



## Mrs. Gwendolyn Marshall Atkinson

March 9, 1932 - May 21, 2021

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the death of our dear friend, Mrs. Gwendolyn Marshall Atkinson, 89.

Mrs. Atkinson passed away peacefully on Friday, May 21, 2021, at the home of her beloved friend and daughter-in-Christ, Sherry Walters, in Patrick, SC.

A funeral service and celebration of her life will be held at 4 o'clock on Sunday, May 23, 2021, in Union United Methodist Church. The Rev. Paige Wheeler, The Rev. Charlie Short, and Mr. Tony Atkinson will officiate with burial to follow in the church cemetery. Family and friends are invited to greet each other in the church sanctuary following the graveside committal. Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Directors are caring for the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Union United Methodist Church General Fund, 4379 Union Church Road, McBee, SC 29101, or Connie Maxwell Children's Home, PO Box 1178, Greenwood SC 29648.

Mrs. Atkinson, the widow of Robert Bennett Atkinson, was born in Darlington County, SC. She was a daughter of the late Maggie Kelly and Robert Thearon Marshall.

She was a faithful member of Union United Methodist Church, The Lore

McCoy Sunday School Class, the United Methodist Women, the church choir, and Senior Citizen. She has served as Lay Member to the SC United Methodist Annual Conference, President of the Senior Citizens, President of the United Methodist Women, Vice President of the Hartsville District United Methodist Women, and served in many other positions in the church during her life.

Gwen worked at Hartsville Manufacturing Company for 38 years as an engineer. She enjoyed directing weddings, decorating for different occasions at church, oil painting, and knitting. She loved people and everyone knew how she loved Christmas. All year long Gwen reminded them every month how long it was until Christmas -- Even in January!

She is survived by her nieces, Brenda Rayfield of Rock Hill, SC, Diane Wojewodzic of Clayton, NC; nephews, Gene Marshall Lewis of Anderson, SC, Vair Lewis of Abbeville, SC, Roy Lapel of Middlebury, VT.

Mrs. Atkinson was also survived by her faithful friend and daughter-in-Christ, Sherry "Beaver" Walters, and her husband Steve, whom she considered family and cared for her in her illness.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her loving son, Ben Atkinson, her loving husband of 57 years, Robert Bennett Atkinson; sisters, Zella Blackwell, Corine Lewis, Rebecca (Basil) Piper, Rachel Marshall, Virginia Fournier; brothers, Needham Marshall, and Bobby Marshall.

# Cemetery Details

## Union Methodist Church Cemetery

4374 Union Church Rd  
McBee, SC

# Previous Events

## Service

MAY **23**. 4:00 PM (ET)

Union Methodist Church  
4379 Union Church Rd  
McBee, SC 29101

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brown - Pennington - Atkins Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn Marshall Atkinson*



**Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home** - May 22, 2021 at 03:49 PM



“ *Just beautiful inside and out. To know "Punk" was to love her...there was just no other way I can say it. I know my Mom will be right there waiting for her and so happy to see her dear friend again. I can't imagine the loss Union Church must feel. I don't remember my life without her in it and I am blessed to have known her.*

*Linda McDonald Hyman*

**Linda Hyman** - May 25, 2021 at 12:55 PM



“ *Elaine Byrd lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn Marshall Atkinson*



**Elaine Byrd** - May 23, 2021 at 10:17 PM

EB

*This was a very sweet lady. She always had a smile on her face and has always been a pretty lady.*

Elaine Byrd - May 23, 2021 at 10:19 PM

DS

*“ I knew her as Punk. I can not say enough about this woman. I will always simply remember how your touch was always comforting. The love that radiated from your spirit. I will surely never forget you.*

Donna Stewart - May 23, 2021 at 10:10 AM

BI

*“ Bitsy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn Marshall Atkinson*



Bitsy - May 23, 2021 at 09:25 AM

GG

*“ Greg And Mica Griggs lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn Marshall Atkinson*



