Obituary: Elinor Betty Adams

Elinor Betty Adams, a senior executive secretary who retired from the Lab’s Internal Audit Office on January 14, 2012, passed away on June 23, 2015, at the age of 72.

The following obituary appeared in the *Long Island Advance*:

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**Elinor Betty Adams**

Elinor Betty Adams, 72, of Medford, passed away June 23. Mrs. Adams was senior executive secretary at Brookhaven National Laboratory, from which she retired after 42 years.

She is survived by her daughter, Lisa Grenci and husband, Thomas, of Montauk; her son, Donald E. McCaw III of Shirley; her sister, Doris Corr of Yaphank; and her grandchildren, Thea, Eva and Thomas Grenci, all of Montauk. She was predeceased by her husband, Richard, in 1994.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Robertaccio Funeral Home, Patchogue, where a memorial service was held.

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The obituary on the follow pages was published in *The Easthampton Star* on August 27, 2015:
Elinor Betty Adams

Aug. 28, 1942 - June 23, 2015
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Elinor Betty Adams of Medford, whose family owned a fishing cabin in Montauk for nearly 30 years, died on June 23 at Brookhaven Memorial Hospital Medical Center after a heart attack. She was 72.

Her family bought property near Ditch Plain Beach in Montauk, in the area that is now the Montauk Shores Condominiums, in 1954, and built a cabin there, visiting often. It was sold in the 1980s, but Mrs. Adams continued to visit Montauk because her daughter, Lisa Grenci, had settled there.

She was born on Aug. 28, 1942, in Port Jefferson to German immigrants, Henry Kroncke and the former Bertha Krack. She grew up in German Gardens, a German settlement in Yaphank, and graduated from Port Jefferson High School.

She had two children with her first husband, Donald McCaw. The marriage ended in divorce, and she was remarried to Richard Adams in 1977. He died in 1994.
When Mrs. Adams retired after 42 years with Brookhaven National Laboratory, she had risen to the position of senior executive secretary with the lab’s internal audit department.

Mrs. Adams was “family oriented,” her daughter said. She loved going to the beach with her grandchildren and traveling with her family. “She went everywhere with us,” Ms. Grenci said.

In addition to Ms. Grenci, she is survived by a son, Donald E. McCaw III of Shirley, a sister, Doris Corr of Yaphank, and by two granddaughters and a grandson.

A service was held in June. Mrs. Adams’s ashes were buried at Fort Hill Cemetery in Montauk.

Her family has suggested memorial contributions to the Montauk Fire Department, 12 Flamingo Avenue, Montauk 11954.