



Milton "Bo" Hunt Adair Jr

February 26, 1942 - October 9, 2025

Milton Hunt "Bo" Adair, Jr., of Cedar Bluff, crossed over the river on October 9, 2025, and now rests in the shade of the trees with his Lord and Savior.

Bo was born on February 26, 1942, in Richlands, Virginia, to Milton Hunt Adair and Lora Jette Harman Adair. He enjoyed a wonderful and adventurous childhood growing up in Red Ash with his devoted sister, Virginia "Ginny" Russell. It was Ginny who gave him his lifelong name, "Bo," as a child—a name and bond that would remain inseparable throughout their lives.

Though a proud Virginian, Bo's roots ran deep into the hills of Kentucky, where his family had long ties to Bowling Green and Claypool. Many of his happiest memories were made during family trips to the Bluegrass State—visiting relatives, sharing stories, and reconnecting with the rhythms of country life that helped shape his easy humor, his generosity, and his love of home. In recognition of his service and character, Bo was commissioned as a Kentucky Colonel, the highest honor awarded by the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a very special friend, Judy Jessee, and their beloved "babycat," Rikki; and his faithful canine companion, Harley Cook.

Bo graduated from Richlands High School, East Tennessee State University,

and Virginia Tech, and also pursued studies at the University of Virginia. He was blessed to enjoy a long and happy retirement following a distinguished career with Tazewell County Public Schools, where he served in various central office positions, including as Title I Director, and as Principal of Raven, Jewell Ridge, and Cedar Bluff Elementary Schools. Despite his many accomplishments in education, his heart always held a soft spot for his very first job—driving coal trucks for the Raven Red Ash Coal Company.

Bo was a man of many passions. He loved fishing, long walks, and bike rides with friends, and he found joy in volunteering at the Good Samaritan Food Pantry, where he delighted in helping carry groceries to people in need. He was also an avid train enthusiast—he could talk for hours about the great locomotives and railroads of the past, and he shared that love with his great-nephews, Clark and Eamon.

Bo's life was also marked by his deep commitment to Freemasonry, a brotherhood he cherished and upheld with pride. He served as Worshipful Master of the Richlands Masonic Lodge and was a Noble of the Kazim Shrine Temple. To Bo, Masonry was more than a fraternity—it was a way of life built on service, brotherhood, and moral integrity. As one Masonic teaching reminds us, "Freemasonry builds its temples in the hearts of men and among the nations of the world." And as the Shriners so beautifully say, "No man stands so tall as when he stoops to help a child." Bo lived those words each day—serving others quietly, faithfully, and with an open heart.

Those left behind to celebrate a life well and fully lived include his sister, Ginny, and brother-in-law, "best neighbor ever," and friend, Bruce Harold Russell of Cedar Bluff; fiancée, Gail Cook of Bluefield, Virginia; son, Robert Adair of Alderson, West Virginia; niece, Jennifer Bezjak and husband Scott of Loveland, Ohio; great-nephew, Matthew Bezjak of Tampa, Florida; great-niece, Lora Kate Bezjak of Cincinnati, Ohio; nephew, Bruce H. Russell II, and

wife Shannon Jordan-Russell of Abingdon, Virginia; great-nephews, Clark and Eamon Russell of Abingdon; and his faithful friend, David Hankins.

A celebration of life service for Milton "Bo" Adair will be conducted at 1:00 pm on Saturday, March 28, 2026, at the Cedar Bluff United Methodist Church in Cedar Bluff, Virginia. The family will receive friends beginning at 12:00 pm until the time of the service.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be directed to the Good Samaritan Food Pantry, where Bo found such joy in helping others.

“Like a rock, standin’ arrow straight. Like a rock, chargin’ from the gate. Like a rock, carryin’ the weight.” — Bob Seger

“The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer.” — Psalm 18:2

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 28. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Cedar Bluff United Methodist Church
Old Kentucky Turnpike
Cedar Bluff, VA 24609

Celebration of Life Service

MAR 28. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

RA

“ *Ruby Asbury lit a candle in memory of Milton "Bo" Adair*



Ruby Asbury - March 28 at 08:04 PM

DS

“ *So sorry to hear this news. Mr Affair was a pleasure to know. May God bless you on this time of loss.*

Danny Speeks - March 28 at 01:30 PM

LN

“ *Leroy Nelson lit a candle in memory of Milton "Bo" Adair*



Leroy Nelson - March 27 at 06:51 PM

TF

“ *The Steve Addison family lit a candle in memory of Milton "Bo" Adair*



The Steve Addison family - March 27 at 06:00 PM

PM

“ I had the great pleasure of working along side Bo through the Title 1 Program. I worked the program in Buchanan County and always enjoyed attending meetings and conferences where Bo was the life of the group. He could entertain or he could sit back and very quietly observe. His remarks were always note worthy. I am so sorry that I have just learned of Bo's passing. I'm sure he was greeted at the Golden Gate by lots of friends--especially Paul Hatfield--and they celebrated a huge reunion and update from Bo about friends waiting their turn to join the good ones. Rest in peace, Bo. You overpaid your dues here on earth.