Greg and Mica Griggs - May 23, 2021 at 08:24 AM

JA

“ JIMMY L ANDREWS lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn Marshall Atkinson



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**JIMMY L ANDREWS** - May 22, 2021 at 10:57 PM

AS

“ To know Ms. Gwen was to love her. What a sweet lady that I had the pleasure of knowing all my life and especially during my younger years of life as a church member at Union. I always loved seeing Ms. Gwen out often and will miss seeing that beautiful smile of hers and catching up. Sherry and family you all were such a blessing to Ms. Gwen! Prayers to all of her family and friends.

*Amy King Skinner*

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**Amy King Skinner** - May 22, 2021 at 02:46 PM

JM

“ A very dear friend for 60 years. God has gained an angel and we have lost a friend. Many thanks to Sherry and Steve for showing your love to her . She considered you her closest family and loved you dearly.

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**Jane H. Mozingo** - May 22, 2021 at 11:45 AM



“ 39 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home** - May 22, 2021 at 11:23 AM



“ *Peggy Johnson Odom lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn Marshall Atkinson*



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**Peggy Johnson Odom** - May 22, 2021 at 11:10 AM



*Anybody who met Mrs. Gwen became an instant friend, she always had a beautiful loving smile, and lived her Christian life everyday. She and my Sweet mother were dear friends and I was blessed to know her. She's probably already started decorating Heaven for Christmas, and I know God is very pleased!*

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**Peggy Johnson Odom** - May 22, 2021 at 11:17 AM

HW

“ Mrs. Gwen was one of the sweetest, kindest, gracious, caring people that I have ever met . She always had a beautiful smile whenever you saw her . She and my Mama were childhood friends . She was “ The Christmas Lady “ . She always said that people need to keep Christmas in their hearts every day of the year because it keeps you closer to JESUS . She is rejoicing in HEAVEN with GOD . She is reunited with her precious son Ben now and all of her family & friends . Condolences to all of her Family and Friends 🙏❤️🙏



Hettie & Buck Wilkerson - May 22, 2021 at 10:34 AM

WW

“ So sorry to hear about Ms. Gwen’s (Punk) passing. She and my Aunt were long time friends and I’m sure they are catching up on each other in Heaven. She was a sweet lady and she will be missed.



Wittie Waldron - May 22, 2021 at 09:42 AM

DH

“ Mrs. Gwen was my Christmas 🎄 Sister. We always talked about how much we loved Christmas, snowmen and the happiness and joy Christmas brought. Her beautiful smile was contagious and she brightened the world with her presence. Heaven is rejoicing and the angels are singing. Prayers for those that loved her, cared for her, and cherish her memories.



Delores Parker Hickey - May 22, 2021 at 06:11 AM

DM

“*Doug And Scarlett Mason lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn Marshall Atkinson*



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**Doug and Scarlett Mason** - May 22, 2021 at 06:02 AM

BT

“*Becky Tidwell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn Marshall Atkinson*



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**Becky Tidwell** - May 22, 2021 at 12:51 AM

KB

“*Dear family, I'm sorry to hear about your loss. My Grandmother, Bonnie Bryant considered Ms. Gwen a dear friend. They worked together for many years at Hartsville Manufacturing. My Grandmother was also blessed to have a couple of Ms. Gwens paintings. She cherished them and told me many times who had painted them for her. They hung in my Grandmothers bedroom for years, then in her room at Carriage House until her passing a couple of years ago. Many times she spoke kind words and memories of your loved one. Praying for you in the days ahead.*

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**Kim Bryant** - May 21, 2021 at 10:55 PM

SW

*Hi Kim, do you still have her paintings?*

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**Sherry Walters** - June 25, 2021 at 10:41 PM

PW

“ *Patti Kelley Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn Marshall Atkinson*



