



Ada Louise Wanamaker

July 23, 1928 - October 19, 2021

Ada Louise Wanamaker, age 93, the Queen of the family, was born July 23, 1928, to loving parents John Wesley Watson and Rebecca Robinson Watson. Ada grew up in Odessa, Delaware, and attended Louis L. Redding School in Middletown, DE. She passed away peacefully at home, on October 19, 2021, surrounded by family.

Ada was united in matrimony to William Jerome Wanamaker on May 14, 1947. From that harmonious union three children were born, Doris Elaine Waters (deceased), Sandra Mae Sudler and Kathleen Lavessa Wanamaker. Ada, “Aunt Sis” and “Sis”, as she was affectionally called, lived her entire life in Odessa, Delaware. It was there she learned the love of God and worshipped Him at Friends of Zoar M. E. Church in Odessa, Delaware. She read the Word of God, her Bible, day and night. Ada was a devoted board member and Treasurer at the Friends of Zoar M. E. Church for over 50 years. She could be found raising money for the church on the weekends by selling her favorite sweet potato pies and various dinners to support the church along with faithful members Lucrecia Munson, and Louise Sadler, Pearl Minus, and Lola Henry who preceded her in death.

She was pleased to be part of “Homecoming in Odessa” every July and always extended an invitation to family and friends to rejoice in the LORD. In addition, she loved to decorate the church for “Christmas in Odessa” and

delightfully welcomed tourists to tour the historic church.

Ada was a family woman who loved everyone. She was the matriarch and was committed to supporting her family. She instilled the value of family to anyone that she connected with. She was employed at St. Andrews School for many years. Ada was also a domestic worker for many families in the community. She had a giving heart and would invite anyone to live at her home when needed. It was her honor, pride and integrity that made her such a remarkable woman.

Ada was a Godly woman who lived by grace through faith. She had an unfading measure of beauty with a gentle and kind spirit. Ada was a phenomenal mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and great-great grandmother. Her unwavering strength in the LORD was truly admirable. Ada was preceded in death by her loving husband, William Wanamaker; daughter, Sandra Mae Sudler; parents John and Rebecca Watson; seven brothers, Leland Watson, Enoch Watson (Lydia), Albert Watson, John Watson, Donald Watson (June), Ralph Watson and Nathaniel Watson (Kathrine); five sisters, Mert (Ted), Jeanette Turner (Wilbert), Alice Hall (John), Mayoma Williams (Johnny), Claretta Watson and Carolyn Turner (Luke); and in-laws, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wanamaker.

Ada leaves to cherish her memories, two daughters; Doris Waters and Kathleen Wanamaker; 10 grandchildren, Valerie Water-Kelluem, Douglas Waters (Rosaline), Gwendolyn Norwood, Constance Lively (James), Herman Sudler, Rochelle Sudler, Marica Sudler, Shevette Sudler, Nairobi Wanamaker and Shonna Gillis (late Donald); 18 great-grandchildren; 22 great-great grandchildren; sisters-in-law, June Watson, Katherine Watson, Betty Butcher, Elva Wanamaker and Erma Wanamaker; devoted friends, Maryeliza Wakefield and Lucrecia Munson; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul United Methodist Church (Odessa)
406 Main Street
Odessa, DE 19730

Funeral Service

OCT 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul United Methodist Church (Odessa)
406 Main Street
Odessa, DE 19730

Interment

OCT 28 (ET)

Lee's Chapel Cemetery (Townsend)
413 Blackbird Landing Road
Townsend, DE 19734

Tribute Wall

PH

“ Beautiful Aunt Sis, Like all the Watson Sisters "Aunt Sis" was another Gem. We didn't talk often at all, but the times we did speak her Spirit and precious voice was so inviting and peaceful. I know her labor has not been in vain, and she lives again in the Blessed Arms of our Heaven Father. My Prayer is that we see her again and all our Strong Watson Stock we hail from. Aunt Sis was the last of the siblings but what a legacy they have left behind in me and in you. Family Strong! Its what we're made of. His plan is for us all to live and live again. Bless you my Family, Cousin Doris and Cousin Kathy.

Love you

Cousin Phyllis Turner Brice.

Phyllis - October 28, 2021 at 01:20 PM

EB

“ My deepest condolences to the family. I will never forget Miss Ada, how her and mom would stay on the phone talking for hours.

Elizabeth Sadler Boyer - October 27, 2021 at 10:25 PM

EB

“ Elizabeth Sadler Boyer lit a candle in memory of Ada Louise Wanamaker



Elizabeth Sadler Boyer - October 27, 2021 at 10:21 PM

RP

“ *May God bless you during this sad time.
Miss. Ada was my Mother's
Best friend. Our prayers are with you.
Robert Pierce and Pat Pierce*

Robert Pierce - October 26, 2021 at 08:32 PM

RW

“ *Ros Waters sent a virtual gift in memory of Ada
Louise Wanamaker*



Ros waters - October 26, 2021 at 04:59 PM

RW

“ *Your presence was admired and a gift, it will never fade. You will be
greatly missed. May God be the Glory... Love Doug and Ros*

Ros waters - October 26, 2021 at 04:28 PM

VB

“ *Verdell And Lawann Blackston lit a candle in
memory of Ada Louise Wanamaker*



Verdell and Lawann Blackston - October 24, 2021 at 07:43 PM

JF

“ Jackie Stigars And Family lit a candle in memory of Ada Louise Wanamaker



Jackie Stigars and Family - October 23, 2021 at 10:18 AM

JF

Nieces and nephews as well ❤️

Jackie Stigars and Family - October 28, 2021 at 02:43 PM

MW

“ To my family my prayers are with you cousin Ada rest on Peace



Marilyn watson-Duker - October 22, 2021 at 11:19 AM

BC

“ Our Deepest Sympathy..you are in our Prayers. (Ellis and Brenda Chandler)

Brenda Chandler - October 22, 2021 at 10:52 AM

BC

“ Brenda Chandler sent a virtual gift in memory of Ada Louise Wanamaker



Brenda Chandler - October 22, 2021 at 10:51 AM

VQ

“ *Vida Queen lit a candle in memory of Ada Louise Wanamaker*



Vida Queen - October 21, 2021 at 09:10 PM

PH

“ *Patricia Harvey lit a candle in memory of Ada Louise Wanamaker*



Patricia Harvey - October 21, 2021 at 08:45 PM

CW

“ *You are truly going to be missed. Not knowing your birthday party a few months ago would be my last time seeing you. However I have a video of you showing your beautiful smile that I will keep forever.*

Carmen Watson - October 21, 2021 at 01:35 PM