Penny Jones McCallum - January 03 at 05:46 PM

CK

“ Ginny and Bruce,
So very sorry for your loss of Bo. I enjoyed working with him. He will be blessed by all who were blessed to have known him. Sending love, hugs and prayers.
Christine Kinser

Christine Kinser - October 16, 2025 at 04:38 PM

BA

“ Sorry for your loss, prayers with you, Ginny and Bruce, I knew Bo from food pantry,

Bonnie Absher - October 16, 2025 at 03:49 PM

AG

“ I ABOUSTELY loved Mr. Addair he was principal at cedar bluff except for the last year I went there....RIP Mr.Addair

Audrey Bandy Godbey - October 15, 2025 at 11:03 PM

GA

“ *GlendaRB Altizer lit a candle in memory of Milton "Bo" Hunt Adair Jr*



GlendaRB Altizer - October 15, 2025 at 09:46 PM



“ *Thinking of you, Virginia and Bruce.*

Patricia Thompson - October 14, 2025 at 11:05 PM

BN

“ *Bill & Vicki (Stumpp) Nuckels lit a candle in memory of Milton "Bo" Adair*



Bill & Vicki (Stumpp) Nuckels - October 14, 2025 at 10:16 PM

SP

“ *Sherry Pritchett lit a candle in memory of Milton "Bo" Adair*



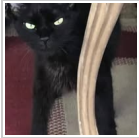
Sherry Pritchett - October 14, 2025 at 06:01 PM

SL

“ *Sammi Lambert lit a candle in memory of Milton "Bo" Adair*



Sammi Lambert - October 14, 2025 at 11:10 AM



“ *Davie Horton lit a candle in memory of Milton "Bo" Adair*



Davie Horton - October 14, 2025 at 12:03 AM

Many Men lose their Queen Bee messing around with these so-called Butterflies that were really Flying Cockroaches. "let us spray"

“ *Joy Fields lit a candle in memory of Milton "Bo" Adair*



Joy Fields - October 13, 2025 at 11:14 PM

PW

“ *Jinny, sending hugs and love to you in the loss of your brother. Prayers for God to wrap you in His arms and give you strength to face this difficult time. Love you and Bruce.*



Pat Warner - October 13, 2025 at 08:30 PM

CV

“ *Charlotte Vencille lit a candle in memory of Milton "Bo" Adair*



Charlotte Vencille - October 13, 2025 at 07:04 PM

PS

“ *Pat Cooley Shamblin lit a candle in memory of Milton "Bo" Adair*



Pat Cooley Shamblin - October 13, 2025 at 04:50 PM

DB

“ *David Beavers lit a candle in memory of Milton "Bo" Adair*



David Beavers - October 13, 2025 at 03:12 PM

JM

“ *he was my principal in Cedar Bluff and Ms. Jesse was my 6th grade teacher. Loved them both. RIP Mr. Adair.*



Jim Mullins - October 13, 2025 at 12:49 PM

AM

“ Anita McGlothlin-Gibson lit a candle in memory of Milton "Bo" Adair



Anita McGlothlin-Gibson - October 13, 2025 at 12:28 PM

BR

“ Ginny and Bruce, so sorry to hear of Bo's passing.

Bill and Brenda (Butcher) Richardson - October 13, 2025 at 12:22 PM

DH

“ Deborah Hunsaker lit a candle in memory of Milton "Bo" Adair



Deborah Hunsaker - October 13, 2025 at 12:13 PM

TM

“ Tom And Dot McGlothlin lit a candle in memory of Milton "Bo" Hunt Adair Jr



Tom and Dot McGlothlin - October 13, 2025 at 10:59 AM



“ *TonyanEdgar Wicks lit a candle in memory of Milton "Bo" Hunt Adair Jr*



TonyanEdgar Wicks - October 13, 2025 at 10:58 AM