



Faith Adams Young

October 5, 1927 - February 1, 2022

Faith Adams Young, born in Atlanta on October 5, 1927 and died February 1, 2022 at her beloved Dixona surrounded by family.

She was predeceased by her parents, Adam Gillespie Adams, III and Mary Faith Yow Adams, and her husband, William (Billy) Martin Young, Jr.

She is survived by her son Stephen G. Young (Mandy) of Nashville; her three grandchildren, Haynes, Adam and Mary Neely; her sister, Susan Adams Andrews, numerous nephews and nieces and extended family.

Outspoken and adventurous, Faith, (Faithie or Faify to her grandchildren, nephews and nieces) was the daughter of Adam Gillespie Adams, III of Nashville and Mary Faith Yow Adams of Atlanta and Lavonia, GA. Shortly after marriage, they relocated to Coral Gables, FL where Faith grew up. Faith attended Coral Gables Elementary and Ponce de Leon H.S., Florida State College for Women (today's FSU) transferring after two years to University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill from which she graduated in 1949. There, she played a leading role in student written and directed productions and following graduation, she joined the cast of Playmakers Theater at Hollins College before returning to Miami to take jobs in photography and an attorney's office.

She later moved to Manhattan to work at an advertising firm on Madison

Avenue. She lived with friends in an apartment on Fifth Avenue, half a block from Metropolitan Museum, fully embracing New York life. Faith then moved to Atlanta to work for a CBS TV station, but she returned to New York to work at the CBS headquarters where she became Walter Cronkite's personal assistant for many years while he was the anchor for the evening news. Afterwards, she worked briefly for a public relations firm before putting eight years of New York life behind her to live in France for two years. She toured Europe and behind the "Iron Curtain". She studied French at Alliance Francais in Paris, and then moved to Tours where she worked as an au pair. She moved to Grenoble, France where she skied the French Alps. She spoke French so fluently that she was often thought to be French.

She returned to Nashville, near her sister, worked at Vanderbilt University in the alumni development office and enrolled at Peabody in the education department where she took French classes. She was a student teacher at the Peabody Demonstration School (today's University School). A friend introduced her to Billy Young, who was described as a gentleman "who lived in the country". Billy lived, and always had, in Dixon Springs, TN on a farm, the exact opposite of all Faith knew. They married in 1969 and settled into Dixona, the oldest home in Tennessee built in 1787-1788. Farm life became her life, and she raised her son, Stephen, as a farm boy. She defended the old home and community from the powerful adversary, TVA, and its attempt to build nearby the world's largest nuclear power plant. After a ten-year struggle of protests, lawsuits, and hijacking TVA board meetings, TVA terminated the planned build.

Faith turned her attention to civic work, leading for almost ten years the Smith County Historical and Genealogical Society as President and served on the boards of Smith County Heritage Museum, Leadership Opportunity for Smith County and Dixon Springs Preservation Association. Faith preserved Dixona Farm forever by placing a conservation easement with the help of the Land

Trust of Tennessee. She founded a Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee fund to preserve historic properties in Sumner, Trousdale and Smith counties. She was proud of Dixona's placement on the National Trust of Historic Places list and was instrumental in the placement of other properties in Smith County on the registry. Faith has been a recipient of a Tennessee Alliance for Progress award for environmental work. She was a lifetime member of Delta Delta Delta college sorority and was an active member in Junior League in Miami, Atlanta and New York. She was a summer resident of Beersheba Springs, TN enjoying the comradery with many Adams and Howell cousins.

She cherished extensive travels, especially backpacking the Grand Canyon, enjoying the Galapagos Archipelago, Tanzania and Kenya on safari, overnighing in the Everglades and traveling by bus and car across America to Billy's WWII 36th Fighter Group reunions. Faith was a lifelong Democrat, voting at all opportunities and frequently working for and supporting candidates. She enjoyed being in her book club. She loved her son, Stephen, and her grandchildren who brought her great joy. Her extended family included dogs of varying breeds and an occasional feline plus beloved horses, donkeys and a herd of polled Hereford cattle.

The family appreciates the love and support of dear friends and caregivers Beth Fast, B.J. Soileau, Clara Sadler, Ann Hawthorne and Eva Wright.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Dixon Springs Preservation Association, P.O. Box 9, Dixon Springs, TN 37057, the Beersheba Springs Medical Clinic P.O. Box 112 Beersheba Springs, TN 37305, or The Land Trust for Tennessee, 4000 Franklin Pike, Nashville, TN 37204.

A celebration of life will be held at Dixona Farm at a later date. Once

arrangements are set, they will be announced.

