

James G. Adams

James G. Adams, Dania Former Mayor, Civic Leader

OBITUARIES

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James G. Adams, who served Dania as its mayor, vice mayor and commissioner, died of a heart attack on Sunday at Doctor`s Hospital in Hollywood. He was 79.

Mr. Adams was a 55-year resident of the city and a member of the Dania United Methodist Church for 40 years. He also served as president of the Dania Lions Club, where he recorded 45 years of perfect attendance.

Mr. Adams, a retired carpenter and construction worker, was a native of Leesville, S.C., and moved to Dania in 1936. He moved back to Leesville when World War II broke out but returned to Broward County in 1946.

In Dania, he was the last surviving charter member of the Lions Club, where he was treasurer for 29 years, said his daughter Beth Adams, of Dania.

He was an associate member of the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 56 Senior Citizens Club, a member of the Order of the Orchids and served as president of the PTA at Dania Elementary, Olsen Junior High and South Broward High.

He served on the city commission for 10 years -- 1966-68 and 1977-85. Three of those years he was mayor while two other years were spent as vice mayor. He also served as a member of the city`s Code Enforcement Board.

During his commission tenure, Mr. Adams was known as a conservative voice and a stabilizing influence on the commission. He favored new ordinances that set no building height limits and promoted annexation and revitalization of the downtown. He was against the implementation of voting districts. He worked on many issues related to senior citizens.

In addition to his daughter, Beth Adams, Mr. Adams is survived by his wife, Maye; a son, James Jr. of Fort Lauderdale; a second daughter, Brenda Scruton of Las Vegas; a brother, Jake Crouch of Dania; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services are at 11 a.m. today at the Dania United Methodist Church. Burial follows at Dania Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Dania United Methodist Church or the Lions Club.

Fred Hunter`s Johnson-Foster, Wadlington, Brown, Cooper & Wintter Home in Hollywood is handling arrangements.