



Mr. Winston Leonard Adams

February 25, 1942 - December 13, 2020

Winston “Win” “Winnie” “Doogie” Adams, of Minneapolis, age 78, died peacefully and entered eternal life on December 13, 2020. Proceeded in death by his parents, Leonard and Irene Adams. Survived by wife, Barbara Adams. Daughters: Shawn (Dan) Moloczij, Nicolle (Bill) Woods. Grandchildren: Nicholas (Dominique) Moloczij, Sydney, Billy and Jack Woods.

Win was an only child and adored by his parents. His mom sacrificed so much to provide him with a catholic education which gave him a strong faith that carried him through his life. He always said he came from the poor side of the tracks, but going to school at St. Thomas Academy gave him the drive to make something of this life. He was a proud graduate from St. Thomas Academy ‘61. After graduating he met the love of his life, Barbara. They were married in 1962. They had 2 daughters, Shawn and Nicolle.

He moved from South Mpls to Brooklyn Center (the “sticks” as the relatives said in 1969) and raised his daughters in this new suburb. He followed his father’s footsteps and Win was a volunteer firefighter for Brooklyn Center for 10 years. He was so proud of his ability to take care and help others.

Win was in the Fastener industry all of his professional life and was an incredible salesman. He and his wife, Barbara, started Adams Nut and Bolt in 1979. He always attributed his success to his mentor, Jay Beecroft (deceased). They employed many people that made Adams Nut and Bolt very successful. He mentored many and was so happy for all their success.

After selling their company and retiring in 1998, they built their ‘forever’ home on Lake Minnetonka where they had a great lake home for family to spend time together. In his retirement, he took up several hobbies including fishing for bass— he had every lure to catch the one that got away. His appetite for wooden boats was over-the-top with an award in the summer of 2019 for Best Original Restoration for his 1970 Lyman and he was proud! He was so happy to have his children and grandchildren enjoy all of his toys. That

is what he lived for. "Please come and use them" he would say.

One of Win's biggest accomplishments was 48 years of sobriety. He was so proud to be a sponsor to many people battling addiction. He attended his AA group every week for 48 years and he was so thankful for his friendships built during those years.

Win had many other passions, but golfing was number one --with six hole-in-ones! He proudly taught his family how to hit the club! His goal was also to golf the top 100 courses in the USA. He was able to accomplish 79 of those fantastic courses, many of which are private and so hard to get into! He had a great network and had so many golf friends around the world. Thank you to all of his golf buddies!

Barb and Win loved their trips to Alaska where they would fish for Salmon and many of us have enjoyed their Catch! Especially since he didn't even like Salmon! But they had the time of their life and so many memories!

Win was a grateful man and will be deeply missed by many who had the privilege of knowing him and experience his deep generosity. He was loved by so many and please know he loved you too.

Win loved all the songs by Frank Sinatra – "I Did It My Way" and "Nothing But The Best is Good Enough" among his favorites and they will be part of his small memorial at Washburn McReavy in Edina on Dec 16. He will be wearing his Tuxedo ready to present himself to our Lord and Savior. Due to Covid restrictions, this will be a private family ceremony with internment at Resurrection Cemetery.

In the Spring, the family will plan a celebration to honor Win's life at the Basilica of Minneapolis, where he was a member. Please look for notifications at <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/winstonadams>. We're hoping to see HUNDREDS OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS who loved him and want to share their great memories, so we need a big safe venue! Please be patient to be able to actually give Win this final blessing. If you know Win, he always wanted a big celebration! We will have an open venue for everyone to tell all their great memories and stories that will crack us up!

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Win's two causes that he supported:

Abbott Northwestern

Hospital Foundation, 800 E. 28th Street, MR-16509,

Minneapolis, MN 55407 or Allinahealth.org.

This is a program Win was supporting to help people struggling with addiction.

C/O Winston Adams

His other passion was financially helping students attend St. Thomas Academy.

