



Mr. Rufus Wayne Atkinson

January 13, 1944 - December 26, 2019

Funeral services for Mr. Rufus Wayne Atkinson, 75, who entered into rest on Thursday, December 26, 2019, will be held at 2 o'clock on Sunday, December 29, 2019, in The Chapel of Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home. The Rev. Buddy Amerson will officiate and the family will receive friends immediately following the service. Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Born in Darlington County, SC, he was a son of the late Joe Atkinson and Rosa Beasley Atkinson. He was a loving father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, and was a great friend to many, and was adored by all. He loved his children, Lynn and Wayne, dearly and was very close to both of them. He loved bream fishing, NASCAR, and had a fond love of black-and-white westerns: from "Gunsmoke" to "How The West Was Won." His hobbies were hanging out with his friends, shooting pool, and socializing. He was a simple man and had a simple life -- but he lived it to the fullest, and he did it his way. He had a love-hate relationship with his cat of 13 years, Smoke.

Mr. Atkinson is survived by his son, Wayne (Becky) Atkinson of Hartsville, SC; daughter, Lynn (Tony) Cassidy of Hartsville, SC; sister, Janie Brock of Chesterfield, SC; grandchildren, Tony (Jessica) Cassidy, Jr., Timmie Cassidy, Chelsea Atkinson; great-grandchildren, Colton Cassidy, Kinsley Cassidy. He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Nora Jones Atkinson; brothers,

Heyward Atkinson, William "Doc" Atkinson, Joe Atkinson; sisters, Lucille Griggs, Myrtle Gainey, and Lena May Dixon.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in his honor to the American Cancer Society, 200 Center Point Circle, Suite 100, Columbia, SC 29210-1790, or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Service

DEC **29**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home Chapel
306 W Home Ave
Hartsville, SC

Tribute Wall

AW

“ ALICE COATES WATFORD lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Wayne Atkinson



ALICE COATES WATFORD - January 08, 2020 at 03:32 PM

DC

“ Donald Chisholm lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Wayne Atkinson



Donald Chisholm - December 31, 2019 at 11:22 AM

CC

“ Fly high Uncle Ru, kiss grandma and daddy for me. Love and miss yall much Lynn, I'm always here for you just as you were for me during my Daddy's passing. Candy, Donald, RayRay, and Double Ray Chisholm

Candace Chisholm - December 31, 2019 at 11:20 AM

SM

“ Sammy McPherson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Wayne Atkinson



Sammy McPherson - December 30, 2019 at 09:40 AM

DH

“ Dawson And Judy Hemby lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Wayne Atkinson



Dawson and Judy Hemby - December 29, 2019 at 01:23 PM

GH

“ Gary Hall lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Wayne Atkinson



Gary Hall - December 29, 2019 at 01:13 PM

BH

“ Bobby And Anita Hall lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Wayne Atkinson



Bobby and Anita Hall - December 29, 2019 at 01:11 PM

RG

“ Robbie And Debbie Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Wayne Atkinson



Robbie and Debbie Gilbert - December 29, 2019 at 09:18 AM

KE

“ *Kaye Ewing lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Wayne Atkinson*



kaye ewing - December 28, 2019 at 05:55 PM

JM

“ *So sorry for your loss to all the families.*
- Billy and Jo-Ann Matthews

Jo and Billy Matthews - December 28, 2019 at 04:44 PM

DS

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. You will truly miss him, a Father is very special! God bless you and the family 🙏*
Danny and Helen Smith



Danny Smith - December 28, 2019 at 11:24 AM

DB

“ *David And Beverly Byrd lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Wayne Atkinson*



David and Beverly Byrd - December 28, 2019 at 10:49 AM

CM

“ Sorry for you loss, my thoughts and prayers are with as you go through difficult time. May God Bless.



Carroll and Rae McDonald - December 28, 2019 at 08:19 AM

CB

“ Chris And Kim Blackwell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Wayne Atkinson



chris and kim blackwell - December 28, 2019 at 05:52 AM

BC

“ Bill & Dawn Crawford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Wayne Atkinson



Bill & Dawn Crawford - December 27, 2019 at 10:48 PM

TA

“ Tabitha Griggs Amerson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Wayne Atkinson



Tabitha Griggs Amerson - December 27, 2019 at 10:34 PM

LB

“ Dear Lynn, Wayne and family, we are sorry to hear of your Dads passing. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Lee and Kim Bryant

Lee and Kim Bryant - December 27, 2019 at 10:25 PM

VJ

“ Von & Linda Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Wayne Atkinson



Von & Linda Johnson - December 27, 2019 at 07:16 PM

DS

“ Diane Sheffield-Wilkes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Wayne Atkinson



Diane Sheffield-Wilkes - December 27, 2019 at 06:34 PM



“ Marcia Freeman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Wayne Atkinson



Marcia Freeman - December 27, 2019 at 05:35 PM

HE

“ Heather & Blake Easterling lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Wayne Atkinson



Heather & Blake Easterling - December 27, 2019 at 04:34 PM

MV

“ Wayne, Lynn and family please know we are praying for all of you.



