



Robert William Adams

May 3, 1928 - May 13, 2026

Robert William Adams, age 98 of Bourbonnais passed away on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at Riverside Miller Healthcare in Kankakee. He was born on May 3, 1928, in Lawrenceville, IL, the son of Robert Ray and Emma (Acker) Adams. Robert married Wanda Edith "Edie" Polk on December 15, 1951. She preceded him in death on October 10, 2021.

Robert worked for General Foods and Gould Battery until his retirement in 1990.

Robert was a veteran of the United States Navy proudly serving from 1945 to 1953.

He was a longtime member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Kankakee.

Surviving are three brothers, Jack (Carol) Adams of Oklahoma, Shelby (Arlene) Adams of Florida, George Adams of Medora, IL; several nieces and nephews.

Robert is preceded in death by his wife; his parents; one daughter, Pamela Jean Hasenjaeger; and siblings, Buelah Alford, Raymond Adams, Lyman Adams, Donald Adams, and Hershhal in infancy.

Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the 11:00 a.m. funeral service on Monday, May 18, 2026, at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais. Burial will follow at Kankakee Memorial Gardens, Kankakee. Memorials may be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Cemetery Details

Kankakee Memorial Gardens

15 S. 3000 E. Rd.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Service

MAY 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JB

“ *Worked with Bob at Gould where we called him 'Friendly Bob Adams' after the finance company commercial, he once said he actually got a phone call at home from someone looking for that business. He was a fine man.*

Jerry the Mailman

jerry bjick - May 18 at 11:33 AM

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“ *Bob and Edith were like second parents to me. They were neighbors and Pam was one of my best friends. I loved them so much. Now they are together again .*

Mary lu OHara - May 17 at 08:23 PM

JB

“ *Loved Bob and Edith like family. Rest in the light of the lamb with Pam and Edith. Love from Jim and Mary Kay*

Jim Beedle - May 15 at 02:49 PM

RC

What a blessing to others with their mentorship of living a Christian life. They gave God glory for everything every day and lived out His purpose for living here on earth, even with the tragic death of Pam. Both Bob & Edie were Christian super heroes for Dee and me. Roy & Diana Cordes

Roy W. Cordes - May 17 at 03:19 PM

MR

It was so inspiring to call on Bob. He was always so upbeat and praising God. Blessings to all his family as they grieve. Max and Carol Reams, Riverside Volunteer Chaplains.

Max W Reams - May 20 at 09:06 AM