



## Adrian H. Daane

June 18, 1919 - March 20, 2011

Adrian Hill Daane, of Newnan, died March 20, 2011, at his home.

He was born on June 18, 1919, in Stillwater, Oklahoma. He was educated in the Stillwater elementary school and middle schools of Minneapolis, Minnesota and Belle Glade, Florida. He graduated from Pahokee High School in Florida. He attended the University of Florida from 1937 to 1941, graduating with a degree in chemistry. He was in the graduate program in chemistry at Iowa State University in 1941 when the United States entered WWII, and was chosen to work as a group leader in the Manhattan Project that culminated in the atomic bombs that ended WWII.

After the war he completed his Ph.D degree in 1950 and became assistant professor and later professor of chemistry at Iowa State University. In 1963 he was appointed Head of the Chemistry Department at Kansas State University, and in 1972 was appointed Dean of the college of Arts and Sciences at the University of Missouri-Rolla. He was later appointed Dean of the Graduate School at UMR, and on his retirement in 1984 was awarded the title of Emeritus Dean and Emeritus Professor of Chemistry.

He enjoyed teaching chemistry and was an Adjunct Professor of Chemistry at LaGrange College in Georgia for four years. He often was asked to speak about chemistry and the Manhattan Project to college and high school

chemistry classes; his research specialty was the Rare Earth Elements and with his graduate students he prepared the first metals of three of these elements. At Iowa State University and Kansas State University 13 of his graduate students were awarded their PhD degrees and four were awarded their Masters Degrees.

He was married to Jean Plunkett Daane from 1941 until her death in April 2010. He is survived by children, Ann Daane and daughters Jean and Elizabeth Pembleton, Peter and Kari Daane and children Will, Alice, and Sarah Daane, and Susan Daane and daughter Mary Webb.

Online condolences may be expressed to the family at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com)

In lieu of flowers or a service the family requests that donations be sent to the National Parkinsons Foundation (<http://www.parkinson.org>) or Newnan-Coweta Habitat for Humanity (<http://www.nchfh.org>).

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# Cemetery Details

## **McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory**

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# Tribute Wall

RV

“ My wife and I would like to send our condolences to Dr. Daane's family. In addition to being my major advisor at ISU, I considered him a valued friend. He was truly a good man.

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**Robert Valletta** - May 04, 2011 at 08:18 PM

KH

“ Family of Adrian Daane: Please accept my condolences on the death of Adrian. I was a grad student at Iowa State Univ from 1951 to 1955 and had a Research Assistantship with the Ames Lab. I worked directly under Adrian and researched the "Physical and Metallurgical Properties of Rare Earth Metals" with Dr. Spedding as my major professor. Adrian was always helpful, supportive and encouraging during some difficult times. He was key to my achieving a PhD and some success in my 35 year career at Procter&Gamble. I know you will miss him, but just remember that he made this world a better place. Ken Herrmann

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**Ken Herrmann** - April 22, 2011 at 11:26 AM

RK

“ I spent eleven years at ISU and came to know Adrian as a colleague. He was likeable, gave a good lecture, and had a well-developed sense of humor. I was sad to hear of his passing and extend my sympathy to his family. Roy W. King

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**Roy King** - April 05, 2011 at 09:19 AM

JJ

“ On behalf of the Beardsley and York families please accept our condolences upon the passing of Adrian. He was a high school classmate of my mother and father, Hannah York and James "Jim" Beardsley, graduating with them in 1937 at Pahokee, FL. Adrian also attended UF with Jim. I remember hearing Adrian's name many times as Mom and Dad would talk about "old school days" and his kind note upon Jim's passing in 1978. Mom remembered it fondly. We still have a Pahokee High School annual for 1937. Adrian was Senior Class President and seemed to be involved in many activities and well respected by his classmates. Again please accept our condolences and know that Adrian will be remembered by more people than you know. James W. Beardsley, Jr.

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**James W. Beardsley, Jr.** - March 30, 2011 at 09:12 PM

LW

“ Peter and your awesome family, I am so sorry to hear about your Dad /Grandfather.. I will always remember his smiling face, as he and your Mom sat at the Baseball games and cheered the team on. I knew he was a special man, but after reading about his life, realized he touched so so many lives. He is now at peace, reunited with his wonderful wife and smiling down on you all. My thoughts are with you all at this time. Love always!!!!

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**Louana Basma Wheaton** - March 25, 2011 at 11:10 AM

JH

“ I am so sad to hear this news. He was an amazing man who impacted a lot of lives and he will not be forgotten. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Jessica Hutcheson** - March 25, 2011 at 08:41 AM

LS

“ For several years I had the pleasure of serving in Rotary with your father. He was a kind and courtely gentleman who was always gracious to fellow members. We all knew of his brilliant career but he never felt the need to remind us. He was simply a wonderful person to be around. My thoughts and prayers are with you as you go through this difficult time. Lynn

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**Lynn Smith** - March 24, 2011 at 09:37 AM

SS

“ I will miss Dr. Daane . . . my friend and mentor. He was truly an inspiration.

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**Susan Smith** - March 23, 2011 at 08:50 PM

WM

“ Will, I will be praying for you and your family during this time of mourning. Never met your grandfather but if what I've seen in you is any indication of the type of man he was...WOW! No doubt he will be missed but no worries because the "torch" has been passed on and is in very capable hands! :-) Carry the Light!!!

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**Warren Moore** - March 23, 2011 at 03:12 PM

FF

“ To Peter and the entire family. I am sorry for your recent loss. I lost my father on 12/30/2010 and I know what that means and how much it hurts. May the Lord be with you during this sad time in your lives and may happier times follow sooner than later. Frank Farmer

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**Frank Farmer** - March 23, 2011 at 02:49 PM

DB

“ Only the fondness of memories and greatest respect comes to mind when Adiran Daane comes to mind. So sorry for his loss - but what a long and beneficial life he enjoyed. As head of The Heritage School and a Rotarian, when I met Adrian after he first arrived in Newnan I was struck by his obvious sincere offer to help and immediate response when called. What a grand and pleasant guy. My sympathies on his passing.

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**Dennis C. Brown** - March 23, 2011 at 07:38 AM

TP

“ Susan, Peter, Ann and kids.....I am so sorry to hear about Adrian. I have many fond memories of him and know he will be greatly missed.

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**Ted Plunkett** - March 22, 2011 at 07:54 PM

SC

“ I am so "Blessed" to have had the wonderful priviledge of getting to know Mr.Daane and the whole family; I loved working with "Papa" and you guys!!!!Papa was and is Special to me; He will be missed as well as you all Know I am Always thinking of you and praying for each of you Again Thanks to the Daane Family for all; Always remember"YOU ARE SPECIAL" to me Lots of Love & Prayers

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**Susie Crum** - March 22, 2011 at 05:23 PM

PH

“ Peter, Kari, Will, Alice, and Sarah, So sorry to hear about your loss. We love you guys and will be thinking about you and praying for you during this time. May you have the peace that surpasses all understanding during this time. Take care and let us know how we can help you:) Love, Pam, Todd, Brooke, Taylor and Chandler Hendrix

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**Pamela Hendrix** - March 22, 2011 at 01:06 PM

WF

“ *We like to send our condolence to you on the passing of your father we love him and you too. You are in our prayers during this time.  
Love Curtis Barbara Kevin Laura and Jordan .*

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**winkles family** - March 22, 2011 at 10:26 AM