



## Louise Adams Tilley

May 26, 1926 - September 11, 2023

Louise Adams Tilley, age 97, of Adams, passed away Monday, September 11, 2023 at NHC Springfield. Funeral services will be conducted at 12pm Thursday, September 14th in the chapel of Austin & Bell Funeral Home with Bro. Marvin Crouch and Ken Coker officiating. Burial will follow in the Bellwood Cemetery with Rick Smith, Clint Smith, Caleb Smith, Steve Adams, Larry Adams, Don Adams, Alan Adams, Glenn Adams and Jim Adams serving as pallbearers.

The family will receive friends from 10am until time of the service at 12 pm Thursday at the funeral home.

Mrs. Tilley was born May 26, 1926 in Triune, TN to the late H.R. and Allie Adams. She graduated from Franklin High School and Lipscomb University. She was the very first person to receive the very first four-year degree ever offered by Lipscomb when they transitioned from a two year college to a four year university. Louise taught in schools in Robertson County, TN and in Todd County, KY. She was an excellent seamstress and quilter and did many crafts. Louise lived her entire life on the family farm and was an active member of the Robertson County Farm Bureau and the Adams FCE. She was a member of the Adams Church of Christ where she taught Bible classes for 60 years.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Tilley was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, Edward "Irvin" Tilley; brothers, Robert, James, Ira and Herschel Adams; and a sister, Eva Mae Coker.

She is survived by her children, Donna Tilley, Jean (Barry) Smith, and Edward (Marty) Tilley; 2 grandchildren, Rick (Sierra) Smith, and Clint (Morgan) Smith; and 3 great grandchildren, Caleb Smith, Abby Smith, and Henry Smith.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Church of Christ Disaster Relief Effort, P.O. Box 111180, Nashville, TN 37222-1180 or by visiting [www.disasterrelieffort.org/donate](http://www.disasterrelieffort.org/donate)

Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Springfield is in charge of these arrangements.

AUSTIN & BELL FUNERAL HOME-  
509 WALNUT STREET, SPRINGFIELD, TN (615) 384-1000

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

SEP **14**. 12:00 PM.

Chapel Of Austin & Bell Funeral Home

## Receive Friends

NOV **9**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Austin & Bell Funeral Home Springfield  
509 Walnut St.  
Springfield, TN 37172  
(615) 384-1000  
<https://austinandbell.com>

# Tribute Wall

BC

“ So sorry for your loss, Mrs. Tilly was my history teacher at Todd County High.Loved her dearly. She will be missed.

Betty Epley Coppage - September 14, 2023 at 08:33 PM

HH

“ I am so sorry to hear of Louise's passing. She was such a wonderful person, a fantastic teacher and a great friend and mentor to me teaching at Jo Byrns for so many years together. My prayers for comfort are with you during this time. Harriett Keene Heard

harriett k heard - September 14, 2023 at 09:59 AM

AE

“ She was a very sweet and positive lady who always had a smile for you.

Anne Elliott - September 13, 2023 at 03:57 PM

CC

“ Mrs Tilley taught me so much about FCE, sewing, canning. She was a lovely lady  
God Bless

Cathy Cotter - September 13, 2023 at 03:28 PM

BJ

“ Prayers for the Family.  
Mrs. Louise was a wonderful person that lived her life for Christ, she was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and will be missed.

Bobby and Joanna - September 13, 2023 at 11:54 AM

JS

“ She was one of the sweetest Christian ladies that have known. She will truly be missed. 🙏🙏🙏❤️

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**June Sadler** - September 13, 2023 at 11:40 AM

AH

“ The Tilley Family welcomed the Lowe Family to Adams in 1971 and our mothers shared many Bible classes together. Mrs Tilley was a dedicated teacher, mother, and friend loved by so many. What a rich and full legacy! Peace and Comfort to your Families.

*Ann Lowe Hitchon*

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**Ann Hitchon** - September 12, 2023 at 09:22 PM

CW

“ Tilley Family Members,  
Those who attended TCCHS in its early years had the honor of having one of the most inspirational teachers ever. That lady was Ms. Louise Tilley. I had the honor of having Ms. Tilley for US history, and her abilities as a teacher were extraordinary. I saw her several years ago on or near July 4th in Walmart in Clarksville. When I spotted her in Walmart, she was dressed in her patriotic red, white, and blue. She chugged to Elkton in 2017 just after "T Is for Todd County" was published, and as always she brought smiles to everyone around her! Those who knew her will share she possessed a charismatic manner that exuded to everyone around her. I thought earlier how fitting it was she passed away on a day so memorable in US history. Ms. Tilley, you are beloved by so many who had the honor of sitting in your classes and later knowing you as a respected educator and Christian! You will definitely be missed by so many!

*With sympathy,*

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**Carolyn L. Wells** - September 12, 2023 at 09:21 PM

EB

“ *Ms. Tilley was an outstanding teacher. She intentionally invested in the success of every student. I have very fond memories of being in her classroom. She was always so vibrant and eager for her students to learn. Her love for God was also most evident as she lived a very Christ-centered life, selflessly serving others. She will certainly be missed. I'm sending my love and condolences to the Tilley family.*

*Elana Callis Beers*

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**Elana Beers** - September 12, 2023 at 09:10 PM

DM

“ *Reminding those whom you support that your thoughts are with them.*

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**Deb & Marshall Moss** - September 12, 2023 at 08:57 PM