



Franklin D. Atkinson

January 2, 1933 - December 29, 2019

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Franklin D. Atkinson was born in Shipp's Bend, Tennessee on January 2, 1933. He passed from this life on December 29, 2019. He was four days away from his 87th birthday. He was preceded in death by his parents John & Alice Quillen Atkinson, his wife of 66 years Maxine Thompson Atkinson, and six brothers and one sister.

He is survived by his two daughters Pam Morgan and Susan McNabb, two grandchildren Nicholas McNabb and Lindsey Bailey, three great grandchildren Lily McNabb, Knox and Sloan Bailey, and two sisters Helen Deen and Shirley Staggs.

Frank started working at a young age and worked hard his entire life. He was a wonderful provider for his family. He was a member of the local Iron Workers Union #492, Centerville Masonic Lodge #618, and a charter member of the Hickman County Rescue Squad. In 1964, Frank was elected as Sheriff of Hickman County at the age of thirty-one. He was elected to eleven terms and served for twenty-eight years as sheriff. He spent a total of thirty years in law enforcement. He retired as Sheriff of Hickman County in 2002 at the age of sixty-nine.

Frank was also a member of the Centerville Church of Christ for over six decades. He served as a faithful usher and head counter on a weekly basis. He loved his church family.

He was a fine Christian man, husband, daddy, grandfather, leader, and friend. He enjoyed serving others and spent his life doing so. Frank was famous for saying, "If there is ever anything I can do for you - let me know." And, he followed through with that promise on countless occasions.

Frank believed "every day was a good day." And, he went about his life doing good for others. The world is a better place because he was in it.

The family would like to extend a heart-felt thank you to those who helped take care of our Dad and Papaw as private caregivers: Janice Manor, Teresa Warren, Carolyn Chandler, and Donna Nolen. We would also like to thank Caris Hospice Care for their outstanding service.

"Happy people don't go through life collecting - they go through life giving."

Cemetery Details

Oakmont Cemetery

995 Old State Rte 50
Centerville, TN 37033

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 31. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

JAN 1. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

FD

“ Fred & Cathy Denton lit a candle in memory of Franklin D. Atkinson



fred & cathy denton - June 05, 2020 at 12:50 PM

JT

“ Jeff Thomas lit a candle in memory of Franklin D. Atkinson



Jeff Thomas - January 21, 2020 at 04:44 PM

 Darlene Hicks Chappell

“ Darlene Hicks Chappell lit a candle in memory of Franklin D. Atkinson



Darlene Hicks Chappell - January 09, 2020 at 07:28 AM

VC

“ Vicky Curtis lit a candle in memory of Franklin D. Atkinson



Vicky Curtis - January 02, 2020 at 07:27 PM

CL

“ *CONNIE LUNA lit a candle in memory of Franklin D. Atkinson*



CONNIE LUNA - January 02, 2020 at 10:08 AM

CM

“ *Cheeva McClearen lit a candle in memory of Franklin D. Atkinson*



Cheeva McClearen - January 01, 2020 at 08:59 PM

DB

“ *Dorris Brown lit a candle in memory of Franklin D. Atkinson*



Dorris Brown - January 01, 2020 at 01:07 PM

KC

“ *Kay Campbell sent a virtual gift in memory of Franklin D. Atkinson*



Kay Campbell - January 01, 2020 at 07:49 AM

GB

“ RIP DADDY. FRANK U WILL BE MISSED



Gerada Banks - December 31, 2019 at 10:05 PM

CS

“ Carol & Joe W Shelby lit a candle in memory of Franklin D. Atkinson



Carol & Joe W Shelby - December 31, 2019 at 09:58 PM

TF

“ We are so sorry for your loss. He was a great man. It didn't matter where you would see him he always took time to say hello shake your hand or give a hug and ask how you were doing. He never forgot who you were or where you lived.

