



Mary Beth Adams

August 23, 1953 - March 2, 2025

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It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Mary Beth Adams (née Shay), 71, of Bryn Mawr, PA. Beth passed away on March 2, 2025, from heart/lung failure.

Born and raised in Upper Darby, PA, Beth was a dedicated nurse who devoted her life to caring for and educating others. After completing high school at the Academy of Notre Dame de Namur she graduated from Bryn Mawr Hospital School of Nursing and later went on to earn her Bachelor's degree from Widener University, followed by a Master's degree from the University of Pennsylvania. Her passion for helping others led her to a rewarding career as a labor and delivery nurse, nurse educator, and later as an OB-GYN nurse practitioner, where she touched the lives of countless patients with her skill, compassion, and warmth.

Beth was more than a dedicated professional. She was a loving wife, mother, sister, aunt, and friend. Known for her tenacity, sense of humor, and boundless love, she had a unique way of making everyone around her feel special and valued. Her kindness and dedication to her family and friends were evident in everything she did.

In addition to her family and career, Beth's strength in the face of adversity, particularly with Marfan's syndrome, was an inspiration to all who knew her. Her spirit and resilience will continue to serve as a beacon for those who loved her.

Beth is survived by her loving husband of 50 years, Herbert D. Adams; her children, Erica Adams and H. Daniel Adams Jr.; her siblings, Kathleen Shay, Thomas Shay (Cindy Shay), and Gerald Shay; her sister-in-law Carol Lynch (Michael Lynch); six nephews; five great nieces and nephews; and many friends. She is predeceased by her indomitable mother Mary D Shay; brother-in-law Frederick W. Dreher and sister-in-law Margaret Shay.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, March 7, 2025 at Chadwick & McKinney Funeral Home in Ardmore, PA, with visitation starting at 10:00AM, followed by a service at 11:00AM. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in her memory to The Marfan Foundation, Port Washington NY 11050.

Beth will be deeply missed, but we are relieved she is at peace now and her memory will live on in the hearts of those who loved her.

Previous Events

The family will receive guests

MAR 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Chadwick & McKinney Funeral Home, Inc.
30 East Athens Avenue
Ardmore, PA 19003
(610) 642-6303

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

DB

“ Beth was instrumental in arranging our 45th and 50th reunion of the Bryn Mawr Hospital School of Nursing grads of 1974! It was wonderful evenings full of song, pictures, our uniform, hat and yearbooks. I so enjoyed spending time with her at both events. She is a special person and nurse who will be remembered especially by those of us, grads of BMH '74. Debbie Smith Beck

Debra Beck - March 15, 2025 at 09:19 PM

BF

“ Bernie Adams & Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Mary Beth Adams.



Bernie Adams & Family - March 06, 2025 at 09:37 AM

SA

“ To Herb, Erica and Dan, I was so sorry to hear of Beth passing. I know she was as struggling with her illness for many years. She will be missed by so many. She was a dear friend, neighbor and coworker. May she now rest in peace. With fond memories. Sandy Andl

Sandy Andl - March 06, 2025 at 08:45 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Beth Adams.*



March 05, 2025 at 11:44 PM



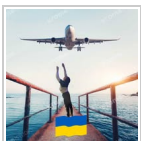
“ *The passing of Beth is a sad loss for many. She was very kind. Before my retirement at MLWHC I was her nurse for the evening shift. She taught me so much. I will always be grateful that she was in my life.*

Betty Sees - March 04, 2025 at 04:44 PM



“ *To Herb, Erica, and Dan. So sorry to hear Beth's passing. Sad for you and your loss. She was a wonderful person and a friend to us for many years.*

Gregory Valenti - March 04, 2025 at 04:07 PM



“ *Vera Mouser lit a candle in memory of Mary Beth Adams*



Vera Mouser - March 04, 2025 at 03:57 PM

PV

“ So sorry to hear of Beth’s passing. She was a wonderful person. Always concern for other people Beth will be missed. Prayers for her and the family: Herb, Danny, and Erica

peggy valenti - March 04, 2025 at 01:16 PM

MA

“ Dear Herb, Erica and Dan , we are sad for and with you. Beth was a great help at the births of both boys by calming our nerves, a dear friend and a neighbor. Much love! Malla, Michael and Stephen

Malla - March 03, 2025 at 09:35 PM

MB

“ Herb, I was saddened to hear of Beth’s passing even though I knew how she was struggling. I’m sure you and Erica and Dan are missing her already but know that I am praying for strength and peace for you all. I’m sorry I’m unable to be at the service but I’m sending love. Mary Beth Birkenmeier

Mary Beth Birkenmeier - March 03, 2025 at 09:27 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Beth Adams.

March 03, 2025 at 09:25 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Beth Adams.



March 03, 2025 at 09:25 PM

MO

“ *Herb, Erica and Dan, so sad for the loss of Beth! She will be missed by so many people who she met and helped along the way! I couldn't have asked for a better friend/neighbor than you and Beth when I moved to Martin Avenue. We were all so young! I really miss her! I pray she is up in heaven giving Dean a hard time.*

Mary Cay Okeefe - March 03, 2025 at 09:12 PM

PA

“ *May you Rest in Peace Beth. You're such a wonderful person and you will surely be missed by so many. I loved every moment working with you.... Princess Alconera*

Princess Alconera - March 03, 2025 at 08:57 PM

BT

“ *Herb, Erica and Dan, Our heartfelt sympathy on the loss of Beth. As a longtime friend and Coopertown neighbor, she will be missed. Hugs to all. Jack and Barb*

barbara Potter thomas - March 03, 2025 at 06:31 PM

KF

my thoughts and prayers are with beth's husband, family and friends. beth will be sadly missed. she was a great person to know. rest in peace. karen

karen fulginiti - March 04, 2025 at 06:17 AM

JS

My sister Beth always took good care of me as a child. She continued to care for me when I got older. She cared for my wife through her battle with cancer and my son, Brian, when he didn't have a mom anymore.

Jerry Shay - March 05, 2025 at 08:44 AM