



Dolly Marlene Adkins

August 31, 1938 - January 6, 2026

Dolly Marlene Adkins, 87, of Providence Forge, VA, received her eternal healing as she entered the heavenly gates on Tuesday, January 6, 2026. Dolly was preceded in death by her husband, P. Curtis Adkins, parents, Miles, Novella, and Oraina Cannada, son Mel Adkins, and siblings Mamie Whitehead, Vernon, Raymond, Roosevelt, Elijah and William Cannada.

Dolly is survived by her children, Todd (Missy) Adkins and Tanya (Jon) Stewart; grandchildren, Leann Adkins (Justin), Brandon Adkins (Rylee), Keenan Stewart (Savanna) and Jessica Holmes; great-grandchildren, Lincon, Sequoyah, Brayden, Kohen, Chesney, Michael, Kingsleigh, and Kee'nah; sisters, Eliouse Jones, Zelma Wynn (Jesse); brothers, Alton Cannada, Darrell Cannada (Ruby), and Calvin Adkins; sisters-in-law, Mae, Bertha, and Syble Cannada; close friend, Leroy Wynn, special friend, Tammy Stover; and a host of cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Dolly loved God and accepted Jesus Christ at a young age. She was a member of Samaria Baptist Church, served as a GA leader, and active within the Women's Missionary Union (WMU).

Dolly devoted her life to her family and home, finding deep purpose and joy caring for those she loved. She and her husband, Curtis, raised three children together, each of whom came to know their Lord and Savior. Her days were

filled with countless acts of love, such as sewing, making clothes, handmade household items, and altering clothes for others. She enjoyed baking, specifically prune pies and a “poor man’s fruitcake”, and making her signature potato salad. These were all quiet sacrifices made without expectation of recognition.

Dolly opened up her home to the community over the years, serving as a trusted babysitter for many kids. She had a natural gift for nurturing young hearts by simply being there when she was needed the most. Many families came to rely on her not only as a caregiver, but as an extension of their own. The love she shared and lives she touched will be remembered always.

Dolly was a proud citizen of the Chickahominy Indian Tribe. She served as a teacher for the Tribe’s Cultural School held on Saturday mornings for Tribal Youth from 1981-2002. In this role, she taught intricate Native American beadwork, mainly on a loom, leatherwork, and Tribal history to students. She had a remarkable ability to recognize potential in every child, offering patience, encouragement, and thoughtful guidance. As an artist, her own beadwork and pottery were very detailed and inspired others.

Dolly will be remembered as a woman of faith, a loving mother, grandmother, sister and friend. The family would like to give a special thank you to Haley Martin, Bobbie Stewart, Donna F. Adkins, the Chickahominy Tribe’s Health and Wellness Team, and Tina with Gentiva Hospice for providing compassionate and loving care. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Chickahominy Indian Tribe.

A funeral service will be held 2PM Friday, January 9, 2026, at Samaria Baptist Church, 8130 Lott Cary Rd, Providence Forge, VA 23140. A visitation will be held Thursday, January 8, 2026, from 5PM-7PM, at Vincent Funeral Home, 9923 Pocahontas Trail, Providence Forge, VA 23140.

Cemetery Details

Samaria Baptist Church Cemetery

8130 Lott Cary Road
Providence Forge, VA 23140

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 8. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Vincent Funeral Home, Providence Forge Chapel
9923 Pocahontas Trail
Providence Forge, VA 23140
(804) 966-7075

Funeral Service

JAN 9. 2:00 PM (ET)

Samaria Baptist Church
8130 Lott Cary Road
Providence Forge, VA 23140

Tribute Wall

RC

“ *Ruby Cannada lit a candle in memory of Dolly Marlene Adkins*



Ruby cannada - January 16 at 08:44 PM

JA

“ *Todd and Missy Brandon and Rylee and family So sorry about MISS DOLLY. Reading her obit. she seemed like a very special lady!!! We will continue to keep you in our prayers! John and Julie Ashley*

John and Julie Ashley - January 13 at 05:29 PM

SJ

“ *Miss Dolly was a true example of humble grace and the kindest spirit, always making us feel genuinely valued and loved. No doubt she will continue to bless us all with her lessons, inspiration and memories. We will be praying for Creator's comfort to surround y'all.*



