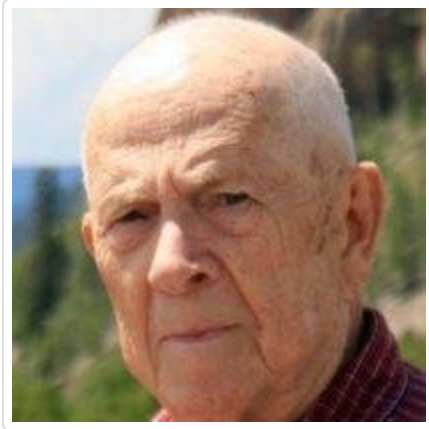




John William Adams

September 14, 1923 - March 9, 2014

John, age 90, was born in Galloway, MO on September 14, 1923. The eldest child and only son of Eli J. Adams and Dora Tunnell Adams, he passed away on March 9, 2014. John is survived by Albina, his loving wife of 68 years; sisters, Della Waymack and Imogene Neff of Ozark, MO, and Wanda (Ross) Graves of Green Valley AZ; his sons, Philip (Peggie) of Galena, MO, Marshall of Albuquerque, NM, and Victor of Plano, TX; his grandchildren, Angela (Jerry) Martilik of Dallas, TX, Veronica Adams of Plano, TX, and John V. Adams of Stillwater, OK; great-grandchildren, Steele and Violet Martilik of Dallas TX; and extended family members, Diane Adams of Plano, TX and Kelly Strickland of Albuquerque, NM. John served four years with the Army Air Force during World War II, worked two years as a streetcar motorman on Chicago's old red streetcars, and studied at the University of Chicago for three years. In 1952, he signed on the Southwestern Greyhound as a bus driver, beginning a 33 year transportation career. After seven years as a driver, he was promoted. He lived in six different cities, and eight different homes, serving Greyhound in eight different supervisory positions before retiring as District Manager in Dallas, TX in 1985. Despite his many years in management, his real passion was as bus driver for the Company as detailed in a book he authored and published in 2001; "A Million Miles or More". John was a self-taught musician who loved bluegrass music and his five string banjo. He also played the clarinet, accordion, harmonica, tuba, guitar, and mandolin. His family and neighbors enjoyed the many jam sessions he played

with the family in the den and backyard of their home of 44 years in Plano, TX. In 2012, John and Albina moved to Albuquerque for the weather, the scenery, and to be closer to their middle son who had retired there a year earlier. John, Billy, brother, Dad, Papa, Super Papa will be greatly missed by his family and friends. We will miss hearing your stories. Rest in Peace. We love you.

Tribute Wall

SC

“ God bless you Uncle John Sandy and Sam
(Mitrenga) Capasso



Sandy Capasso - March 16, 2014 at 12:05 PM

AM

“ My grandfather achieved superhero status when he became a
great-grandfather. The kids call him SuperPapa. I think that's how
most of us see him. He was one of the most important men in my
life.

Angie Martilik - March 15, 2014 at 11:36 AM

TB

“ John Adams was the man who started my career in the bus industry
in 1970. I have always looked up to him and appreciated his kind
manner. Rest in peace old friend.
They may be looking for some good bus men where you are
heading - might even need a musician too.

*Tony Bredlow
Mesquite, Tx*

Tony Bredlow - March 11, 2014 at 10:46 PM

TC

“ I am sooo sorry and I didn't know he was sick.

Tim Cox - March 10, 2014 at 10:33 PM

GF

“ John I never got to meet you but I feel I have known you forever and you became one of my best friends. Maybe we will end up driving Greyhound buses together in Heaven.
Grady Morgan

Grady Morgan of the Greyhound Family - March 10, 2014 at 10:13 PM

JD

“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



Janice Denega - March 10, 2014 at 09:56 PM

TC

“ The Cebulak Farmily in Chicago purchased the Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers for the family of John William Adams.



The Cebulak Farmily in Chicago - March 10, 2014 at 09:12 PM

J.

“ John is in a much better place I am quite sure.
It's called The Greyhound Bus Drivers room in the sky. And I bet John is telling some stories about driving the old Silversides and Scenicruisers back on old Route 66.
J.L.Vickers.

J.L.Vickers - March 10, 2014 at 08:22 PM

TC

I am so sorry. I didn't know he was sick.

Tim Coc - March 10, 2014 at 10:32 PM

HH

“ *On behalf of the French Family of Companies, we express our deepest condolences.*

Harold Hamilton - March 10, 2014 at 04:35 PM