Tommy McMeen & Family - December 31, 2019 at 08:46 PM

FW

“ Felicia Wilbanks sent a virtual gift in memory of Franklin D. Atkinson



Felicia Wilbanks - December 31, 2019 at 07:49 PM

SM

“ *Sharon McCoy lit a candle in memory of Franklin D. Atkinson*



Sharon McCoy - December 31, 2019 at 07:05 PM

MH

“ *Melinda Hickman lit a candle in memory of Franklin D. Atkinson*



Melinda Hickman - December 31, 2019 at 06:30 PM

JW

“ *John M Wilson lit a candle in memory of Franklin D. Atkinson*



John M Wilson - December 31, 2019 at 06:00 PM

PA

“ *Phillip & Letitia Allen lit a candle in memory of Franklin D. Atkinson*



Phillip & Letitia Allen - December 31, 2019 at 05:00 PM

LG

“ *Lonnie And Marilyn Gilliam lit a candle in memory of Franklin D. Atkinson*



Lonnie and Marilyn Gilliam - December 31, 2019 at 03:47 PM

BJ

“ *Thanks for serving Hickman County for many years. To your family , those precious memories will be a help during a difficult time... with love, Billy and Vicky James*

billy and vicky james - December 31, 2019 at 01:00 PM

LK

“ *Lisa King sent a virtual gift in memory of Franklin D. Atkinson*



Lisa king - December 31, 2019 at 12:46 PM

CS

“ *Charlotte Maricia Staggs lit a candle in memory of Franklin D. Atkinson*



Charlotte Maricia Staggs - December 31, 2019 at 11:20 AM

SA

“ Thoughts and Many Prayers for this Sweet and Dear Family Heaven received another Sweet Angel ,Whom will be GREATLY Missed on the EARTH. Love Steve & Susan Anglin



susan anglin - December 31, 2019 at 11:10 AM

BP

“ Belinda Potts lit a candle in memory of Franklin D. Atkinson



Belinda Potts - December 31, 2019 at 10:28 AM

RL

“ Randy Lynch lit a candle in memory of Franklin D. Atkinson



Randy Lynch - December 31, 2019 at 10:19 AM

PC

“ Pamela Cummins lit a candle in memory of Franklin D. Atkinson



pamela cummins - December 31, 2019 at 09:40 AM

BQ

“ Bernard Quallsb lit a candle in memory of Franklin D. Atkinson



bernard quallsb - December 31, 2019 at 09:09 AM

SD

“ Uncle Frank definitely left a set of footprints that will be respected and remembered. Love and prayers for the family.

Sharon Davis - December 31, 2019 at 08:02 AM

SM

“ Sue Madsen lit a candle in memory of Franklin D. Atkinson



Sue Madsen - December 31, 2019 at 07:58 AM



“ Lisa Orman Owen lit a candle in memory of Franklin D. Atkinson



Lisa Orman Owen - December 31, 2019 at 02:42 AM

BA

“ Betty Ashworth-Talley sent a virtual gift in memory of Franklin D. Atkinson



Betty Ashworth-Talley - December 31, 2019 at 01:32 AM

TF

“ The Lancaster Family lit a candle in memory of Franklin D. Atkinson



The Lancaster Family - December 30, 2019 at 11:05 PM



“ Claudine Cline lit a candle in memory of Franklin D. Atkinson



Claudine Cline - December 30, 2019 at 10:46 PM



“ Misty Hickman sent a virtual gift in memory of Franklin D. Atkinson



Misty Hickman - December 30, 2019 at 10:44 PM

JC

“ *Jennifer Bertrand Carroll lit a candle in memory of Franklin D. Atkinson*



Jennifer Bertrand Carroll - December 30, 2019 at 10:32 PM

MM

“ *Such a great man and mentor...will be greatly missed!!!*



Mary Malugin - December 30, 2019 at 10:22 PM



“ *Misty Hickman lit a candle in memory of Franklin D. Atkinson*



Misty Hickman - December 30, 2019 at 10:14 PM

RT

“ *Rhonda Taylor sent a virtual gift in memory of Franklin D. Atkinson*



Rhonda Taylor - December 30, 2019 at 10:06 PM

DB

“ So sorry for your families loss. Susan and Pam, you are in my thoughts and prayers! ❤️



Debbie Bradley - December 30, 2019 at 09:54 PM

WM

“ I worked several Joint Cases with Sheriff Atkinson while I was Maury County Sheriff, He was very Law Smart and Ready to assist. A fine man and Friend.
Wade Matheny Maury Sheriff 1986-1994

Wade Matheny - December 30, 2019 at 09:51 PM

TR

“ Teena And Ronny lit a candle in memory of Franklin D. Atkinson



Teena and Ronny - December 30, 2019 at 09:41 PM

BT

“ Mr Frank Atkinson” was always A Fair man! Dedicated his whole life in making sure Centerville TN was Safe! Rip Sir rest easy.