Sue & Jay - January 09 at 02:46 PM

BA

“ *Beverly Adkins lit a candle in memory of Dolly Marlene Adkins*



Beverly Adkins - January 09 at 01:40 PM

TW

“ *Sorry For Your Loss*



Thomas Widgeon - January 09 at 08:58 AM

SS

“ *With love. Patrick and Sonya Stewart*



Sonya Stewart - January 09 at 06:57 AM

BT

“ *Belinda Turner sent a virtual gift in memory of Dolly Marlene Adkins*



Belinda Turner - January 09 at 04:49 AM

VC

“ *Velma Canaday sent a virtual gift in memory of Dolly Marlene Adkins*



Velma Canaday - January 09 at 01:47 AM

JS

“ Comfort and prayers to you and the family.
Uncle Hump and Jo Jo



Joelle Stewart - January 08 at 11:30 PM

PJ

“ Tanya sending love, hugs and my deepest condolences to you and
your family ❤️

Paula Johnson - January 08 at 09:45 PM

RC

“ Raven Dancing Rain Cannada lit a candle in
memory of Dolly Marlene Adkins



Raven Dancing Rain Cannada - January 08 at 05:21 PM

NC

“ Nakomis Cannada lit a candle in memory of
Dolly Marlene Adkins



Nakomis Cannada - January 08 at 05:20 PM



“ *Reme Holmes sent a virtual gift in memory of Dolly Marlene Adkins*



Reme Holmes - January 08 at 05:19 PM

HS

“ *Hilda Sakiewicz lit a candle in memory of Dolly Marlene Adkins*



Hilda Sakiewicz - January 08 at 04:33 PM

LM

“ *Laurie Martinez lit a candle in memory of Dolly Marlene Adkins*



Laurie Martinez - January 08 at 02:12 PM

CH

“ *Thoughts and prayers for the family and friends of a lovely woman.*



Chied Joanne Howard - January 08 at 01:34 PM

VP

“ Violet Peyton lit a candle in memory of Dolly Marlene Adkins



Violet Peyton - January 08 at 11:49 AM

JW

“ Jenna & Aubrey Washington sent a virtual gift in memory of Dolly Marlene Adkins



Jenna & Aubrey Washington - January 08 at 10:43 AM

KB

“ Kevin & Brandi Brown lit a candle in memory of Dolly Marlene Adkins



Kevin & Brandi Brown - January 08 at 10:25 AM

RS

“ Reggie And Robin Stewart lit a candle in memory of Dolly Marlene Adkins



Reggie and Robin Stewart - January 08 at 09:57 AM

WT

“ Our Worship On Wheels kids were blessed to be able to dance and pray with Miss Dolly. Her sweet smile and gentle nature were truly from God. What a privilege and honor to have our babies in the presence of such a wonderful lady. We love you Miss Dolly and know that we will dance and pray with you in Heaven one day.
The WOW Team



WOW Team - January 08 at 09:13 AM

RS

Beautiful picture! Look at the smile on her face! Thank you, Wow Team

Robin Stewart - January 08 at 09:55 AM

BC

“ My thoughts and prayers for Mrs.Dolly and family. She was a sweet kind lady and enjoyed my soups. She will be missed
Button Clements



Button Clements - January 08 at 08:46 AM

SM

“ Sandra England & Doris Meginley lit a candle in memory of Dolly Marlene Adkins



Sandra England & Doris Meginley - January 08 at 06:01 AM

HS

“ Hank @ Joyce Sellers lit a candle in memory of Dolly Marlene Adkins



Hank @ Joyce Sellers - January 07 at 10:48 PM

EC

“ Esther And Warren Cannada sent a virtual gift in memory of Dolly Marlene Adkins



Esther and Warren Cannada - January 07 at 09:02 PM

SH

“ Susie And Lawrence Holmes lit a candle in memory of Dolly Marlene Adkins



Susie and Lawrence Holmes - January 07 at 08:28 PM

SC

“ Syble Cannada sent a virtual gift in memory of Dolly Marlene Adkins



Syble Cannada - January 07 at 07:57 PM

SW

“ *Spence And Celeste Wynn lit a candle in memory of Dolly Marlene Adkins*



Spence and Celeste Wynn - January 07 at 07:56 PM

CA

“ *Cathy Martin Adkins lit a candle in memory of Dolly Marlene Adkins*



Cathy Martin Adkins - January 07 at 07:50 PM

DA

“ *Dolly Adkins lit a candle in memory of Dolly Marlene Adkins*



Dolly adkins - January 07 at 07:46 PM

AM

“ *Annette Mason lit a candle in memory of Dolly Marlene Adkins*



Annette Mason - January 07 at 07:40 PM

FC

“ *Fran J Canaday lit a candle in memory of Dolly Marlene Adkins*



Fran J Canaday - January 07 at 07:28 PM

CC

“ *Cynthia Coles lit a candle in memory of Dolly Marlene Adkins*



Cynthia Coles - January 07 at 07:27 PM

DR

“ *David And Robin lit a candle in memory of Dolly Marlene Adkins*



David and Robin - January 07 at 06:54 PM

CR

“ *Cheryl Ragland lit a candle in memory of Dolly Marlene Adkins*



Cheryl Ragland - January 07 at 06:54 PM

LL

“ Love you Aunt Dolly ❤️



Loren & Lisa - January 07 at 06:44 PM

VR

“ Veralyn Ruttley lit a candle in memory of Dolly Marlene Adkins



Veralyn Ruttley - January 07 at 06:16 PM

SA

“ Susan, Dwayne & Family



Susan Adkins - January 07 at 05:51 PM

CB

“ Cecelia And Marlon Bradby sent a virtual gift in memory of Dolly Marlene Adkins



Cecelia and Marlon Bradby - January 07 at 05:31 PM

KS

“ Kevin Stewart lit a candle in memory of Dolly Marlene Adkins



Kevin Stewart - January 07 at 04:55 PM

JJ

“ Joanne Johnson lit a candle in memory of Dolly Marlene Adkins



Joanne Johnson - January 07 at 04:54 PM

DR

“ Deborah Stewart Robbins lit a candle in memory of Dolly Marlene Adkins



Deborah Stewart Robbins - January 07 at 04:38 PM

BJ

“ Brittany Johnson lit a candle in memory of Dolly Marlene Adkins



Brittany Johnson - January 07 at 03:53 PM

JD

“ Jason&Victoria Davis lit a candle in memory of Dolly Marlene Adkins



Jason&Victoria Davis - January 07 at 03:48 PM

DC

“ Dottie Cannada lit a candle in memory of Dolly Marlene Adkins



Dottie Cannada - January 07 at 03:33 PM

TS

I am going to miss you Miss Dolly❤️❤️❤️

Tammy Stover - January 07 at 06:28 PM