



Dr. Charles Adams

February 2, 1924 - December 14, 2014

Dr. Charles Pulliam Adams, Sr. passed away at his home on December 14, 2014 following a prolonged illness. Dr. Adams was born on February 2, 1924 in Hart County, Georgia. He was the youngest son of eight children of the late Wesley A. and Stella Pulliam Adams of Royston. He was preceded in death by four sisters: Decora Adams, Jewell Adams, Austelle Adams Nichols, and Frances Adams Floyd, and two older brothers: John B. Adams, Sr. and Frazier Adams. He is survived by one sister, Mary Alice Adams Hamner, and husband, William Hamner, Ph.D. of Norcross.

Dr. Adams was preceded in death by his wife, Elizabeth Knowles Adams, MD and is survived by three children and families: Son - Charles P. Adams, Jr. MD and wife, Susan Corse Adams, grandchildren: Kelsey and Ben of Jacksonville, FL; Daughter - Cheryl Adams Kanes and husband, Panos Kanes, of Decatur, GA and granddaughters: Jessie Kanes of Tallahassee, FL and Lindsey Kanes of Nashville, TN; Son - Arthur Franklin Adams, MD and wife, Jenny Sievert Adams and grandchildren: Matthew Adams and Samuel Adams of Knoxville, TN; and several nieces and nephews. "Big Red" as he was affectionately known, will be missed by many beloved and special friends.

Dr. Adams graduated with honors from Royston High School in 1941. He attended Emory at Oxford and Emory University. While at Emory, he enjoyed singing in the glee club. He served in the US Navy in WWII. He attended the

US Navy's Advanced Radar School at M.I.T. then served as Lieutenant on USS DD 883 Picket Destroyer in the Western Pacific until the end of the War. Upon returning to Atlanta, he taught physics for four years at Emory University. He then attended Emory Medical School and was trained in general surgery. He graduated in 1954 and he practiced surgery for many years in the Atlanta area. Dr. Adams was very active in the Emory alumni groups and a participant for many years in civic and community activities. He enjoyed camping with his family, as well as gardening, fishing, bird-watching, and cycling. He completed over 20 trips across the state on the Bicycle Ride Across Georgia.

Funeral arrangements are being made at A.S. Turner & Sons in Decatur. Visitation will be from 10-11:30 am on Saturday, December 20. The family will have a private graveside service at Rose Hill Cemetery in Royston, GA, officiated by family friend, R. Matthew Martin, on Saturday, December 20 at 2:30 pm.