

Tamara Fowler Adams

March 14, 1940 ~ April 30, 2024

Tamara Gail Fowler Adams, 84, made her exit from this world and reunited with her family and her Father in Heaven on. April 30, 2024.

Tammy was born on March 14, 1940 in Portland, Oregon at 1307 N.E. Hancock Street in the snug northeasterly neighborhood of Irvington, situated in the County of Multnomah. She had no time for a hospital.

That was the end of it! And the beginning of it! She was born "at home" with no fuss and no wasted time to Hugh Allen Melville Fowler and Hilda (Jane) Remington Bradshaw. She made her entrance into the world when she heard her "call," and her home turned out to be her first stage. She had this timing from the beginning and kept it to the end. She came and went as she liked. Like the drummer, remember?

She was also given a lively spirit, a heart full of praise, and a voice full of song. In no time her proud parents insisted that she sing for any visitors that came into the house. And she sang, because she wanted to eat. The rumor was that she "sang for her supper," but the people who came didn't mind waiting for dinner. She was good! And they clapped and cheered for her. Tammy came to like it.

A few years later, after the family moved to Santa Monica, California, her voice and talent were discovered by the Bluth Brothers Theater in Culver City, California, a nearby town known for its "musicals." In a short while, she became their leading musical theater" female actor playing such roles as Marian the Librarian in "High Spirits," and Molly Brown in "The Unsinkable Molly Brown" to mention a few.

Then she moved to Provo, Utah-another abrupt entrance! She wanted an education. Now! A little older, perhaps she thought, but who cares. There was still time! She stayed there until she got her Masters Degrees in Theatre Arts. It didn't take anything out of her but a little love and "drive." She had both of those, not to mention, her "talent."

In the first show she did at BYU, she got the award for "Best Actress of the Year-1966" for Bessie Watty in "The Corn is Green." Her leading man got "Best Actor" for the same show. They were a couple! They were a force! They were in love. John proposed in a small garden in front of the Heber J. Grant Building where his father had proposed to his mother. She said, "No." She had her reasons. But that's not the end of the story. Sixteen years later She says "Yes." Talk about hard to get!

John Adams married Tamara Fowler in the Los Angeles California Temple on the 22nd day of January 1983. That's where her family is. Work is found in Utah. They lived happily ever after for 41 years while she taught students at West Jordan High School in West Jordan, Utah, and he taught students at Albion Middle School in Sandy, Utah. In addition to teaching they acted in\or directed 43 plays in 23 years at the Hale Center Theater Salt Lake. Tamara was also a member of the Tabernacle Choir on Temple Square. She served in the temple as a worker with her

husband gathering Israel before the Second Coming of the Lord, and were effective missionaries in bringing some families together at home and into the Church. She played special film roles for the LDS Church: she was the mother of the little girl in "Mr. Krueger's Christmas" whose forgotten mittens become ornaments on Mr. Krueger's dwarfed Christmas tree. She also performed Doris Walker who does not want her child to believe in anything that isn't real in "Here's Love" (a musical adaptation of " The Miracle on 34th Street by Meredith Wilson) with LDS actor Gordon Jump of "WKRP Cincinnati" fame playing Santa Claus.

The only roles she ever wished she had been given was that of "mother" and of "adult missionary" with her husband, but a series of strokes (four to be exact) and other medical setbacks pre-empt those dreams. However, as it turns out, she is a "mother" with hundreds of children who call home and say "Thank you" and "How are you?" And the sending of cards for her front door at Christmas is not uncommon. The last role Tammy played that is worth mentioning is that of the "incomparable aunt" for her family after the death of her older sister, Dolly, who died of cancer early in her life. It turned out to be her finest, most enduring performance.

As James Stewart came to know in the film: It was "a wonderful life."

Tamara Gail Fowler Adams is survived by her husband, John A. Adams, her step-son, John Trevor Adams and daughter-in-law Jackie Van Corler Adams, and her brother, Clark Fowler (Lorraine) & several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Tamara will be held at 11AM on Saturday, May 18, 2024 at the West Jordan 27th Ward, 7511 South 2700 West in West Jordan, Utah. A viewing will be held Friday evening from 6-8PM at Larkin Mortuary - Riverton, 3688 West 12600 South in Riverton, Utah. A second viewing will take place Saturday morning at the ward prior to services beginning at 10AM.

Funeral services will be streamed via Zoom for those wishing to attend the services virtually. To watch the previously held services, please click the "Watch Services" link above.