



John M. Atkins

June 8, 1943 - February 19, 2019

John Marvin Atkins of Bluefield, West Virginia Born June 8, 1943 went to be with his Lord on February 19, 2019. Son of the late Ward Victor and Maggie Bane Atkins.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a sister Gladys Atkins Kelley, a brother Ronald Ward Atkins, nephew Ronald Ward Atkins, Jr. and sister, Susie.

Survived by his loving wife Mary Alice McGhee Atkins of Bluefield, daughter Vonda Atkins Boothe and husband Ernie of Sinks Grove, WV, son John Dwayne Atkins and wife Melissa Mullins Atkins of Tazewell, VA; grandchildren John Derek Bostic and wife Jessica of Union, KY, Jordonne Mariah Bostic of Alderson, WV, Katelyn Rose Bostic and companion Mitchell Thompson of Alderson, WV, Jeremiah Brannon Bostic of White Sulphur Springs, WV, Brandon Lucas Boothe of Fort Springs, WV, Leslie Marie Mullins and husband Lance of Tazewell, Luke Dwayne Atkins and wife Chelsea of North Tazewell, VA, and Landon Ward Atkins of North Tazewell, VA; thirteen great-grandchildren; Sister-in-law Rachel and husband Sam Dickson, brother-in-law Arthur and wife Wanda McGhee, brother-in-law Aubrey and wife Judy McGhee. Cousins and their families from Little Creek, VA and many nieces and nephews from South Carolina.

His favorite passages of scriptures were Psalm 23, Psalm 91 and Psalm 121.

Retired Church of God pastor and employee of First Community Bank.

Member of Princeton Church of God. John enjoyed history, reading, house

projects, good conversation and studying and teaching the Bible.

Funeral services will be Saturday February 23, 2019, at the Princeton Church of God at 3:00 PM with the Dr. Ray Hurt and Rev. Greg Whitlow officiating.

The Family will receive friends at the church from 1:00 – 3:00 P.M Saturday.

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 John Atkins.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 23. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Princeton Church of God

Funeral Service

FEB 23. 3:00 PM (ET)

Princeton Church of God

Tribute Wall



“ *John M. Atkins*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *Sorry to hear of the loss of ur husband, father and grandfather. Nothing can take that pain away!*

Tracy Mccrory Mcdaniel! - February 24, 2019 at 10:55 AM



“ *It's been many years since I've seen Brother Atkins, but I will always remember him as a kind and gentle man and a wonderful pastor. Much love and prayers to all the family in this difficult time. ~Melanie Propps Maxey*

Melanie Propps Maxey - February 23, 2019 at 02:47 PM



“ *We never met John, but became quick family members in Christ with his family while in the ICU waiting room. We shared prayers and tears and a trust that God would never leave us nor forsake us. Thank you all for your friendship. One day, we also will meet John. Much love, John & Dawn Whitcomb*

John Whitcomb - February 22, 2019 at 08:59 PM

LA

“ Love, Brenda, Tammy, Maddie and Abbie purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John M. Atkins.



Love, Brenda, Tammy, Maddie and Abbie - February 22, 2019 at 06:54 PM

JJ

“ J D Johnson purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John M. Atkins.



J D Johnson - February 22, 2019 at 01:39 PM

TF

“ The Rayle, Beem and Barnes Family purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of John M. Atkins.



The Rayle, Beem and Barnes Family - February 22, 2019 at 12:03 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John M. Atkins.



February 22, 2019 at 11:45 AM

KJ

“ He was a wonderful friend, customer, and my favorite pastor . I love him and Sis Atkins so much . It was always a pleasure to see them and feel the love they gave . God bless his family . I know you will carry on with the love and joy he had and shared . God bless you all . Prayers. Kathy Jaber

Kathy Jaber - February 21, 2019 at 09:26 PM

TA

“ It was a privilege to work with John at FCB for several years and he was always one of the friendliest, kindest, most Godly men I've ever known. On more than one occasion he led the Corporate Center in prayer for seriously ill coworkers and could always be counted upon for a personal prayer request. He was a prime example of what the Lord wants each of us to aspire to and will be greatly missed.

Tina Anderson - February 21, 2019 at 01:03 PM

SF

“ I worked with John on many different occasions at the Credit Bureau and FCB. He was a great colleague and friend to my father, Ben Lineberry as well. John was the most wonderful and caring person and I was privileged to have worked with him. Heaven must truly be rejoicing but the earth has lost a great gentleman. Much love to his family.

