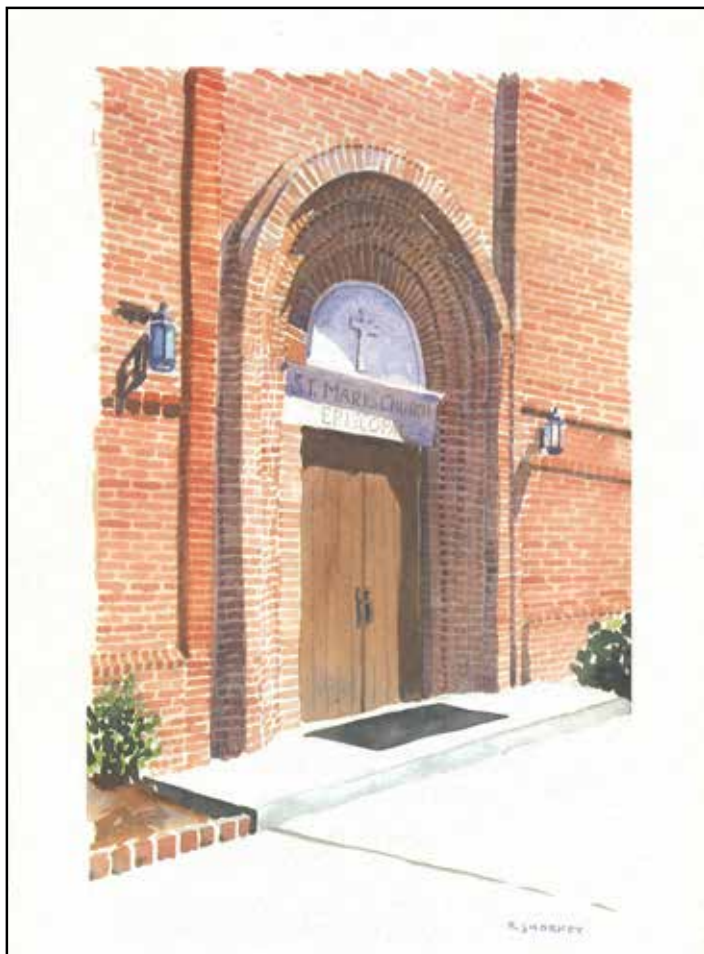


A SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION  
FOR THE LIFE OF

# BILLY FINCH ADKINS

AUGUST 31, 1925 – APRIL 18, 2019



MEMORIAL SERVICE

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
BEAUMONT, TX

APRIL 23, 2019, 10:00 A.M.

THE REV. ANTHONY P. CLARK, OFFICIANT

# A MEMORIAL SERVICE

FOR

BILLY FINCH ADKINS

ACCORDING TO THE 1928 BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

## **Musical Prelude**

## **Seating of the Family**

Anthem      “Into Paradise May the Angels Lead You”      *In paradisum*

## **Procession**

*All standing, the Ministers enter the Church, saying*

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord; he that believeth in me, though he were dead,

Yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me, shall never die.

I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth; and though this body be destroyed, yet shall I see God; whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not as a stranger.

We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. The LORD gave,

And the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.

## **Lessons**

Psalm 121

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills;  
from whence cometh my help?

My help cometh even from the Lord,  
who hath made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved,  
and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel  
shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord himself is thy keeper;  
the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;  
So that the sun shall not burn thee by day,  
neither the moon by night.  
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil;  
yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.  
The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in,  
from this time forth for evermore.

First Lesson Romans 8:14

Hymn 362 “Holy, Holy, Holy!” *Plainsong*

Second Lesson John 14:1

Homily The Reverend Tony Clark

**Apostles’ Creed**

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the  
Holy Ghost,

born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was  
crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day  
he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth  
on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he  
shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of  
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life  
everlasting. Amen.

**Prayers**

*Officiant*           The Lord be with you.

*People*               And with thy spirit.

*Officiant*           Let us pray.

### *Officiant and People*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

### *Officiant*

Remember thy servant Billy, O Lord, according to the favour which thou bearest unto thy people, and grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of thee, she may go from strength to strength, in the life of perfect service, in thy heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end.  
*Amen.*

Into thy hands, O merciful Savior, we commend the soul of thy servant, now departed from the body. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech thee, a sheep of thine own fold, a lamb of thine own flock, a sinner of thine own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of thy mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.  
*Amen.*

Unto God's gracious mercy and protection we commit you. The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. The LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

### **Procession Out**

Hymn 376

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

*Hymn to Joy*

### **Dismissal**

*A minister dismisses the People and they respond,*  
“Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.”

