



Mr. Billy F. Atkinson

February 6, 1937 - October 31, 2025

Mr. Billy F. Atkinson, 88, of Royston, GA passed away on Friday, October 31, 2025, at his home.

Mr. Atkinson was born in Carnesville, GA on February 6, 1937, son of the late W.T. Atkinson and the late Martha Bailey Atkinson. He was a marketing sales rep. having worked for Westinghouse-ABB and was a 1st Sergeant for 33 years in the United States National Guard.

Mr. Atkinson was a member of New Hope Baptist Church in Royston, where he served as a deacon. He was also a member of the EANGUS, Elberton 214th, American Legion, Franklin County Gideons International, Franklin County Cattleman's Association, and served as a former Franklin County Commissioner.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Eleanor Griffin Atkinson; son, Randy Sartain; granddaughter, Paige James; great-grandson, Avery James; and brother, Jimmy Atkinson.

Survivors include his wife, Brenda Whitt Atkinson; daughter, Cindy James of Royston, GA; granddaughter, Kristan James; great-grandson, Ian James; brother, Tony Atkinson (Angie) of Royston, GA; sisters, Karen Coile of Comer, GA and Daphne McCarty of Royston, GA; stepdaughters, Michelle Prather

(Leon) of Good Hope, GA and Denise Peters of Bethlehem, GA; step-grandchildren, Austin Prather (McKenzie), Charli Perkins, Jordan Louis, Dylan Louis, Stephanie Nasworthy (Tommy); and five step-great-grandchildren.

The family would like to extend a special thanks and appreciation to the Gentiva Hospice team and his wonderful caregivers, Keetan Brewer, Diane Knight, Miranda Hulme, and Takeitha Ravenell.

Funeral services for Mr. Atkinson will be held in the Pruitt Funeral Home Chapel at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, with Rev. Johnny Jones and Rev. Glenn Lyles officiating. Interment will follow in the Rose Hill Cemetery in Royston.

The family will receive friends at Pruitt Funeral Home from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Monday evening. During other times, the family will be at the home.

Flowers are optional, memorials may be made to Gideons International at P.O. Box 297 Franklin Springs, GA 30639 or to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105.

Pruitt Funeral Home in Royston, GA is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Cemetery

Burch Street
Royston, GA 30662

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 3. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pruitt Funeral Home
47 Franklin Springs Street
P.O. Box 465
Royston, GA 30662
(706) 245-7234
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<https://www.pruittfhroyston.com/>

Service

NOV 4. 1:00 PM (ET)

Pruitt Funeral Home Chapel
47 Franklin Springs Street
Royston, GA 30662

Tribute Wall



“ *Pruitt Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Billy F. Atkinson*



Pruitt Funeral Home - November 03, 2025 at 01:36 PM

WS

“ *W Maxwell Former Tenant ,Bowersville St lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy F. Atkinson*



W Maxwell former tenant ,Bowersville St - November 05, 2025 at 12:48 PM

RH

“ *Renna Holland lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy F. Atkinson*



Renna Holland - November 04, 2025 at 09:56 AM

RH

Billy was a very nice man. I remember talking to him about people we knew from Hartwell. He was in the Guard with a guy I had dated. Oh, the stories we could talk about!

Remembering you all in the time of grieving.

Renna Holland - November 04, 2025 at 10:05 AM

BS

“ *Beverly Stowe lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy F. Atkinson*