Mike Vann - December 27, 2019 at 04:12 PM

SB

“ So very sorry for your loss Lynn and Family .. I wish beyond measure that you weren't having to go through this pain .. Praying for Gods peace to wrap its presence around all of you and that the understanding of Gods timing eases your soul .. Love to You and Yours Lynn



Suzanne G Brown - December 27, 2019 at 03:21 PM

JC

“ Wayne, Becky, and Sweet Chelsea I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My prayers and thoughts are with you all. I lost my mom right at Christmas and it is hard. It is never easy but seems so difficult aroynd any holidays. Love to you all.

Joyce Chadwick - December 27, 2019 at 03:18 PM

JS

“ *Jenn N Clay Suggs lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Wayne Atkinson*



Jenn n Clay Suggs - December 27, 2019 at 03:17 PM

JJ

“ *Jackie Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Wayne Atkinson*



Jackie Johnson - December 27, 2019 at 03:02 PM

CM

“ *So sorry for your loss praying for the family*



Crystal Minnehan - December 27, 2019 at 10:51 AM

BH

“ *Bobbie & Tony Huggins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Wayne Atkinson*



Bobbie & Tony Huggins - December 27, 2019 at 10:43 AM

TH

“ Tammy Hammer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Wayne Atkinson



Tammy Hammer - December 27, 2019 at 09:01 AM

AJ

“ Wayne & Lynn,
I'm so sorry. I'll be praying for y'all.



Amy Johnson - December 27, 2019 at 08:22 AM

MG

“ Michael Gainey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Wayne Atkinson



michael gainey - December 27, 2019 at 07:41 AM

SL

“ Lynn & family, we are so sorry for your loss. Please know you are all in our thoughts & prayers. We loved & enjoyed Rufus so much. He will be sadly missed. But one thing for sure Heaven has gained another Angel! If we can do anything for you all, please don't hesitate to call. We love you! Marshall & Susan Loving

Susan Loving - December 27, 2019 at 12:38 AM

LL

“ *Lori And Randy Lowe lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Wayne Atkinson*



Lori and Randy Lowe - December 26, 2019 at 10:08 PM

KS

“ *Kathy Sheffield lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Wayne Atkinson*



Kathy Sheffield - December 26, 2019 at 10:00 PM

DW

“ *DON And ROBIN WINBURN lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Wayne Atkinson*



DON and ROBIN WINBURN - December 26, 2019 at 07:36 PM

DB

“ *Danny And DeeDee Byrd lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Wayne Atkinson*



Danny and DeeDee Byrd - December 26, 2019 at 07:34 PM

SL

“ Shannon Atkinson Lee sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Rufus Wayne Atkinson



Shannon Atkinson Lee - December 26, 2019 at 07:16 PM

PB

“ Phyllis Driggers Braddock sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Rufus Wayne Atkinson



Phyllis Driggers Braddock - December 26, 2019 at 07:14 PM

AS

“ Aaron & Stephanie Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Wayne Atkinson



Aaron & Stephanie Smith - December 26, 2019 at 06:52 PM

RM

“ Deepest condolences.



Robin Morrison - December 26, 2019 at 06:32 PM

DC

“ Dean And Anne Chapman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Wayne Atkinson



Dean and Anne Chapman - December 26, 2019 at 03:37 PM

LL

“ Larry Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Wayne Atkinson



Larry Lewis - December 26, 2019 at 03:18 PM

SJ

“ Stacey Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Wayne Atkinson



Stacey Johnson - December 26, 2019 at 02:54 PM

RH

“ Randy&Cindy Hutson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Rufus Wayne Atkinson



Randy&Cindy Hutson - December 26, 2019 at 02:28 PM

EB

“ Eric Boykin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Wayne Atkinson



Eric Boykin - December 26, 2019 at 01:55 PM

DT

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers are lifted for all.



Don & Ann Tiller - December 26, 2019 at 01:46 PM

AO

“ Angel Branham Odom lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rufus Wayne Atkinson



Angel Branham Odom - December 26, 2019 at 01:16 PM

TK

“ Lynn and Wayne I am so sorry for the loss of your dad! I always thought a lot of Rufus and it was a pleasure seeing him at Wayne's party. Yet to know that was going to be our last talk. I have you both in my prayers and he is now rejoicing with your mother, Rita, Terry and the rest. I know they are having a wonderful reunion in Heaven! Here if there is anything I can do!

Tranzy King - December 26, 2019 at 12:44 PM

AS

“ *This saddens me so! I loved Rufus so very much. I sang for this man many times just so he could dance. I drove him home many times if I felt he shouldn't be driving. We had many talks on many subjects of life. He will be greatly missed. Prayers lifted for everyone that had the honor of knowing this sweet friend of mine and for the family. RIP Sweet Rufus ❤️*

Ashlee Smith - December 26, 2019 at 09:33 AM