

## Remembering Winston Leonard Adams

*A message from NFDA:*

We are sad to learn of the passing of Win Adams, who founded Adams Nut and Bolt in 1979 and served as NFDA president from 1986-1987.



Winston “Win” “Winnie” “Doogie” Adams, of Minneapolis, age 78, died peacefully and entered eternal life on December 13, 2020. Proceeded in death by his parents, Leonard and Irene Adams. Survived by wife, Barbara Adams. Daughters: Shawn (Dan) Moloczij, Nicolle (Bill) Woods. Grandchildren: Nicholas (Dominique) Moloczij, Sydney, Billy and Jack Woods.

Win was an only child and adored by his parents. His mom sacrificed so much to provide him with a Catholic education, which gave him a strong faith that carried him through his life. He always said he came from the poor side of the tracks, but going to school at St. Thomas Academy gave him the drive to make something of this life. He was a proud graduate from St. Thomas Academy ‘61. After graduating he met the love of his life, Barbara. They were married in 1962. They had 2 daughters, Shawn and Nicolle.

He moved from South Mpls to Brooklyn Center (the “sticks” as the relatives said in 1969) and raised his daughters in this new suburb. He followed his father’s footsteps and Win was a volunteer firefighter for Brooklyn Center for 10 years. He was so proud of his ability to take care and help others.

Win was in the Fastener industry all of his professional life and was an incredible salesman. He and his wife, Barbara, started Adams Nut and Bolt in 1979. He always attributed his success to his mentor, Jay Beecroft (deceased). They employed many people that made Adams Nut and Bolt very successful. He mentored many and was so happy for all their success.

After selling their company and retiring in 1998, they built their ‘forever’ home on Lake Minnetonka where they had a great lake home for family to spend time together. In his retirement, he took up several hobbies including fishing for bass– he had every lure to catch the one that got away. His appetite for wooden boats was over-the-top with an award in the summer of 2019 for Best Original Restoration for his 1970 Lyman and he was proud! He was so happy to have his children and grandchildren enjoy all of his toys. That is what he lived for. “Please come and use them” he would say.

One of Win’s biggest accomplishments was 48 years of sobriety. He was so proud to be a sponsor to many people battling addiction. He attended his AA group every week for 48 years and he was so thankful for his friendships built during those years.

Win had many other passions, but golfing was number one --with 6 holes-in-one! He proudly taught his family how to hit the club! His goal was also to golf the top 100 courses in the USA. He was able to accomplish 79 of those fantastic courses, many of which are private and so hard to get into! He had a great network and had so many golf friends around the world. Thank you to all of his golf buddies!

Barb and Win loved their trips to Alaska where they would fish for Salmon and many of us have enjoyed their Catch! Especially since he didn't even like Salmon! But they had the time of their life and so many memories!

Win was a grateful man and will be deeply missed by many who had the privilege of knowing him and experience his deep generosity. He was loved by so many and please know he loved you, too.

Win loved all the songs by Frank Sinatra – “I Did It My Way” and “Nothing But The Best is Good Enough” among his favorites, and they will be part of his small memorial at Washburn McReavy in Edina on Dec 16. He will be wearing his tuxedo ready to present himself to our Lord and Savior. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, this will be a private family ceremony with internment at Resurrection Cemetery.

In the spring, the family will plan a celebration to honor Win's life at the Basilica of Minneapolis, where he was a member. Please look for notifications at <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/winstonadams>. We're hoping to see HUNDREDS OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS who loved him and want to share their great memories, so we need a big safe venue! Please be patient to be able to actually give Win this final blessing. If you know Win, he always wanted a big celebration! We will have an open venue for everyone to tell all their great memories and stories that will crack us up!

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Win's two causes that he supported:

Abbott Northwestern Hospital Foundation, 800 E. 28th Street, MR-16509, Minneapolis, MN 55407 or [Allinahealth.org](http://Allinahealth.org). This is a program Win was supporting to help people struggling with addiction. (C/O Winston Adams)

His other passion was financially helping students attend St. Thomas Academy. Donations can be sent to: Saint Thomas Academy Advancement Office, 949 Mendota Heights Rd, Mendota Heights, MN 55120, C/O Winston Adams