Patti Kelley Williams - May 21, 2021 at 10:39 PM

BH

“ *Bobby and Sandra Hall lit a candle in memory of a fine Christian lady.*



Bobby Hall - May 21, 2021 at 09:51 PM

LL

“ *Such a beautiful soul inside and out  
I've known her my whole life and she's always  
Been the same wonderful sweet Christian lady  
Always a smile on her face  
Heaven has gained a new angel  
Lawrence & Cindy Lowe*



Lawrence & Cindy Lowe - May 21, 2021 at 09:49 PM

DW

“ *A very special Aunt Punk has gone home to be with her family that passed before her. She will be greatly missed.*



Diane Wojewodzic - May 21, 2021 at 09:23 PM

HS

“ *In Loving memory of my friend.*



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**Hazel Sox** - May 21, 2021 at 09:09 PM

WG

“ *Wilford & Joanne Griggs lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn Marshall Atkinson*



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**Wilford & Joanne Griggs** - May 21, 2021 at 08:44 PM

JG

“ *Jamey And Kim Gregory lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn Marshall Atkinson*



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**Jamey and Kim Gregory** - May 21, 2021 at 08:23 PM

RJ

“ *Prayers for all the family & friends 🙏*



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**Regina Jones** - May 21, 2021 at 08:00 PM

BS

“ Bobby And Johnnie Stafford lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn Marshall Atkinson



Bobby and Johnnie Stafford - May 21, 2021 at 07:58 PM

MR

“ Mary Ann Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn Marshall Atkinson



Mary Ann Reynolds - May 21, 2021 at 07:48 PM

RD

“ Rick And Cheri Dunlap lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn Marshall Atkinson



Rick and Cheri Dunlap - May 21, 2021 at 07:37 PM

BT

“ Betty Huggins Turner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn Marshall Atkinson



Betty Huggins Turner - May 21, 2021 at 07:13 PM

BT

*Beautiful sweet Christian lady. She will be missed but never forgotten. RIP with your Lord now and forever. Amen.*

**Betty Huggins Turner** - May 21, 2021 at 07:16 PM

DW

“ *Donna And Ronnie Winburn lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn Marshall Atkinson*



**Donna and Ronnie Winburn** - May 21, 2021 at 06:52 PM

FL

“ *Frankie Lane lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn Marshall Atkinson*



**Frankie Lane** - May 21, 2021 at 06:27 PM

RM

“ *Robert & Lisa McKenzie sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn Marshall Atkinson*



**Robert & Lisa McKenzie** - May 21, 2021 at 05:53 PM

FL

“ Frankie Lane lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn Marshall Atkinson



Frankie Lane - May 21, 2021 at 05:28 PM

CG

“ Calvin And Robin Griggs lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn Marshall Atkinson



Calvin and Robin Griggs - May 21, 2021 at 04:00 PM

DW

“ Debbie & Don Watkins sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn Marshall Atkinson



Debbie & Don Watkins - May 21, 2021 at 03:59 PM

SG

“ Our deepest sympathy. Sylvester & Margaret Griggs



Sylvester & Margaret Griggs - May 21, 2021 at 03:57 PM

GB

“ *Glenda S. Blackwell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn Marshall Atkinson*



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**Glenda S. Blackwell** - May 21, 2021 at 03:39 PM

GB

*I will miss you and the good times we had.*

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**Glenda S. Blackwell** - May 21, 2021 at 03:41 PM

CJ

*Ms. Gwen will be missed by all that knew her. She always had a smile on her face with positive out look on life. I can honestly say you could see the Heavenly Father all over her. She was a true Christian women with a beautiful Christian glow about her and a good role .model.*

*Sincerely,  
Dale ,Annette , Ashley , Katelyn*

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**Charlene Johnson** - May 21, 2021 at 07:16 PM

KL

*Heaven has certainly gained an angel with the sweetest smile you have ever seen. My mom sweet friend and mine for many years! God bless this family. Love and prayers! Kathy Lawhon*

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**Kathy Lawhon** - May 22, 2021 at 10:14 PM