

He Only Takes The Best

God saw you were getting tired,
And a cure was not to be.
So he put his arms around you,
And he whispered, "Come to me."

Failing fast away,
Although we love you dearly,
We could not make you stay.
A golden heart stopped beating,
Hard-working hands to rest,
God broke our hearts to prove to us,
He Only Takes The Best.

Acknowledgement

The family wishes to express their sincere appreciation for all acts of kindness, love, and support shown during this time of bereavement.
Your expressions of sympathy have meant so much.

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In Loving Remembrance

and
Memory
of

Ms. Debra Ann Adams
"Lil Deb"

Sunrise
September 19,
1953

Sunset
August 28,
2026

Gregory Funeral Service Chapel

601 N. York Street
Gastonia, North Carolina

Friday, September 4, 2026
5 until 7

Celebrating THE LIFE & LEGACY



Ms. Debra Ann Adams, affectionately known as “Lil Deb”, daughter of Helen Irene Ward Adams and the late James Henry Adams was born on September 19, 1953 in Gastonia, North Carolina. She entered eternal rest on August 28, 2026 at Tesla Family Hospice House in Kings Mountain, North Carolina. She was reared in Kingston, New York and went to school in Kingston, New York.

Debra worked in the mill industry and will be greatly miss by family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her brothers: Jesse Adams, Michael Adams, Robert Adams and James Adams, Jr.

Debra leaves fond memories to her son: Robert “Lil Rob” Adams of Gastonia; her mother: Helen Ward Adams, sister: Sheila Adams Starr; grandchildren: Raheem McMiller, Monique Anderson, Shanequa Adams, Kyndrell Rankin, Cornell Glover and Mikel Harvey all of Gastonia, North Carolina, and Kasiyah Adams of Georgia, great grandchildren: Harmony, Messiah McMiller of Kings Mountain, North Carolina and Malanni Henderson of Gastonia, North Carolina and a host of other relatives and friends.