Tribute Wall

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“Faith Young arrived in Dixon Springs and her way of making you feel comfortable she and her husband hosted Wild game dinners. I was the chili maker Faith had the responsibility of the goat, and Billy specialty was hominy. Dixons faith and Billy boo home was filled with an eclectic array of personalities on Feb. 14 in the 80s 90s. The huge beautiful fireplaces were aglow with conversation, laughter Billy ready to tell the 200 yr. Old home its glorified past as a courthouse, inn etc. During my travels I brought some celebrities of sort James Nordstrom a clothier heir and Brad Shapiro a recognized song producer from NYC nashville...faith was at ease in most every situation she encountered we took a ride in the newly acquired electric car and she confided backing over a cat because she yet to get use to the screen on the TV panel in the car for backing up I simply said faith u need a big screen TV. Faith came to my graduation at Cumberland University in 1998 took pictures and her husband Billy made me feel I had a family my mother had passed and rarely heard from my child who was into her career life.Faith went thru changes and was about the business of supporting her community family and farm. After all running a farm was a far cry from the halls of cbs news room. She gave it her all and demanded that in return. In the time I knew her she earned the title Madame Boo, her husband,often called her. Dixon Springs won't see the likes of Faith young again,,she was one of a kind.... kind all the time.

Teresa anderson littlepage - February 12, 2022 at 07:56 AM

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“ I admired Faith’s love of Smith County history and her efforts to preserve it as President of the Historical and Genealogical Society for almost 10 years. She was gracious and faithful in this job, bringing interesting speakers and researchers to the monthly meetings. She was deeply involved also in the creation of the Smith County Heritage Museum and served on the original board. I enjoyed and benefited from my association with her in these endeavors. In our Book Club she always seemed to wind up with the hardest books to review and never failed to do an amazing job. Her intelligence and passion will be missed in many circles, Barbara Upchurch

Barbara Upchurch - February 06, 2022 at 04:10 PM

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“ One of my earliest childhood memories includes Miss Faith. Stephen, Christy Fields and I rode to kindergarten together and I spent many mornings at her house as our moms carpooled. She was always so gracious and kind. I remember making gingerbread men at her house. I loved her. She had such a positive influence on the Dixon Springs community and beyond. She will be greatly missed. Much love, hugs and prayers for the family.

Karen Oldham Franklin - February 03, 2022 at 09:09 PM

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“ Faith has been my friend since she moved to her beloved Dixona many years ago. We got to know each other because our children were the same age. We shared car pooling duties together when Stephen and Karen started kindergarten class in Hartsville. If there was ever a “ hostess with the mostest”, it was Faith. She could entertain one as well as a hundred. It was always a pleasure to be in her company. I, like many others, will miss her. She left her mark on Smith County and the Dixon Springs community. Lucy Oldham

Lucy Oldham - February 03, 2022 at 03:37 PM

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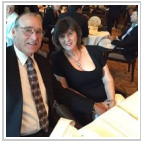
“ So sorry to hear about Faith, prayers for all
The family. 🙏🙏🙏

Estelene Satterfield - February 03, 2022 at 01:54 PM



“ I first met “Faithie” 55 years ago when I was a little boy, and I loved her immediately. Talented and accomplished, (she was Walter Cronkite’s Personal Assistant for a time) she was also very down to earth and lovely. She always made me feel special. Plus she was a fellow Florida State University alumnus. We would always rejoice together at Seminole victories. I will miss you, Faithie.

Tom Carr - February 03, 2022 at 12:29 PM



“ I visited with Faith just a few weeks ago. As usual she was her smiling loving self although I could tell that she did not recognize me at all. What I loved about Faith was that she was always engaged and ready to participate in activities for the Dixon Springs community. She loved her home and the history that it communicated to Smith Co. She will be sorely missed.

Greta Kirby - February 03, 2022 at 05:25 AM

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“ Faith was one of the first people I met when I moved to Hartsville in 1969 to teach. She was a census worker and came by my rental trailer to take my census...and we chatted like old friends. Not only did she make me feel welcome to the neighborhood, but she ... and Boo and Stephen... continued to be friends and historical soul mates. My wife and I will miss visits with her and talking politics!

JohnOliver - February 02, 2022 at 08:38 PM

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“ So Sorry to hear about the passing of Faith Young. You all are in our prayers.



James and Elece McCall - February 02, 2022 at 07:47 PM

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“ I enjoyed my interactions with Faith at our book club meetings. She always had a smile and interesting insights into the books that we read. I am sorry for the loss of this very fascinating woman.

Patricia Underwood

Patricia Underwood - February 02, 2022 at 06:33 PM