



## JoAnne G. Atkins

January 15, 1931 - April 29, 2019

Bluefield, VA- JoAnne Gillespie Atkins, 88, of Bluefield, VA, died Monday April 29, 2019 at her home.

Born January 15, 1931 in Keystone, WV, she was the daughter of the late Joseph C. Gillespie and Ethel Pickett Gillespie.

Mrs. Atkins was a resident of Bluefield since 1952, moving here from McDowell County. She was a homemaker and life-time member of Westminster Presbyterian Church where she was involved with the Women's Circle. She loved her church and worked tirelessly to serve in any capacity that she was needed. She was also a member of the CEOS.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Gilbert A. Atkins.

Survivors include her children, Karen A. Shott of Bluefield, VA, John C. Atkins and wife Kelly of Johnson City, TN, and Steven M. Atkins and wife Connie of Salem, VA; grandchildren, Andrew M. Shott and wife Tracey of Mooresville, NC, Jason C. Shott and wife Michelle of Mooresville, NC; Katherine G. Atkins of Salem, VA, and John A. Atkins of Salem, VA; five great-grandchildren; and special caretakers who provided her with wonderful care and became her friends, Kay Macomber, Martha Perdue, Barbara Atwell, and Jane Adams.

A funeral service will be conducted on Wednesday May 1, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church with Rev. Jonathan Rockness officiating. The family will receive friends on Wednesday at the church from 12:00 p.m. until the service hour.

Burial will follow at Roselawn Memorial Gardens where family members and friends will serve as pallbearers.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Westminster Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 1258, Bluefield, WV 24701.

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting [www.MercerFuneralHome.com](http://www.MercerFuneralHome.com) Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Mrs. JoAnne Gillespie Atkins.

# Cemetery Details

## Roselawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery

Princeton, WV

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 1. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Westminster Presbyterian Church  
2005 Washington Street  
Bluefield, WV 24701

## Funeral Service

MAY 1. 1:00 PM (ET)

Westminster Presbyterian Church  
2005 Washington Street  
Bluefield, WV 24701

# Tribute Wall



“ *JoAnne G. Atkins*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *Karen, I am so sorry about the passing of your mother. Thinking of you.*

**Malinda Deel** - May 01, 2019 at 10:15 AM



“ *Karen, I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you and your famile. Jana Johnson Fox*

**Jana Lynn Fox** - May 01, 2019 at 09:22 AM



“ *Steveanna, Tanner and families purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of JoAnne G. Atkins.*



**Steveanna, Tanner and families** - April 30, 2019 at 12:29 PM



“ *Karen, John, Steve, and family, I have so many fond memories of your sweet Mom. I pray that God will embrace you in His loving arms and bring you comfort and peace in the days ahead and beyond.*

*Paula Carriker*

**Paula Carriker** - April 29, 2019 at 05:11 PM

LB

*God peace be yours! You were such a loving caring daughter Karen; I can see you and your dear mother sitting in the sanctuary now. Yes, I too have wonderful memories of your parents from Union St., to you and your brothers, neighbors, Westminster, etc. May you all know God's peace at this sad time and also know friends are here to help in any way(s) needed. Love to you, Steve and John*

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**Lindsey Grubb Barilla** - April 30, 2019 at 12:05 AM

BM

*Praying for you and your family Karen, she was most certainly the best neighbor we had out of all the places we lived. She will be missed.*

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**Bob Mahood** - April 30, 2019 at 10:30 AM

CS

*Dear Karen,  
What wonderful memories I have of your Mother and your Father. They were two of the finest people I have ever known. They were tireless workers at church and in the community, Joanne's sunny smile and encouraging words always brightened my day, Blessings and peace to you for all the love and caregiving you have so steadfastly given. Love to all the family especially Drew and Jay.  
Charlotte Sacre Worsham*

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**Charlotte Sacre** - May 02, 2019 at 07:46 AM