



John Adkins

August 1, 1925 - December 28, 2013

John Irwin Adkins, Sr. was born on August 1, 1925, to Percy I. Adkins and Mattie L. (Thomas) Adkins. John, affectionately called “Butter” or “Tuffy”, attended and received his education in Chicago Public Schools at Nicholas Copernicus Elementary and Lindblom High School (class of June 1943). He served in the military during World War II and received an honorable discharge from military service on May 3, 1946. In June 1948, he married the love of his life, Dorothy Ruth Taylor, who preceded him in death. To this union three children were born: John I. Adkins, Jr., Diane M. Burrell, and Sharon A. Adkins.

John was employed by Kellogg Switchboard as an Assembler. Kellogg quickly recognized his potential and promoted him to a management position in the early 1950’s. When Kellogg relocated out of state, he gained employment with the United States Postal Service. Again his enormous talents and skills were immediately acknowledged and he advanced into a management position. John believed in hard work and providing the absolute best for his family. While working at the Post Office, he earned his real estate license and started Adkins Realty Company. He joined Ingleside Whitfield Methodist Church on April 14, 1963. John was an avid golfer, sports aficionado and loved music, especially jazz. In August 1986, John and Dorothy relocated to sunny California. John crossed over and made his transition on December 28, 2013, in Fullerton, CA.

Among those who loved and will cherish his memory are his children John I. (Leslie), Diane (David) and Sharon; his grandchildren: Delena, Christopher, Deanna, Lenore and Philip, and a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, cousins, relatives and friends.

Tribute Wall

RA

“*“Unk”, I always thought of you as the “model” husband and father. You and Aunt Dorothy were the cutest couple and had such a good relationship. I have so many wonderful memories of our family get-togethers. I’ll miss talking to you, but I’ll remember you always. Love you. Rosie*

Rose Aldridge - February 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GW

“*My Unc, Mr. Cool - January 9, 2014 Posted: January 9, 2014 | Last Revised: January 9, 2014 At my impressionable pre and early teen years; “Unc” (1st cousin) was the most positive Black male image I had. He was so cool because he had a wife, “Aunt Dorothy”, that actually wanted to drive a stick shift car! How cool is that? Then I would hear Herb Kent’s music (Our music) coming from his house! But later found out that the only reason Herb Kent was on was because they were waiting for “Their music”, DJ’d by Sid McCoy! My introduction to Jazz, which I consider to be a life changing experience because Jazz is what adults listened to. Then, of all things; a Chicagoan up and moves to California! Who wrote that? My Unc, that’s who! Evidence of how that impressed me, I now live in Las Vegas, Nevada. So possibly without him ever being aware of it, Unc was the most positive influence of my entire life! And I always thought that I would have time to thank him. Now I know he knows; and I hope that he is proud that he was the person that I tried so hard to emulate. R. I. P.*

George Wilson - February 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ To the family of Mr. John Adkins,I offer my deepest sympathies to the Adkins family at the loss of their patriarch Mr. John Irvin Adkins, Sr. Mr. Adkins was an exemplar of intelligence and compassionate strength. His love of sports was infectious and his smile was radiant. And although he never got me out on the golf course, I fondly remember his many sports stories and analogies which, more often than not, contained pearls of wisdom and grace just as he lived. I will miss you much Mr. A Love, Jeffrey Chism

Jeffrey Chism - January 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM

WJ

“ To the entire Adkins family..Don't weep as those who have no hope, this earth is not our home we have been told that we are simply sojourners passing thru. While your hearts may be heavy now the sun will shine on you again and the joy that appears to be elusive will come in the morning. TO THE GOD OF HEAVEN BE ALL HONOR, GLORY AND PRAISE IN THE NAME OF JESUS.AMEN.

Walter Russ Jr - January 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Diane, losing a parent leaves an emptiness in your heart. But I pray that the wonderful memories you have will help fill that void. May the Lord send you and your family peace and comfort. Hugs!

Mary Rehfeldt - January 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

VM

“ Diane, You and your family have my deepest sympathy. I pray that you find comfort in all the precious memories of time spent with your dad. My thoughts and prayers are with each of you. God Bless.

Vela Marshall - January 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ Diane, my deepest sympathies to you and your family on the transition of your Daddy. May God strengthen and comfort you all during this time of grief and healing.

Mary Loadholt - January 22, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Diane and family - Your father lives on through you and the family. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Elaine Kurokawa, Chicago, Illinois

January 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Family of John Adkins, You have our deepest sympathy and many prayers. May the strength of God be with you during this time of sorrow. God Bless and Much Love. Eric and Riletta Mitchell, Chicago, Illinois

January 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ My Love and Prayers go to all of the Adkins Family, May God Bless and keep you all in the time of your loss.

Cheryl Taylor - January 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ I am praying for your family during this time. I want to say how much I appreciated Sharon & Chris for sharing their father/grandfather with me. You have been my family when it felt like I didn't have one. Mr. Adkins was really kind to me & apparently, appreciated a girl who liked sports. So, while I know there's going to be sadness and grief. I know, Mr.Adkins is up in heaven enjoying non-stop sports channels with Mrs.Adkins at his side.

Patricia Cato - January 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MI

“ Dear Sharon and Family,Having worked with you, and reading your Dad's legacy, apparently God needed someone to help him manage Heaven so he sent for Mr.John Irvin to join Ms. Dorothy. Love to you, as always, and God grant you and the family comfort, strength, and happy memories. God Bless!

Mildred - January 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ May God bless you all

eric fullman - January 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ To the family of John AdkinsThere are no words to express my heartfelt sympathy. I am sorry that I could not be there with you. Uncle John was a wonderful person. He and Aunt Dorothy always made my trips to California more enjoyable. He will truly be missed. Thinking of you and praying for you. May God be with you during this difficult time. Love you.

Shevon Fullman - January 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ To the Family of John Adkins, May God continue to hold you in His ever loving arms and give you peace and comfort during this time. May His grace continue to be with you always. My deepest sympathy and my prayers are with you.

Bernita Givens - January 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ Dear Sharon, Chris & The Family of John Adkins, May God bless and comfort your hearts during this time of bereavement. My thoughts and prayers are with you always.

Lela Collier - January 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Lillian Bauswell and family*

January 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *John Sheriff James sheriff*

January 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Sending sincere condolences with love and prayers*

Marlienne Oates and family - January 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ *May God comfort you at this time as only He can. Love you all.*

Rose Aldridge - January 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ To the family, we express our deepest sympathy and you are in our prayers may God bless and keep you.

PAM - January 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ John Adkins

William Simpson - January 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ To the family of Mr. Adkins My sincerest condolences. May you find solace and comfort in the love of your family and friends.

Anna Nabi - January 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ January 10, 2014 Condolence for JOHN ATKINSON BEHALF OF: D/E Robert McKinstry, 1st Lady Frankie McKinstry and the Victory Church Family, we do submit to the almighty will of God. In as much as he has called home one of his own JOHN ATKINS. 2nd Corinthians 5: 8 says “We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord. 9 Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him.” The Victory Family is here to assist the family in whatever way we can. Please don't hesitate to call upon us. We are praying for you and your family. A copy of this condolence will be given to the family and one copy will be kept in the archives of the Victory Orthodox Apostolic Faith Church. SYMPATHETICALLY SUBMITTED, District Elder Robert McKinstry, Pastor Victory Orthodox Apostolic Faith Church 8053 South May Street Chicago, Illinois 60620 (773) 723-1071

Robert McKinstry - January 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MY

“ *Our sincere condolences. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Adkins family.* ”

Mike and Marianna Young - January 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM