed by his friends at Applebee's where he ate almost every night, also his friends at City Market or Primo's where he would eat lunch and also his friends at Subway where he would eat breakfast. John was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Elizabethton. He was also a member of the Lee and Lois Herndon Bird Club and a life member of the NRA.

Those left to cherish his memory include daughters; Deanna Lee Campbell Davis (Wesley) of Cameron, NC and Dani Sue Campbell Thompson (Cory) of Murfreesboro, TN, granddaughters; Jessica Davis Rattlelade of Raleigh, NC, Nicole Leigh Davis of Ocean Park, Maine, Kaylen Hall (Drew) of Murfreesboro, TN, four great granddaughters, sister; Doris Hoyer of Baltimore, MD, niece and nephew; Paul and Paula Hoyer, nephew; Danny Garland.

It was Mr. Adams wish to be cremated. A service to honor the life of John Adams will be held at a later date by his loving family.

Those who prefer memorials in lieu of flowers may make contributions to the National Audubon Society.

Online condolences may be shared with the family on our website,
www.tetrickfuneralhome.com

Mr. Adams and his family are in the care of Tetrick Funeral Home, Elizabethton. Office 423-542-2232, service information line, 423-543-4917.

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Tetrick Funeral - June 10 at 10:10 AM



“ John came in to Primos restaurant at least a week and he was a very sweet man....He will truly be missed.

Jewella Hawkins - June 10 at 02:35 PM



“ I don't think John missed a single day having dinner at Applebee's since I started working there. I could almost set my watch by him. He had a favorite table, he had his favorite servers, and never needed a menu. Sometimes we were lucky enough to see him twice in one day, which would depend on if he was in the mood for dessert or not. As a manager watching kitchen tickets, I could just tell seeing the order coming through that John was in the house. Every once in a while he would have a new server a bit confused by John's "salad" order. When he wasn't that hungry, we would make him his own specialized veggie plate. He just loved fresh uncooked veggies instead of a salad, and we would always do our best to deliver! I always worried when he ate veggies too often.... but as soon as I did, he would get a steak! So many times I would hear older servers tell the new hires, "don't forget a teaspoon for John's milkshake!"

After moving here from Florida, I could count on John to help me identify birds I had never seen before. Every once in a while I would have to patiently wait for the bird to show up at my house, take a photo, and bring it to him. He always knew what it was. I remember a the specific day showing John my Pinterest page I created about all my favorite Florida birds. I guess you could say our bond began with our mutual love of watching wild birds.

I will miss John greatly, as everyone of us will miss him always.

Lynn Parnell

Lynn Parnell - June 10 at 12:14 AM



“ City Market will miss Mr. Adams! He was a faithful customer for many years. Prayers for your family.

Jennifer Hughes - June 09 at 01:48 PM



“ I worked at Applebee's for 6 years and Mr. Adams was there almost everyday. He truly was an amazing and generous human being. He was so good to us and loyal to Applebee's. He loved Jeopardy, bird watching and talking about his family. He personally always took good care of me. He will be missed and remembered fondly.

Brit - June 08 at 07:46 PM