



Bobby Ray Atkinson

July 16, 1947 - September 16, 2017

Bobby Ray Atkinson, born July 16, 1947 died September 16, 2017. He was the son of the late Robert Earl and Audrey Mozine Forrester Atkinson, in addition to his parents he was preceded in death by 2 brothers Paul and Ernie Atkinson. He is survived by his son Jacob Everett, granddaughter Alena Marceau, brother Steve, Roger and James Arthur Atkinson, Sisters Kitty Pharris, Claudette Atkinson, Lily Durham, and Michelle Atkinson. Mr. Atkinson was retired from the U.S. Air Force after serving for 30 years.

Memorial donations in Mr. Atkinson's honor may be made to the Clarksville High School Band.

Cemetery Details

Middle Tennessee Veterans Cemetery

7931 McCrory Ln
Nashville, TN 37221

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **21**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

McDonald Funeral Home, Inc. - Hickman County
102 West End Ave.
Centerville, TN 37033
(931) 729-3561

Funeral Service

SEP **22**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JB


“ Worked with Bobby down at Laughlin AFB when he get selected as chief. He was a nice guy and a good friend. Bobby and I were batting softballs for practice one year and we busted the covers (one each off the softballs). We had some great workouts in the gym as well. Miss you buddy. See ya in the great chamber in the sky

JR Brown - April 19, 2022 at 01:14 PM

TF

*Bobby was a Senior Master Sergeant at MAFB in Rancho Córdoba when I was assigned to the PTU. He and CMSGt Dusty Rhodes pranked me on my promotion to SSgt. Bobby was a great leader and a even better person. He encouraged you to do your best, work hard, and have a sense of humor. Sad that he left us too soon. All who served for and with him are better for it. Our condolences to his family. God bless and thanks for many great memories Bobby! Col. (Ret)
Tom Freeman*

Tom Freeman - November 12, 2022 at 10:45 PM

 Carol
Guild

“ Carol Guild lit a candle in memory of Bobby
Ray Atkinson



Carol Guild - May 10, 2018 at 09:36 PM

AD

“ . As an young Airman stationed at Castle AFB, Ca. the one person I kept hearing stories about was Bobby Atkinson (Chief).. And I said to my self is this man real, the stories I heard are unreal. I always want to meet and work for that man. I met him a few years later but I never had the pleasure to work with him. After meeting him all the stories had to be true. I found him to be honest, down to earth and an excellent person. I had the honor to spent time with him at this last reunion. We lost a great leader, Man, and human being. This was your last Chamber flight Chief Atkinson. I salute you. Many prayers for your family, love one and friends. RIP

Andre Denard - September 30, 2017 at 09:37 AM

RJ

“ Dear Sweet Bobby,
You will be missed by the breakfast bunch I know. You can now share your coffee creamer with friends in heaven. Thank you for sharing with me and being such a wonderful friend to all who knew you. Jacob, we will miss seeing your Dad around town. He has always been so proud of you and would keep us up to date on you when we saw him. God Bless!

Robbin Johnston - September 23, 2017 at 12:14 PM

 Coty
Atkinson

“ Bobby was my uncle, friend, supporter, mentor, and hero! I am beyond bless to have had such a wonderful influence in my life. He was guy if you knew him it was a honor. It's really hard to believe that he will not be here for me to get advice from. He was loved greatly and will be missed just as much. I know he's in heaven with my granny singing a song :)

Coty Atkinson - September 22, 2017 at 07:02 PM

LT

Coty: I am Larry Thorpe and was stationed with Bobby for 10 years in Sacramento. I just learned about Bobby yesterday and would like to know what happened. This has come as a big shock to myself and several others we worked with. You can reach me by email: mrbassman1x@gmail.com. He was like a younger brother to me than just a great friend. Thanks

Lawrence Thorpe - November 05, 2017 at 03:54 PM

BS

“ This is hard for me to do. Bobby and I have known each other since 1969, and were very close. We were stationed together at Kadena AB Okinawa and Tyndall AFB FL. We flew combat missions together, were roommates, played sports together, rode dirt bikes in the hills of Okinawa, and, of course, partied together. There was never a dull moment with Bobby around.



Bob Stahl - September 22, 2017 at 12:30 PM

LT

“ You will be greatly missed by your Rudy's family. Rest in peace my friend. Our hearts go out to the family



Laurie Tuberville - September 21, 2017 at 09:45 PM

LS

Bobby was my very good friend and he came to Virginia to visit me and my family. Bobby and I were stationed together at Kadena AB, Okinawa at the 15th Physiological Training Ft. Altitude Chamber. Had many good times in Okinawa working out in the gym there on base. Did not know he had passed until today(8-29-19). A fine Southern gentleman he was. We exchanged many stories about growing up in the country. He was a great asset to the US Air Force and many other aspects in life. Heaven has a great individual living there now. I should write a book about our experiences.

