



Archie Dalton Adams, Jr.

December 22, 1937 - May 8, 2026

Archie "Buddy" Adams, lovingly known as "Gran" to his grandchildren, passed away on May 8, 2026, at the age of 88. Born December 22, 1937, in Nicholls, Buddy lived a full life defined by hard work, kindness, family, and service to others.

In 1963, Buddy moved from Jacksonville, Florida to Newnan to open the city's first Dairy Queen and later operated a second location for many years. A lifelong entrepreneur and businessman, he wore many hats throughout his life, owning and operating several successful businesses and becoming a familiar face within the community.

Buddy never met a stranger. He was known for his generosity, loyalty, and willingness to help others. He loved traveling, gardening, cooking for family and friends, and sharing his knowledge of flowers, trees, and nature with anyone willing to listen. Whether making his famous Brunswick stew and smoked ribs, teaching life lessons in the garden, or showing up in one of his signature hats and suspenders, Buddy had a way of leaving a lasting impression on everyone he met.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Archie Dalton Adams and Tressie Nettles Adams; his children Douglas Adams, Gregory Adams, and Christina Lee North; and his grandson James Scott.

Buddy is survived by his daughter-in-law Diana Adams; grandchildren Caylen, Andrew, Nathan, Blake, Taylor, Alayna, Amelia, Zach, Ansley, Jacob, Allison, Anna, Elliot, Adalynn, Andrew Hart, Adrea Duke, and Jonathan Scott; extended family members, including his daughter Cynthia Hart; and many dear friends whose lives were made better by knowing him.

Buddy's legacy lives on through the people he loved, the lives he touched, and the kindness he freely gave to others.

Funeral services for Buddy will be held Thursday, May 21, 2026. Visitation will begin at 1:00 p.m. at McKoon Funeral Home. A service will follow at 2:00 p.m. at Forest Lawn Memorial Park.

Flowers are welcome and appreciated by the family.

Condolences may be expressed online at www.mckoon.com

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Memorial Park

656 Roscoe Road
Newnan, GA 30263

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **21**. 1:00 PM - 1:40 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Funeral Service

MAY **21**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Forest Lawn Memorial Park
656 Roscoe Road
Newnan, GA 30263

Tribute Wall

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“ My Mom, Frances Golden Mathis thought highly of Mr. Adams. She and our family are very saddened to hear of his passing. Our prayers are with his family.

Deborah B. Wilburn - June 09 at 12:09 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Archie Dalton Adams, Jr..



May 20 at 10:21 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Archie Dalton Adams, Jr..

May 20 at 09:46 AM



“ Rays of Light Spray was purchased for the family of Archie Dalton Adams, Jr..



May 20 at 09:46 AM