



Gilbert A. Atkins

March 4, 1930 - September 6, 2014

Bluefield, Va – Gilbert A. (Johnny) Atkins, 84 of Bluefield, VA peacefully passed away Saturday September 6, 2014. Born March 4, 1930 in Beardsfork, WV he was a son of the late Hamilton Atkins and Mary Fury Atkins.

Mr. Atkins was a very active member of Westminster Presbyterian Church of Bluefield, WV. He served many years as the Sunday School Superintendent. He retired from the Mercer County Board of Education, where he had been a teacher and administrator for over 29 years, primarily serving as the principal of the Vocational Center. He cherished the opportunity to improve his student's lives.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by 2 brothers and 5 sisters.

Mr. Atkins is survived by his wife of 63 years JoAnne Gillespie Atkins, a daughter: Karen A. Shott of Bluefield, VA, sons: John C. Atkins and wife Kelly of Johnston City, TN, and Steven M. Atkins and wife Connie of Salem, VA, 3 sisters; Juanita Steele of Jacksonville, FL, Daisy Kennedy of Landen, OH and Myrtle Rutherford, of Delores, CO. Also surviving are grandchildren; Andrew M. Shott and wife Tracey, Jason C. Shott and wife Michelle all of Mooresville, NC, Katherine G. Atkins and John Alexander Atkins both of Salem, VA and 4 great grandchildren.

Funeral services for Mr. Atkins will be held on Tuesday September 9, 2014 at Westminster Presbyterian Church at 11:00 AM with the Rev. Johnathan

Rockness officiating. Burial will follow at Roselawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Princeton. The family will receive friends at the church from 10 AM until the service hour. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to Westminster Presbyterian church of Bluefield, WV.

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting www.MercerFuneralHome.com Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Gilbert Atkins. Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family if Gilbert Atkins.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery

Princeton, WV

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Westminster Presbyterian Church
2005 Washington Street
Bluefield, WV 24701

Funeral Service

SEP 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Westminster Presbyterian Church
2005 Washington Street
Bluefield, WV 24701

Tribute Wall



“ *Gilbert A. Atkins*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *Gilbert was such a wonderful person. I got to know him when he taught classes for CASE WV in the CNA Program. He had such a genuine spirit and I always enjoyed getting to talk with him. Gilbert had a tremendous presence and loving spirit. He was kind and always had a smile on his face and a positive message to share. I consider it a true Blessing to have known him. God Bless his family and friends.*

Richelle L. Davis - September 17, 2014 at 08:17 AM



“ *I always enjoyed seeing and talking to him. He was very good man that we all will miss. May God welcome him, yes he touched a lot of lives. Prayers for his Family!*

Sam Larry - September 16, 2014 at 08:24 AM



“ *Dear JoAnne,
What a wonderful legacy of love that Johnny leaves! He touched so many lives with his ever-present smile and his caring personality. It has been a wonderful privilege to know and love so many members of your family for over 3 decades. How very rich our lives are because of you & Johnny!
Love always,
Charlotte Sacre*

Charlotte Sacre - September 11, 2014 at 04:25 PM

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“ *Dear Joanne and Family,
I was sorry to hear of your loss. I always loved Johnny. He always had a smile on his face. I remember when he and my Dad had projects going. They seemed to have such a good time. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.
Love,
Peggy Ewing Green*

Peggy Green - September 09, 2014 at 05:51 PM

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“ *Karen: So sorry to hear about the loss of your father. Keeping you and your family in prayer during this difficult time.
Danny & Ann Robinson*

Ann Robinson - September 09, 2014 at 09:16 AM

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*Karen,
So sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. Truly a good man. Thoughts and prayers go with you, your Mom and family.
-Mike O'Dell*

modell - September 09, 2014 at 04:59 PM

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“ *Such a sweet, gentle man. I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers and thoughts are with you.
Love, Nancy and Mike Roten*

Nancy Roten - September 09, 2014 at 08:58 AM



Katharine
Nelson

“ *Another member of the original "Breakfast Club," is now sitting at Heaven's Table. My thoughts and prayers are with you, JoAnne, Karen, and all your family. I know Mom, Dad, Charlie, Nub, Jane, Mary Doyle, and Poo Eye welcomed him with open arms.*

Katharine Nelson - September 09, 2014 at 08:42 AM



“ *John,
I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your dad. He was a strong witness for our Lord while on this earth and now stands whole and rejoicing in his glory. Please know that you and your family will be in my prayers.
Joe Muncey*

Joe Muncey - September 08, 2014 at 10:58 AM

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“ *John and Kelly,
We were saddened to hear of your dad's passing but take comfort in knowing he is now healthy and happy in the presence of our Lord. You and your family will be in our prayers for comfort and peace in the days ahead.
Larry and Carol Rose*

Larry Rose - September 08, 2014 at 10:15 AM