



Sharon Darlene Durrant Adams

December 22, 1945 - March 19, 2026

Born December 22, 1945, Sharon Darlene Durrant Adams left this world a better place than when she found it March 19, 2026. She had a unique ability to love people in whatever shape she found them and left them better off for the experience. No one and nothing was a lost cause. Her radiant positivity brightened the world for the rest of us.

She was born in Salt Lake City, Utah and graduated from South High School in 1964. She saw many technological advances over her 80 years having worked as a telephone switchboard operator, stenographer, and secretary. She met and married Ken Adams through his Aunt Helen Seacrest whom she worked with at Primary Children's hospital and they married September 5, 1967. She became the mother of 2 boys and 2 girls and got a bonus daughter after her sister died and left a daughter. She was the mom every kid wished they had and the perfect wife to an incredibly ambitious man. They almost made 60 years together.

Darlene was an avid photographer and left many photo albums and hundreds of thousands of digital files. She even developed her own film and worked at the Big Bend Photo Journalist Lab for a while. She loved taking photos and documenting her life with her family. The family soon tired of posing for photos, however, but we continued to do it because we loved her so much and she found such joy. After the iPhone was invented it opened the door to

sharing photos and she loved seeing what was happening with her friends and family on social media. What a full life she lived raising children and traveling the world and taking pictures the entire way.

Darlene also loved making her home, herself, and her friends beautiful. For her second act in her 40s she finished her applied science degree and attended cosmetology school and opened a salon in the converted garage of her home. Darlene's Cuts and Styles or as we called it "Darlene's Whack and Yack". All were welcome and everybody was a friend. She knew what everyone was going through and helped as much as she could buying the crafts, odds, and ends of people needing money. She had a talent for beauty and listening and making everyone feel seen and heard and loved.

She was an avid reader and her favorite book was The Book of Mormon. She tried to share it with everyone she met because it had made such a good and lasting impact on her life. Her incredible testimony of Jesus Christ helped her balance her work, family and charity throughout her life. She felt the protection and direction of the hand of God. She regretted not serving a formal mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints but knew every member was a missionary. She served in many callings over her life and was able to serve as a temple worker for 20 years in the Columbia River and Moses Lake Temples.

Her final fight was with cancer and she is very grateful to her caregivers and especially Lily and Debbie at Assured Hospice.

Darlene was preceded in death by her parents: Lois and James Boyer Durrant and her siblings: Lloyd Eldredge, Gene Thomas Durrant, James Kelly Durrant and Shelley Durrant. She is survived by her husband, Kenneth Paul Adams and her children: Kendra & (Mark) Empey, James K & (Melissa) Adams, Gina Colver-Lawson & Tim Lawson, J Brett & (Amy) Adams and Michelle L Adams.

She has 23 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

A funeral and celebration of her life will be held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Ephrata, Washington on March 24 at 11 am.

Link for live Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/7449522776?pwd=dUQwVSt0L0x4bnB4Mzliek5wYjIKQT09>

Cemetery Details

Ephrata City Cemetery

333 E St. S.W.
Ephrata, WA

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR **24**. 11:00 AM (PT)

Church of Jesus Christ of Lds
1301 E Division
Ephrata, WA 98823

Tribute Wall

VJ

“ Our hearts are saddened by this news. We love Ken and Darlene. They both touched our hearts in so many kind ways. I will miss Darlene's tender smile and words of encouragement to me a few years ago. May you all receive God's most tender comfort. Vard and Verdene Jenks

VERDENE JENKS - March 20 at 04:02 PM

CW

“ Darlene was a second mom to me in high school and many years after. I loved her dearly and never saw her with anything but a smile on her face. This world is a little dimmer with her gone, but I am so grateful she was in my life. I will hold memories of her dear. I am praying for her family.

Catherine Walker - March 20 at 03:08 PM

KS

“ We feel so very sad, but also so much joy that only a few months ago whilst visiting Ken and Darlene at their home, we again shared some good times. We have been good friends for so many years, a couple of Kiwis from New Zealand who were welcomed with open arms and enjoyed some wonderful Adams family hospitality, even staying with Ken and Darlene at their home and their "cabin" in the woods. Rest well sweet lady, we will miss you, and Ken (and your family), you had a wonderful partner/mother, she will leave a gap in all of our lives..... bye Darlene, we love you....Kerry & Lyn Sixtus

Kerry Sixtus - March 20 at 03:00 PM

RS

Dear family

Im sorryto hear the passing of Darlene she was such a wonderful sister and friend your family is in our thoughts and prayers love sister Robin Smith

Robin Smith - March 20 at 10:28 PM