Sally Lineberry French - February 21, 2019 at 12:52 PM

RW

“ The FCB family is going to miss John tremendously. He was the most humble and kind person, always going the extra mile to help anyone. Prayers continue for this family's loss.

Ruth White - February 21, 2019 at 10:29 AM

NM

“ So sorry to hear of John's passing. I always him and his family. They were good people. Know that he is where we want to be. Love & prayers, Norma McGraw (Mill Creek Church of God)

Norma McGraw - February 21, 2019 at 09:18 AM

BH

“ In the stillness of the moment, I can hear Aunt Mary Alice softly crying "There he goes" and Granddaddy joyfully shouting "Maggie, here he comes".

Go rest high on that mountain Uncle Johnny.

Love, Brenda

Brenda Hill - February 21, 2019 at 06:54 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of John M. Atkins.



February 20, 2019 at 08:51 PM



Tammie Meckel

“ I will miss my Uncle John. My last memory was him praying over my dad in early December. I remember seeing his face after the pray and knowing his voice was heard by God. He had such a heavenly glow. Rest in peace. I'm sure you and grandmother are having good party today in heaven. (Today is her birthday)!

Tammie Meckel - February 20, 2019 at 08:36 PM

 Violet
Smith

“ *John and I worked together at the bank. When I'd go with him on the ATM runs we'd have such good conversations about our love for our Lord. He is one of the finest men I have ever known. I feel truly blessed to call him my friend. My prayers for peace and healing are what I'm praying for you all.*

Violet Smith - February 20, 2019 at 08:21 PM



a wonderful man of God..

Sherri Shrewsbury - February 20, 2019 at 10:01 PM

 Wanda
Shrout

They were dear friends for yrs when Pastored at Keyser! My thoughts n prayers are with each one, Vonda used help with my son Matt when he was little in church. Mary Alice, I know how you are feeling as I lost Larry 7/3/17 as well! Lean on God's strength daily n your family n friends to help you thru this great loss!

Wanda Shrout - February 21, 2019 at 09:32 AM

 JJ

John was a man of great humility and integrity. He always inspired me to be a better man.

John Jenkins - February 21, 2019 at 11:31 AM

MH

My mother Gladys Atkins Kelly always took us to Bluefield during special events and holidays. We lived in Charleston South Carolina near the beaches. To me going to see Grandmother & Granddaddy Atkins would mean we would have fun with Uncle Johnny and Aunt Mary Alice. I remember my Uncle Johnny and Aunt Mary Alice showing the Kelly children a lot of love and fun while we stayed there. My mother took us to church where we were amazed that our Uncle Johnny was preaching. On another visit at Christmas, I even saw Santa dressed in his red outfit with the jingle bells ringing them near the windows on Christmas Eve. I would hear the sounds as if Santa were on the roof. My mother told us to go to sleep because Santa would leave and we would not get our Christmas presents. As I grew older and knew the facts about Santa, I asked mom about that night. She knew I was old enough and told me it was Uncle Johnny. I have often thought how many favors she had to give Uncle Johnny for being Santa for us! I will miss riding the sleighs down the hill and my Uncle Johnny's wit and humor. I will miss my calls to him where we would talk without skipping a beat. He will be missed.

Martha Kelly Harvey - February 22, 2019 at 11:45 AM

SS

I had the pleasure of meeting John while working at FCB. He was one of the kindest men I've ever known. He always went out of his way to say hello and ask me how I was doing. He always had a smile on his face! I am so sorry for your loss but I know beyond of a shadow of a doubt that he is in heaven rejoicing! He will be greatly missed at FCB!
-Sherri Stowers

Sherri Stowers - February 22, 2019 at 12:38 PM

SS

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family. John was always the same no matter when or where you saw him. He always had a thought and prayer for someone along the way. There will always be special memories of him coming by my desk and saying Stephanie do you remember the name of this song. It's an oldie but goodie...I believe that it was in the old red COG hymnal. We would reminisce about past times and people who have gone home. I know that the Heavenly father greeted you when you arrived with well done though good and faithful servant! Tell my Dad hello for me. Take a long walk, rest, relax, and enjoy your heavenly home. Graduation day was long and sometimes hard in coming but you made it my friend.

Stephanie A. Sizemore - February 23, 2019 at 09:41 AM