



## Mr. Darron Antoine Adams

November 6, 1953 - January 4, 2025

A Celebration of Life For Darron Antoine Adams

Sunrise: November 6, 1953 Sunset: January 4, 2025

### Obituary

"Leaf by leaf the roses fall;  
One by one the Savior calls;  
Not for one, but for all;  
We, too, must go when the roll is called."

Darron Antoine Adams was born at DC General Hospital in Washington, DC, on November 6, 1953, to the late Lorraine Adams Baker and William Edward Cannon. On Saturday, January 4, 2025, the heavens parted as Darron was called home to be with the Lord.

Darron's early childhood was spent in northeast and southeast Washington, DC. He attended Charles Young Elementary before entering junior high school. Darron often said he was kicked out of every junior high school until he landed at W. Bruce Evans, the only one that accepted him. While at Evans, he joined the band and was an excellent musician, playing everything from drums to the sousaphone in the award-winning marching band. In 1968, while

sitting in the back of the 8th-grade homeroom class, he met Sylvia (aka) "Dolly" Goldsberry. They became best friends and got married in February of 1994. Darron left Evans and was excited to go to Eastern High School, where he became a star football player and track star. He was named All-Met in football and received several college football scholarships.

After leaving Bowie State College, Darron applied for positions with the Fire Department and the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD). He accepted a position with MPD and began his career with them on September 25, 1978. He worked in several positions, including undercover investigator, harbor patrol officer, and helicopter observer. However, nothing was more valuable to him than his time spent with the Special Operations Division (SOD) "Repeat Offender Project" and working at SOD's Helicopter Branch. He was selected to attend helicopter training in Fort Rucker, Alabama. He was passionate about flying and was subsequently elevated to the position of Chief Helicopter pilot. Oftentimes, Darron would fly low over his neighborhood, hovering over his house. His sense of humor was displayed often as he would get on the loudspeaker while flying over the house, making crazy announcements. He loved participating in school and other MPD outreach events with the helicopter. He retired from MPD in 2005 after 27 years of service. Although he retired from MPD, his love for law enforcement continued, and he joined the Pentagon Police Force in 2005. In 2015, he retired from the Pentagon. Darron would always say that he was the only police officer who served on "land, air, and sea". During his law enforcement career, he enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserves and said he was the oldest in his class at age 28. He received special aviation electronics training and was honorably discharged in 1987. Darron was also a James H. Hill Lodge #16, F.& A.M. member.

Darron was an avid reader-books and tapes were piled up to the ceiling! He was also a military historian, sports analyst, die-hard "Commanders" fan, and trivia master, winning most of the time at family gatherings. He collected police

patches, lapel pins, and baseball hats -at one point, he had over 1,000 hats!

Darron leaves to cherish his memory his devoted wife, Sylvia Goldsberry-Adams; son, Devin Antoine Adams; daughter, Ryan Lorraine Adams-Brown; granddaughter, Nera Lee Adams; two sisters, Deborah Sherman, and Tracey Adams Brooks-El; three sisters-in-law, Diane C. Goldsberry, Paulette Young, and Donna Goldsberry; son-like nephew, Nathaniel E. Goldsberry; nieces, Jazze Johnson, Teasha Adams, Erika C. Goldsberry, Eryn Goldsberry; nephews, Tyree Adams, Thomas Adams, Ronald Young Jr.; three aunts, Louise McCoy, Delores Henderson, and Linda Kirksey; and his long-time childhood friends, Tyrone Dodson, Dennis Hillian, and Rev. Dr. Victor J. Belton, and a host of other relatives and friends.

And his journey continues.....

# Cemetery Details

## FORT LINCOLN CEMETERY

3401 BLADENSBURG RD  
BRENTWOOD, MD 20722

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JAN 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Pope Funeral Home Forestville Chapel  
5538 MARLBORO PIKE  
FORESTVILLE, MD 20747

## Funeral Service

JAN 27. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Pope Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Darron Antoine Adams*



**Pope Funeral Homes** - January 27, 2025 at 09:09 AM

VB

*Born on the same day, same hospital 30 minutes apart. Raised in the same apartments on 21st St. Slept in the same room sometimes. Ate out of the same pot sometimes. Got training wheels off our bikes at the same time. Rode down the same hills in our wagons. Dreamed of the future together on the mountain. Never saw this day. Jesus! Help Lord! Grant comfort and strength to Sylvia, the family, and all who mourn the passing of this great man, our beloved, our friend. The Lord rest you well my brother. We will meet again by faith. Peace . . .*

**Victor Belton** - January 27, 2025 at 11:03 AM

VD

*With sincere sympathy and condolences 🙏 to the Family, and my Evans Junior High School classmate/friend Sylvia. I'm so sorry for your loss. We have a chat page of Evans friends and we were informed. Ya'll were such an awesome duo. Cherish the fond memories....soooo many to Cherish. Rest in Peace Darron. Van Lawson-Dixon*

**Vanessa Dixon** - January 27, 2025 at 09:17 PM

MJ

*Darron and I were life long friends. We were more than friends we were brothers. I lost contact with Darron and now I find my long lost friend is gone. I heart is heavy. We both saw each other through thick and thin. We shared our deepest secrets. No how long it would be when we would be between the times we would see each other it be like we only seen each other yesterday. One day we will see each other again.*

**Milton Jackson** - September 11, 2025 at 11:14 PM

KW

“ *My deepest condolences. Praying for the entire family. Betty Wilkerson and Kim Wilkerson Wise and family* 🙏❤️🙏🙏🙏

**kim Wise** - January 27, 2025 at 12:48 PM

BT

“ *They speak of the fathers of today as more caring and more engaging . Articles are written with a fascination that fathers now seek out to be part of their children's lives each and every day. As I reflect on my childhood perhaps I was just blessed and fortunate as all my friends dads growing up exemplified all these characteristics . They made sure we had fun but they always stayed on top of us and often provided life lessons along the way. Mr. Adams served as a true role model for us kids. His wealth of knowledge about everything always amazed me. He was a true conversationalist in the sense that he truly listened to you instead of waiting for his turn to speak. His presence often filled the room and I cherish every memory I have with the Adams family. Him flying down the helicopter to Nannie Helen Burroughs will forever stick with me for the rest of my days. They saw me grow up but I also was fortunate to witness the love and education they provided their son Devin . Great fathers raise great sons. I pray for the Adams family during this time . He was a great man who will be dearly missed.*

*The Pippens Family*

**Brando T** - January 27, 2025 at 10:09 AM

LK

“ Only God knew his beginning and his ending, so hold on to God's powerful hand and he will bring you through. Linda Kirksey and Family

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**Linda Kirksey** - January 21, 2025 at 02:01 PM

AW

“ Deepest Condolences to the family. Darren was popular in high school where I had the pleasure of sharing membership on the track team. Unbeknownst to me we worked in the Special Operations Division, MPDC together, and different units. We had a delightful conversation after our HS 50th reunion which he wasn't able to attend. RIH. Eastern (HS) is proud, HS motto.

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**Arlette Williams** - January 13, 2025 at 08:22 AM