*Please join the family after the service for a reception in the Cloister.*

***We believe that all the ties of friendship and affection  
Which knit us as one throughout our lives do not unravel with death.***



**Billy Finch Adkins**, born August 31, 1925, in Amite, Louisiana, to Luther Norbert Finch and Norlean Thompson Finch. She died April 18, 2019, in Beaumont, Texas. Billy attended public schools and graduated from Spring Creek High School in 1940. She then attended Southeastern University in Hammond, Louisiana, before attending Nursing School in New Orleans, graduating in 1944. Billy subsequently moved to Galveston, where she became a Pediatric Nursing Supervisor at John Sealy Hospital.

In Galveston, she met Dr. Charles (Charlie) Adkins during his residency in Neuro Psychiatry at UTMB, and they were married on New Year's Day 1949. After completion of his residency, the couple moved to Beaumont where he established his practice as one of the first psychiatrists in the area. As an officer in the Naval Reserve, Dr. Adkins was called back into active service during the Korean War, and they were assigned to Key West Naval Hospital where they made many lifelong friends.

After the war, they moved back to Beaumont, where they raised their four sons. Billy was involved in many social and civic activities, including a member of the Junior League, and a sponsor of the Boys Club and the Salvation Army. She was a board member of Gemco, the Beaumont Heritage Society, and the Tyrell Historical Library. She was also on the boards of the Palmer Drug Abuse Program, the Mental Health Program, and the Jefferson County Medical Auxiliary. She was very active in the Texas Psychiatric Society Auxiliary, including president in 1986. She was a long-time member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church and St Hilda's Guild.

Billy is survived by her younger sister, Betty Finch Brooks; four sons, Charles III and Russell of Beaumont; Andrew and wife, Shannon, of San Antonio; and Thomas and wife, Darilyn, of Oxford, North Carolina; six grandchildren, Claire Long (Greg), Paige Bureau (Keith), Joshua Adkins (Laura), Christiana Adkins, Charles Adkins, and Dylan Adkins; and three great-grandchildren, Elijah Adkins, Alessandra Long, and Rory Long.

The family would like to thank her caregivers, Taneka Duhon, Peggy Hicks, Tyana Cooks, Cherry Robinson, and Lisa Evans, for their wonderful care in the last few years.







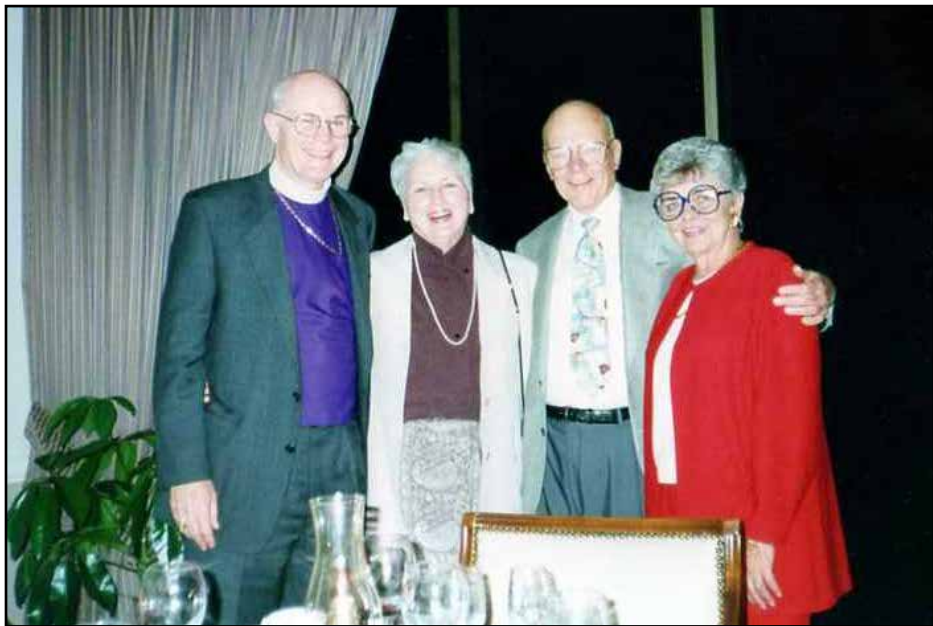


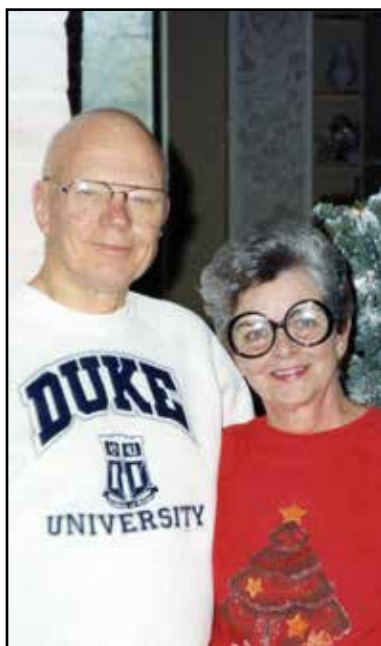














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