

EMILY ELIZABETH ADKINS



Emily Elizabeth Adkins, 23, passed away October 21, 2022 at Baptist Medical Center surrounded by her parents. Emily began her love for learning at Amelia Island Montessori School where she quickly made friends and influenced others with her love of dresses. She graduated from Fernandina Beach High School in 2017. She received the Bright Futures Scholarship and graduated from the UNF in 2021 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Administration. She was employed as the People Success Officer at the family-owned assisted living facilities (Dayspring Senior Living and Dayspring Village). Upon graduation from college, Emily bought a house in Yulee and was enjoying her new home.

Emily was an emerging leader in Florida's Assisted Living Communities and had gained the skills necessary to manage the most important aspect of any business – people. She successfully completed the ALF Administrator Competency certification and held a professional food service manager's license. Emily was kind, logical, practical, fair, rule-driven, and clear-headed when a problem had to be addressed.

As a child, Emily loved to go to the beach where she would run and play in the ocean's surf and look for shells or seaside treasure. She loved swimming, enjoyed movies and was an expert in Anime movies. Emily was an avid reader and what could be described as a classic "bookie." Everything from fan fiction to Marvel were her genre. Emily accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior and Lord on May 26, 2011 and was a member of Blackrock Baptist Church. Emily loved to sing worship songs and had the voice of an angel. She enjoyed singing in the Glenwood choir. Her childhood trips to Bell, Florida with her grandparents was a highlight each summer as she sang, "Boys and Girls for Jesus." Her joy was contagious as her face glowed with smiles.

Growing up, Emily was active in local sports with YMCA basketball and AIYS soccer association. She played the piano and participated in middle and high school band. She graduated from Fernandina Beach Cotillions and was always interested in the next big event. Emily loved to travel and was looking forward to the next family adventure. She travelled to Austria, the Bahamas, Belize, Canada, Denmark, England, France, Germany, Israel (twice), Italy, Mexico, Switzerland, and many of the states. She had a great sense of direction and was always leading the way through airports, train stations, and city streets.

Wise for her years, Emily was a hard-working volunteer in local, state, and federal campaigns. No one would outwork Emily whether it was knocking on doors, making calls, stuffing envelopes, or waving a sign for her candidate. She loved America and the freedom she enjoyed.

Emily was her mom's best friend, the heart of her father, and a constant companion with her brother. She loved July 4th family reunions at Hart Springs. She loved Christmas and the special meaning and blessing of the holiday. She was full of life and fun!

Emily was blessed to have a Godly heritage and leaves behind two loving parents Janet and Doug Adkins; her adoring brother Douglas; grandparents Joan Adkins and Ron Huey; numerous cousins, Nicholas (Samira) Hodges, Zachary (Brittany) Hodges, Gerry (Meghan) Harter, Sibylle (Marc) Bourdon, Marissa Harter, Jamie (Jon) Mitchell, Karla (CJ) Carter, Aaron Fuller, Rebecca Fuller, Sarah (Mark) Talbott; and aunts and uncles Margot Adkins, Robin (Pete) Rivera, David (Carol) Adkins, and Dawn (Gerry) Harter. Emily's grandparents Frances Elizabeth Huey and Eugene Max Adkins, are now reunited with Emily in Heaven.

Emily's life was celebrated Saturday, October 29 at Blackrock Baptist Church. Visitation was held Friday, October 28 at Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors in Fernandina Beach. Emily will be laid to rest at Bosque Bello Cemetery at a later date.

Please share your memories and condolences at www.oxleyheard.com.