



## Russell Allen Adams

June 27, 1926 - August 21, 2021

Russell Allen Adams, son of the late Hiram John and Mamie (St. John) Adams, was born on June 27, 1926 in Garden City, Oklahoma and was called into the presence of Jesus on Saturday, August 21, 2021.

He was the youngest of ten children, all from the Tulsa, Oklahoma area. He moved with his parents to Clarence, Missouri at an early age to a truck farm. He attended Clarence schools as a child.

He was married to Marcella Rae Williams in Hannibal, MO. They fostered one daughter, Debbie Davis Cardwell and adopted two children, Michael Allen and Laura Ellen. This marriage ended at Marcella's death of cancer in 1978.

Russell answered God's call to the gospel ministry in 1960 and was ordained in 1962. After his call to the ministry, Russell entered Hannibal La Grange College beginning a life-long pursuit of higher learning. At 65 years old, he earned a Doctor of Ministry degree from Faith Baptist College and Seminary in Anderson, South Carolina. As he continued to take every opportunity to refresh his knowledge of God's word, he was awarded a Doctor of Divinity (DD HON) from the International Bible Institute and Seminary, Plymouth FL. He pastored churches in Missouri, Oklahoma, and California for forty years. Missouri churches were Southside Baptist, Vandalia; First Baptist, Ewing; Grant City Baptist, Northeast Baptist, Clinton; Harmony Heights, Joplin and First Baptist, Fair Play.

While at Harmony Heights in Joplin, he married Susie Kinslow Mabry. She had one foster son, Rick Hall. Russell and Susie made plans to retire in 2000 and

moved to Buffalo, MO. Retirement didn't last as he was called as Director of Missions of the Dallas County Association of Southern Baptists in July of that year. He continued to serve in that position until his death. During this time, he also served over 20 years as a Hospice Chaplain for Hospice Compassus in Springfield.

Russell's heart cry and passion was that everyone know the Jesus who saved him at age 35. He lived to share God's love, witnessing daily as he walked in the grocery store or went to the bank or post office. His gentle sense of humor and heartfelt love gave him a ready audience. His last week on earth, he led one of his nurses to saving faith in Jesus Christ.

Russell is survived by his wife, Susie; his four children, Debbie Cardwell, Warsaw, MO, Laura Adams, Costa Mesa, CA, Michael Adams & wife Diane of Joplin, MO; and Rick Hall & wife Terri of Webb City, MO; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. Also surviving is a brother-in-law, Mike Williams and wife Sharon of Troy, Missouri.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, August 27, 2021 in the Legacy Baptist Church with Bro. Clifton Long and Bro. Terry Gentry, Jr. officiating. Interment will be in the Maple Lawn Cemetery under the care and direction of the Cantlon-Otterness & Viets Funeral Home of Buffalo. Visitation will be from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Thursday at the Funeral Home. Gifts in lieu of flowers may be given to the Dallas County Association of Southern Baptists.

# Cemetery Details

## Maple Lawn Cemetery

North Hwy 65  
Buffalo, MO 65622

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 26.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Cantlon-Otterness & Viets Funeral Home - Buffalo  
931 W. Main St.  
P.O. Box 993  
Buffalo, MO 65622  
(417) 345-2211  
info@cantlonotterness.com  
<https://www.cantlonotterness.com>

## Service

**AUG 27.** 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Legacy Baptist Church  
1935 South Ash Street  
Buffalo, MO 65622

# Tribute Wall



“ *Russell Allen Adams* ”

October 09, 2023 at 12:27 PM



“ *Russell Allen Adams* ”

October 09, 2023 at 04:09 AM



“ *Russell Allen Adams* ”

October 05, 2023 at 11:14 PM



“ *Russell Allen Adams* ”

October 05, 2023 at 05:41 PM



“ *Russell Allen Adams* ”

December 20, 2022 at 10:20 AM

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“ As I read these beautiful tributes to my husband, and try to respond to the dozens of cards, letters, and gifts in his memory, I am overwhelmed. God allowed him to touch so many lives. Yet, he would be so shocked and humbled.

*He was a faithful husband and father. He had a love for people that always amazed me. He also had a way of getting his point across (to me as well as others); especially about spiritual things. His passion for sharing Jesus was 24/7.*

*Some of his last words to me were "keep writing and keep serving Jesus just like you always do." He left a big hole...I miss him so much, in every area of my life. Thank you, friends, for your encouragement and your prayers.*

*I am so thankful for our 4 precious, loving children and their families. YES, we will have a reunion soon. Continuing his prayers that all will come to personally know Jesus that makes it all possible.*

*Susie*

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**Susie Adams** - September 18, 2021 at 09:10 AM

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“ *Brother Russell was our beloved pastor at First Baptist Church of Rohnert Park (California) when we lived there from 1991 to 1995. When he and Susie later left Rohnert Park, we were blessed that they came to visit us on their way to Missouri.*

*We think of Pastor Russell and his wonderful wife Susie, all the time. Through Christmas cards, letters, emails and phone calls, we have stayed in touch all these years. We miss not being able to make it to Missouri for a visit, but we know there is a greater reunion some day, where we will all join Pastor Russell in one of Jesus' many mansions.*

*God bless Susie and the family, as they enjoy the wonderful memories of a kind and Godly man.*

*Steve and Sheri White  
Bakersfield, California*

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**Steve & Sheri White** - August 27, 2021 at 12:50 AM

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“ *Bro. Russel lived a very happy life with many chapters. We are thankful that we had the opportunity to know and work with him and to be considered his friends.*

*Our thoughts and prayers for Susie and the rest of the family.*

*Barry & Glenda Pfister*

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**Barry & Glenda Pfister** - August 26, 2021 at 11:19 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Russell Allen Adams.*



August 25, 2021 at 10:10 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Russell Allen Adams.*



August 25, 2021 at 08:04 PM



“ *Russell, a great friend who was always full of joy and love for God. I will never forget how he always teased me about coming to play the piano and put a little liveliness in the church meetings. Lol He will be missed by many. Love and prayers to you Susie, family and friends. with love, DeEtta (The Chief Cornerstone Church)*

**DeEtta** - August 24, 2021 at 10:55 PM



“ *Springfield Writers' Guild purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Russell Allen Adams.*



**Springfield Writers' Guild** - August 24, 2021 at 05:16 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Russell Allen Adams.*



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August 24, 2021 at 01:39 PM



“ *I will always remember when Red and Barbara invited me to church I heard you the first time. You always filled the church with gods words and his love for all. Will miss you Brother Russell.*

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**Della West** - August 24, 2021 at 12:04 PM



“ *Legacy Baptist Church purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Russell Allen Adams.*



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**Legacy Baptist Church** - August 24, 2021 at 07:09 AM



“ *I only knew Russell briefly, but in that time, I was blessed by the life he lived. What a man of God! What a loyal servant of His! His life leaves an example for all of us to follow.*

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**brenda Poinsett** - August 24, 2021 at 07:06 AM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses* was purchased for the family of Russell Allen Adams.



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August 23, 2021 at 11:19 PM