



Professor W. James Adair

July 9, 1930 - October 25, 2025

Professor W. James Adair, resident of Troy, AL, passed away on Saturday, October 25, 2025, at Capitol Hill Nursing Home. Funeral Services will be 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 29, 2025, at Clay Hill Missionary Baptist Church. Committal Services will follow in the church cemetery. Friends and Family Visitation will be 12:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 28, 2025.

Cemetery Details

Clay Hill Missionary Baptist Church

368 Coffee County Rd. 308
West Glenwood, AL 36034

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **28**. 12:00 PM - 5:30 PM (CT)

George F Grubbs Funeral Home
208 E Madison St
Troy, AL 36081
(334) 566-7695

Funeral Service

OCT **29**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Clay Hill Missionary Baptist Church

Tribute Wall



“ *Tracia Holland lit a candle in memory of Professor W. James Adair*



Tracia Holland - November 12, 2025 at 09:59 PM



“ *Mary Smith lit a candle in memory of Professor W. James Adair*



Mary Smith - November 02, 2025 at 12:54 AM



“ *Christine Moody lit a candle in memory of Professor W. James Adair*



Christine Moody - November 01, 2025 at 06:38 PM



“ *Will Beacham lit a candle in memory of Professor W. James Adair*



Will beacham - October 30, 2025 at 11:23 PM

TH

“ To The Adair Family Everyone Are In Our Prayers Rest In Heaven Uncle Willie James Adair With Love The Sherman Family ❤️🙏
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Theresa Holland - October 29, 2025 at 03:47 PM

JJ

“ To the Adair, Barr and all the families related to, and connected, in whatever capacity, by blood, marriage, friendship to Professor, Mr. Willie James Adair, please know that many people share in your grief.

I will attempt to be brief in my memories of Mr. Adair. He can be referred to, rightly so as, "The Man, The Myth, The Legend." He was all of that and then some. What must never be forgotten is; he was a man of great faith in God. He was a man who loved his family and all mankind. He followed the path that God ordered for his life, to become a teacher, and educator, at a time when Blacks/African Americans saw no pathway to higher education, certainly not college. He utilized the gift of intelligence, and the rest is history. He returned to his community, his people, and with a spirit of humbleness, meekness, love and respect for the families of the students that he taught, he opened the door's of the world to student's revealing to them futures beyond, farming, domestic work, though honorable they are. He, in his kind, determined, no-nonsense manner encouraged the students to reach outside the box. To those who said "Black children were unteachable," Mr. Adair took the stance, "they have never been taught," and teach, he did. Mr. Adair was a beloved figure to the Jones family. He taught my older siblings, at beloved Goshen Colored School/Stringer, and I had the privilege, pleasure and honor of being in his 11th grade English Class. I thank him today for teaching me effective communication skills in speech and writing. I will close by saying, that Mr. Willie James Adair was truly a Giant, who walked among us. He left huge steps to follow, and a legacy of love and learning that the sands of time cannot erase. Like everyone else, the; Jones, Allen, Berry, Bradley, Still and Seymore families Love you. Our continued prayers of comfort will continue with the family of Mr. Willie James Adair. Rest Well Professor 🙏

Jewelle Jones-Allen - October 29, 2025 at 09:57 AM

PB

“ Patricia Scott Brooks lit a candle in memory of Professor W. James Adair



patricia Scott Brooks - October 29, 2025 at 05:48 AM

DL

“ Dorisa Lee lit a candle in memory of Professor W. James Adair



Dorisa Lee - October 28, 2025 at 11:36 PM

ML

“ My condolences to the family and prayers sorry for your loss

Mattie Lue Leverette - October 28, 2025 at 09:05 PM

JS

“ Mr. Adair was a nice person . He touched the lives of many students in Pike County School. Thank you for your service to our children.

Jacqueline Smith - October 28, 2025 at 01:59 PM

OC

“ Omega Psi Phi, Inc. - Sigma Phi Chapter planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Professor W. James Adair.

Omega Psi Phi, Inc. - Sigma Phi Chapter - October 28, 2025 at 10:58 AM

OC

“ *Omega Psi Phi, Inc. - Sigma Phi Chapter purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Professor W. James Adair.*



Omega Psi Phi, Inc. - Sigma Phi Chapter - October 28, 2025 at 10:58 AM



“ *My Condolences to the Family*

Kim McPhail - October 27, 2025 at 10:32 PM

AP

“ *My sincere condolences to ,Mr.Adair family*



AprilMilton - October 27, 2025 at 08:28 PM

TH

Our prayers Goes out to The Adair Family,From The Sherman Family

Theresa Holland - October 27, 2025 at 09:19 PM

HY

*"We the Youngblood Family.Lillie Clay Willie Youngblood (Bud) Dorothy Anderson & Hannah Youngblood. Sending Heartfelt condolences"
Atlanta Georgia*

Hannah Youngblood - October 29, 2025 at 04:10 AM

AG

Mr. Adair was one of my Teachers back in the 60,s he was very nice,

Almetha Ashley Green - October 29, 2025 at 02:43 PM

NA

Sincere condolences to the family and friends of Mr Adair. He was an excellent professor and demanded excellence in his students

Naomi - October 31, 2025 at 08:00 PM

SJ

“ *Sara Johnson lit a candle in memory of Professor W. James Adair*



Sara Johnson - October 27, 2025 at 07:42 PM

AS

“ *Ann Stewart lit a candle in memory of Professor W. James Adair*



Ann Stewart - October 27, 2025 at 06:55 PM

TP

“ *Theresa Patterson lit a candle in memory of Professor W. James Adair*



Theresa Patterson - October 27, 2025 at 03:55 PM



“ *Luvonne Ward lit a candle in memory of Professor W. James Adair*



Luvonne Ward - October 27, 2025 at 01:43 PM



“ *Jacquelyn Patterson lit a candle in memory of Professor W. James Adair*



Jacquelyn Patterson - October 27, 2025 at 08:46 AM