Larry Snow - August 29, 2019 at 09:49 AM

MH

“ *Melinda Hickman lit a candle in memory of Bobby Ray Atkinson*



Melinda Hickman - September 21, 2017 at 06:54 PM

EC

“ *This is all to sudden & hard to absorb! Bobby made friends easily & a heart as big as he is! I enjoyed his witty humor, always a joke or two to liven things up. His love for animals is supper, could never turn a stray away & they loved him just as much. The stories he would tell about his adventures seemed like something out of a Western Novel, until you would see his photos, citations or mementos - He's not joking! For those of you that grew up with or worked with him - I'm jealous! My time with him was to short but his spirit will always be bigger than life!! Bobby, I'm going to miss you big guy*

Eddie Conn - September 21, 2017 at 05:51 PM

JM

“ Chief BRA, a great mentor, leader and friend. We had one hell of a time taking care of the MacDill unit and supporting the Tyndall unit during its limited status tenure. I will miss your sense of humor and quick wit not to mention the zingers you would deal when given the opportunity. Thanks for taking of the physiology 911X0 folks! God Bless You Bobby. Juan "Chico" Moran

Juan Moran - September 21, 2017 at 03:49 PM

MA

“ Bobby, once met, was not easily forgotten. I know he will be missed by many. He had an abundant love for life, family and animals. He and his family are in my prayers. Marie

Marie - September 21, 2017 at 11:23 AM

BS

“ Brenda Rodgers Scott lit a candle in memory of Bobby Ray Atkinson



Brenda Rodgers Scott - September 21, 2017 at 08:45 AM

GC

“ Glenda Coates lit a candle in memory of Bobby Ray Atkinson



Glenda Coates - September 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Charlotte Staggs sent a virtual gift in memory of Bobby Ray Atkinson



Charlotte Staggs - September 20, 2017 at 06:49 PM

CS

HCHS football star, his star continued to shine until his transition and will provide a light for all who remain.

Charlotte Staggs - September 20, 2017 at 06:51 PM

RR

“ Randy Reese lit a candle in memory of Bobby Ray Atkinson



Randy Reese - September 20, 2017 at 02:24 PM

BC

“ Bud And Dorothy Cochran lit a candle in memory of Bobby Ray Atkinson



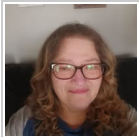
Bud and Dorothy Cochran - September 20, 2017 at 09:42 AM

CS

“ Bobby's spirit will live on in everyone whose life he touched. I am sure he has heaven laughing and is preaching to someone. He will never be forgotten. The best dad a son could ever dream of having.



Connie Sue - September 20, 2017 at 08:38 AM



“ Renee Shepard Clavette lit a candle in memory of Bobby Ray Atkinson



Renee Shepard Clavette - September 20, 2017 at 03:19 AM

JD

“ Jason Dotson lit a candle in memory of Bobby Ray Atkinson



Jason Dotson - September 20, 2017 at 01:28 AM

BC

“ I will miss you brother. You are a friend, a brother, and one of my mentors. It was my honor to have worked with you during my career. You had a positive impact on a lot of Airmen around the world. Go to sleep my brother, we will see you heaven soon. I will miss your laughter and your smile. Was great to see you at our last reunion in Texas. YOU DA MAN!!!! Bud Collier.

Bud Collier - September 19, 2017 at 10:42 PM

GJ

“ Greg & Glenda Jones lit a candle in memory of Bobby Ray Atkinson



Greg & Glenda Jones - September 19, 2017 at 08:11 PM



“ Bobby was always the one to go to for entertainment because he never met a stranger and was usually the life of any gathering! It was a pleasure to have graduated with him and to have many good times together in the intervening years since graduation. We always found it heartwarming that his son and our daughter were friends also without realizing that their parents knew each other. One great guy!

Betty Beasley - September 19, 2017 at 03:37 PM

MS

“ *Melissa Shelton lit a candle in memory of Bobby Ray Atkinson*



Melissa Shelton - September 19, 2017 at 03:10 PM



“ *Bobby and I were close friends for several years while we were both active duty. My last assignment was with him at MacDill AFB until our unit closed down in 1994. Since then we have stayed in touch, even driving down to Brooks AFB together in 2007 for a 911X0 Reunion. To me Bobby always seemed "larger than life" and it is very difficult for me to imagine this world without him. Anyone who knew him won't forget his quick wit and zany sense of humor. I am so sorry. RIP Chief*



Allen Faulkner - September 19, 2017 at 01:08 PM