Donations can be sent to: Saint Thomas Academy Advancement Office, 949 Mendota Heights Rd, Mendota Heights, Mn 55120

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Previous Events

Memorial

DEC 16.

Washburn McReavy

Tribute Wall

NW

“ Like most of us, I shared many laughs and enjoyed the pleasure of Wins company. We shared two common bonds yet mainly our relationship was base on Saint Thomas Academy. He spoke often of his appreciation for his teachers, the fellowship of his classmates, and shared experiences with other alums. He always offered his hand and took the time to ask me how I was doing and was interested in the answer. I am honored to call him my friend. May His Grace be with all those who love Win. Arise! Shine, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you. Isaiah 60:1

Norb Winter III '87

Norbert Winter - December 18, 2020 at 05:11 PM

ED

“ Win and I were great friends in High School...STMA.On golf team together and kinda stayed in touch thru the years. I remember him driving a little Chevy Corviar and living in So Mpls near me after graduation, he soon married and we were out of touch.

We did get to play golf together at our 50th reunion, great time.
Will miss our occasional phone get togethers, not enough times

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sleep well my friend and keep your head down
Ed Thompson '61

ed - December 18, 2020 at 04:47 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Winston Leonard Adams.



December 15, 2020 at 07:01 PM

WU

“ So sad to here about Win's passing, as he was still a very young man, well as least younger than me. I first met Win not to to many years after he founded Adams Nut & Bolt. We got to know each other pretty well when I was on the Board of the NFDA and served as the Associate Chair for 1 year. Win was a great person to bounce off ideas and get his opinion on same, and I valued his input.

Now Win can play golf 7 days a week with no green fees.

Best,
Bill Unferth
Lindfast Solutions Group

William Unferth - December 15, 2020 at 06:16 PM

 Scott
McDaniel

“ I met Win only once but heard many great stories of his success. I was the Managing Director at Adams Nut and Bolt and one day I was walking in the office and noticed a gentleman waiting at the front desk. I approached him and asked if I could help him with anything. He said he was looking for “whoever is in charge around here”. Well that's me I quickly replied. We had an amazing 30 minute talk about his early days in the business and some of his favorite memories and employees. I was very thankful I had the chance to meet him.

Scott McDaniel - December 15, 2020 at 04:47 PM

 Kelly
Lehman

“ We are all so sad to hear about Win's passing. He was such a wonderful man. Prayers to his family and friends.

Love
The Lehman Family (Joyce, Deb, Tracy and Kelly)

Kelly Lehman - December 15, 2020 at 04:33 PM

JB

“ To have been able..... to Know and Love Winston Adams.....and His Generous BeingHis Smile.....His Winking eyes.....His Contagious laughterto have witnessed His deep Love of Family.....and His Zest for Living Life to the Fullest....

For all of this and more I am Grateful.

May Win's Love and the Love of The Holy Spirit surround Us All during these days.

Joan Breen

Joan Breen Blanchard - December 15, 2020 at 01:04 PM

NT

“ Nick & Nate Tackaberry purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Winston Leonard Adams.



Nick & Nate Tackaberry - December 15, 2020 at 12:56 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Winston Leonard Adams.



December 14, 2020 at 07:40 PM

TS

“ Thank you to the Adams' family for starting my career.

I wish there was a magic pain eraser.

-Tim Sunde

P.S. Win, sorry I gave you women's golf balls for Christmas.

Tim Sunde - December 14, 2020 at 06:35 PM

DB

Winston was such a great salesman and proud of what he and Barbara were able to do in establishing Adams Bolt & Nut and employed and mentored so many great people in the fastener industry. He and my dad along with Brad Wilson have many found memories of the times in NFDA. As many have said he was always a jovial individual and always had a smile on his face.

Our thoughts & prayers are with you Barbara and family!

*Dave Broehm
Mid-State Bolt & Nut Co.*

David Broehm - December 15, 2020 at 04:35 PM