Bernando Turner - December 30, 2019 at 09:35 PM

LW

“ *Linda Walker lit a candle in memory of Franklin D. Atkinson*



Linda Walker - December 30, 2019 at 09:29 PM

LD

“ *Lou Dickens sent a virtual gift in memory of Franklin D. Atkinson*



Lou Dickens - December 30, 2019 at 09:27 PM

LD

“ *Lou Dickens lit a candle in memory of Franklin D. Atkinson*



Lou Dickens - December 30, 2019 at 09:26 PM

LD

“ *Your Family is in our thoughts and prayers as yall go through this most difficult time in your lives he will be dearly missed by many people may God give ya'll much comfort and love turn to him for strength. Love to all of you! Lou Dickens*

Lou Dickens - December 30, 2019 at 09:25 PM

BP

“ *Becky Palmer lit a candle in memory of Franklin D. Atkinson*



Becky Palmer - December 30, 2019 at 09:00 PM



“ *Betty Love lit a candle in memory of Franklin D. Atkinson*



Betty Love - December 30, 2019 at 08:49 PM

RM

“ *RITA MORTON lit a candle in memory of Franklin D. Atkinson*



RITA MORTON - December 30, 2019 at 08:46 PM

GR

“ *Greg And Dianna Rochelle lit a candle in memory of Franklin D. Atkinson*



Greg and Dianna Rochelle - December 30, 2019 at 08:40 PM

JA

“ James Arthur and Dana Atkinson lit a candle in memory of Frank Atkinson. He was always encouraging and kind to me wherever our paths crossed, from my childhood until the last time I spoke with him. He will be missed community wide.



James Atkinson - December 30, 2019 at 08:23 PM

CS

“ Casey Simmons lit a candle in memory of Franklin D. Atkinson



Casey Simmons - December 30, 2019 at 08:18 PM

TB

“ Tim and Tina Barber



Tim and Tina Barber - December 30, 2019 at 07:59 PM

WQ

“ Wayne And Martha Qualls sent a virtual gift in memory of Franklin D. Atkinson



Wayne and Martha Qualls - December 30, 2019 at 07:43 PM

CS

“ Casey Simmons lit a candle in memory of Franklin D. Atkinson



Casey Simmons - December 30, 2019 at 07:31 PM

CS

“ Casey And Christie Simmons lit a candle in memory of Franklin D. Atkinson



Casey and Christie Simmons - December 30, 2019 at 07:28 PM

PH

“ One of the sweetest men I ever knew. Rest in Peace.



Paula Hay - December 30, 2019 at 06:45 PM

TJ

“ A most honorable man. Hickman County lost one of their finest.



Tammy Jackson - December 30, 2019 at 06:43 PM

RB

“ *Randall-Sandra Barber lit a candle in memory of Franklin D. Atkinson*



Randall-Sandra Barber - December 30, 2019 at 06:31 PM

RL

“ *Rita McClanahan Lance lit a candle in memory of Franklin D. Atkinson*

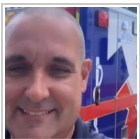


Rita McClanahan Lance - December 30, 2019 at 06:28 PM



“ *RIP Sheriff Frank Atkinson. End of watch 12-29-2019 Hickman county sheriff Frank Atkinson car 81 10-7 for the final time. We have it from here sir.*

David Stewart - December 30, 2019 at 05:44 PM



“ *Sheriff Frank Atkinson was definitely one of the greatest men God placed upon this earth and though he has now called him home his memory will forever live in all of us whose lives he touched. We would all be wise when making important decisions to stop and think what would Frank do. He was the wisest man I knew. God bless His family.*

David Stewart - December 30, 2019 at 05:39 PM

RS

*To:Atkinson Family,
Frank was a very nice person & he will be missed.
Your friends,Regina &Martha Shelton*

Regina & Martha Shelton - December 30, 2019 at 05:57 PM

LC

Such a good and caring man!! R.I.P.

Linda Creech - December 30, 2019 at 09:49 PM

TO

“ *One of the greatest men I knew.*



Tony - December 30, 2019 at 05:38 PM



“ *David Stewart lit a candle in memory of
Franklin D. Atkinson*



David Stewart - December 30, 2019 at 05:32 PM

KF

“ *Kilpatrick Family lit a candle in memory of
Franklin D. Atkinson*



Kilpatrick Family - December 30, 2019 at 05:11 PM

LF

“ *Lance Family lit a candle in memory of Franklin D. Atkinson*



Lance Family - December 30, 2019 at 05:10 PM

GO

“ *Glenda Orman lit a candle in memory of Franklin D. Atkinson*



Glenda Orman - December 30, 2019 at 05:01 PM