

Celebrating the life of



Michael Dennis Adams

AUGUST 28, 1951 - JULY 19, 2026



Friday, July 31, 2026 11:00 a.m.

**First United Methodist Church Fox Hill
1 Salt Pond Road
Hampton, Virginia 23664**



Psalm 23rd

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul.

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,
for thou art with me;

thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies.

Thou anoints my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life, and I will dwell
in the house of the Lord forever.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever. Amen.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Gathering

Word of Grace

Greeting

Prayer

Psalm 23

Hymn UMH 349 “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

Epistle Reading 1 John 3:18-24

Gospel Reading

John 15:1-17

Sermon Rev. Dr. Brian Sixbey

Witness	Tom Harper, Kristin Corbett, Brad Anderson, & Pastor Becky
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Special Music “What a Beautiful Name” Sadie & Grace Anderson
Hillsong Worship

Prayer of Commendation

Lord's Prayer

Dismissal With Blessing

Recessional

*All are invited to the Fellowship Hall following the service
for a reception hosted by Martha's Ministry.*

Donations may be made to First UMC Fox Hill building fund or food pantry.

Michael Dennis Adams

Michael Dennis Adams, 74, claimed the promise of resurrection peacefully at his home Sunday, July 19, 2026. Born August 28, 1951 in Philadelphia, PA, he moved at one year old to Norfolk where he resided until May, 2023, when he married his beloved wife Judy Grigg Adams and moved to Hampton.

He was preceded in death by father Joseph Frances Adams, mother Belle Ann Adams, and wife of 17 years Judy Dale Batte Adams. In addition to his current wife Judy Grigg Adams, he is survived by sisters Barbara Bates (John), Linda Taylor (David), and Kathy Stankiewicz; his “bonus” children (Judy Dale’s son and daughter) Tom Harper (Jenn) and Kristin Corbett (Adam) and grandson Ashton Corbett, along with three nieces and 8 nephews. He was also blessed by Judy G’s sons Brad and Marty Anderson and families.

Michael graduated from Norfolk Catholic High School in 1969. For one year he attended ODU and was on the golf team. He then worked for the city of Norfolk for 35 years as a land surveyor, retiring as a crew chief. Loving golf, he worked part time at Lake Wright, then Kempsville Golf Courses. In addition to golf, and particularly The Masters, he was an avid New York Yankees fan while his wife was an equally avid Baltimore Orioles fan. They were able to work this out by respecting each other and loving the game of baseball.

Michael’s hobbies included woodworking, collecting sea glass and license plates, and gardening, a love he shared with Judy. Their home and yard are testaments to the attention he gave to his many talents.

Michael was a travelling man. In the short time they were blessed by marriage, Judy and Michael travelled to Hawaii, Maine, the national parks of the Southwest, and very special trips to Italy and Ireland, creating lasting memories together on every trip.

“Kind” was the word used most often by friends to describe Michael. He was always eager to help, whether for family, church, or a stranger in the grocery store parking lot. He was caregiver for Tommy Madison, a friend he made at Kempsville Golf Course, until Tommy died in 2024. No one could know Michael without being touched by his spirit.

Brief as their marriage was, Michael and Judy packed into their 3 ½ years, 20 years’ worth of traveling and adventures, celebrations and ordinary evenings at home, where Michael would faithfully watch every episode of NCIS or FBI. Judy told many friends how much she learned from Michael about patience, caring and kindness, and was blessed to share a life so filled with such wondrous love, a love that extends beyond the time they had together into eternity. A line from the hymn “O For a Heart to Praise My God” captures Michael’s character and his love for Jesus Christ:

A humble, lowly, contrite heart, believing, true, and clean, which
Neither life nor death can part from Christ, who dwells within.