



## Rev. Leon L. Adams Jr.

March 22, 1936 - January 5, 2015

Rev. Leon Adams, Jr. D.D., 78, of Manteno passed away Monday, January 5, 2015 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee. He was born on March 22, 1936 to Leon Adams, Sr. and Naomi Duncan in St. Louis, Missouri. Rev. Adams married Grace Appleby on September 20, 1958. She survives in Manteno.

He served in the United States Air Force from 1955 to 1959. During his tour of duty, he served in Okinawa, Japan. Rev. Adams worked with the U.S. Postal Service following his tour of duty. He went to Olivet Nazarene University in 1970 to study to become a minister. Rev. Adams pastored for three years at Mendota Church of the Nazarene, and also one year at Church of the Nazarene in Kennett, Missouri. He was at the Carlinville Church of the Nazarene in Carlinville, IL for 3 years. In 1979, he became an ordained elder with the Church of the Nazarene. He worked for 19 years for the State of Illinois at a Chaplain. He also earned his Doctorate of Divinity Degree. Rev. Adams was a long time Rotarian member achieving the Paul Harris award. He is survived by his wife of Manteno; one daughter LeAn (Harry, Jr.) Taylor of South Holland; three sisters Loretta Kowalski of Utah, LaVerne (Harold) Appleby of Georgia, and Rev. Noreen Adams of Tennessee; two brothers Loren (Mary Edith) Adams of Bevier, Missouri and Leonard (Lucy) Adams of Texas; three grandchildren Stephenie Henson of Grimes, Iowa, Lindsey Brooks of Makanda, and Logan Taylor of Skokie; and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be held on Monday, January 12, 2015 from 4pm until 7pm at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Manteno. Visitation will also be held from 9:00 a.m. until the 10:00 a.m. funeral service on Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at Manteno Church of the Nazarene. The Rev. Jack McCormick will officiate. Burial will follow at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood at 12:00 Noon. Memorials may be made to Manteno Church of the Nazarene.

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# Cemetery Details

## Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 Hoff Road  
Elwood, IL 60421

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 12. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Manteno - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.  
291 N. Main St.  
Manteno, IL 60950  
(815) 932-1214  
cgfuneral@gmail.com

## Visitation

JAN 13. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Manteno Church of the Nazarene  
698 N. Locust  
Manteno, IL 60950

## Funeral Service

JAN 13. 10:00 AM (CT)

Manteno Church of the Nazarene  
698 N. Locust  
Manteno, IL 60950



# Tribute Wall

DH

“ And now Mrs. "old and comfortable" is with him once again. God's blessings on both of their souls.

debby Hendershott - January 06, 2016 at 04:47 PM



“ Footprints Bracelet was purchased for the family of Rev. Leon L. Adams Jr..



January 10, 2015 at 09:29 PM

LB

“ There are too many fond memories to just share one! I still remember your voice like it was yesterday! Always light hearted and jovial joking with me on the phone. We always had our joke about you and grandma "and you two live alone!" In response to funny situations you guys always seemed to get yourselves into! Most of what I learned about loving unconditionally and being a strong upstanding christian came from your example. I will always love you and miss you!! "Well done good and faithful servant". Rest well for you truly deserve your reward in heaven. Save me a seat next to you at the table for we will all be together again someday!! Until then I will keep my head up, love the Lord and follow my heart like you always told me to do!

Love always your granddaughter Lindsey Brooks

Lindsey Brooks - January 10, 2015 at 08:48 PM

LA

“ Even though I never met Leon in person. It always brightened my day when he called we always chatted for a little while before I gave the phone to Lenny, always talked about Leon. Of the time and things they did together. He will be missed. By all my thoughts and prayers are with the family . Lucy Adams

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**Lucy Adams** - January 09, 2015 at 10:03 PM

SP

“ This man was a wonderful example of love and a role model to us all. My condolences to all the family, especially Grace. I pray you can reflect on many fond memories during this difficult time of grieving. He touched the lives of many and was an honorable man. Much love to you all.  
Sandy Partridge  
Cobden, IL

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**Sandy Partridge** - January 09, 2015 at 09:37 PM

DM

“ Brother Lee was an exceptional person with great integrity. I learned much from him during his years at Anna Church of the Nazarene. He loved God and his family first then had enough love for the rest of us. Praying for his sweet wife Grace and family.

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**Debbie Mays** - January 08, 2015 at 11:16 AM