Beverly Stowe - November 03, 2025 at 06:01 PM

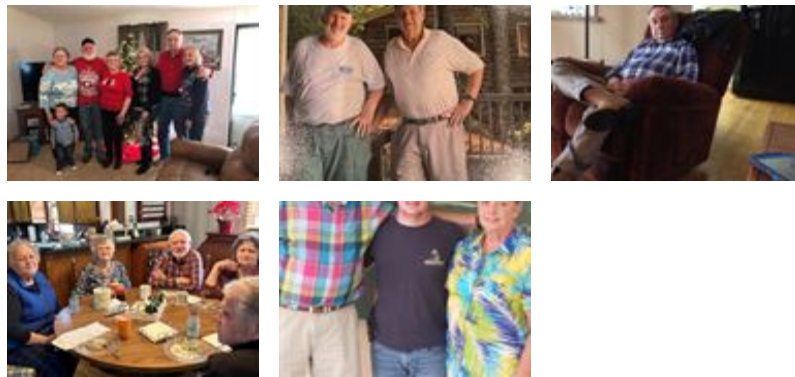
BS

“ *So sorry for your loss Cindy. Praying for you he was a great man..*

Beverly Stowe - November 03, 2025 at 06:01 PM



“ *8 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Pruitt Funeral Home - November 03, 2025 at 02:44 PM



“ 57 files added to the album LifeTributes



Pruitt Funeral Home - November 03, 2025 at 01:15 PM



“ My sincere condolences to the family.
I remember Billy fondly from our years together at
Westinghouse/ABB.

Christy - November 03, 2025 at 11:43 AM



“ American Legion post 109 is saddened by the
passing of our member. Condolences to the
family.



James Fulghum - November 03, 2025 at 10:52 AM

TS

“ Terry & Jane Sexton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy F. Atkinson



Terry & Jane Sexton - November 03, 2025 at 10:15 AM

TR

“ Tim And Lawanna Ray lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy F. Atkinson



Tim and Lawanna Ray - November 03, 2025 at 08:06 AM

LB

“ Played golf with Billy at Hartwell Golf Course for many years. He was 100% GI Charlie and was a pleasure to know. Those 19th green chats and snacks were good times to remember. A great friend and Praying for his Family and Friends to find Peace and Comfort in the Christ he believed in.
Leslie Boles



Leslie Boles - November 02, 2025 at 09:58 PM

JB

“ Sorry to hear of Billy’s passing! He was a fine man! Knew Billy for 50 years and used to love to talk with him about deer and turkey hunting! Prayers for Gods blessings and comfort for family at this time and in the days ahead!



Johnny Banister - November 02, 2025 at 07:41 PM

WM

“ So sorry to hear of Billy's passing. He was a good man and will be missed. Love and prayers for the family.



Wayne & Paulette Moore - November 02, 2025 at 06:59 PM

EC

“ Evelyn Cress sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Billy F. Atkinson



Evelyn cress - November 02, 2025 at 06:15 PM

SB

“ Sammy Beard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy F. Atkinson



Sammy Beard - November 02, 2025 at 05:12 PM

YB

“ Yvonne Beatty lit a candle in memory of Mr. Billy F. Atkinson



Yvonne Beatty - November 02, 2025 at 04:24 PM

BW

“ Brenda Wallace sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Billy F. Atkinson



Brenda Wallace - November 02, 2025 at 04:17 PM

BH

“ Cindy Karen Daphne and Tony I'm so sorry for your loss I have so many memories of this sweet family over my 70 years you are all in my prayers I know your pain I love you all Brenda Holloway

Brenda Holloway - November 02, 2025 at 04:16 PM

SN

“ Rest in peace papa Billy... you are now healed and with your parents, son, and brother in Heaven. I'm thankful I was there with you when you took your last breath. We love you and will miss you dearly! Stephanie, Tommy, and Evaleigh Nasworthy



Stephanie Nasworthy - November 02, 2025 at 04:10 PM

DJ

“ *Cindy I am so sorry for your loss of your Daddy. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*



Diana Johnson - November 02, 2025 at 03:53 PM

MJ

Tony I'm so sorry to hear about your brother he was from my hometown carnesville ga God bless the family Mary jo Jennings

Mary Jo Jennings - November 02, 2025 at 05:33 PM

BW

The Bryant family sends condolences.

Barbara Bryant Wilson

barbara wilson - November 02, 2025 at 06:18 PM

RA

Billy was a soldier with me in the Army National Guard in Hartwell Georgia for many years. For that reason, I consider him a brother. When I transferred from the unit in 1975, I remembered him as a golly Sgt E-5, always laughing, but he was a leader reaching the rank of 1SGT E-8. The memories I share about my time with Billy can never be tarnished. I have lost another good soldier and friend.

Ron Ayers, CW4 (ret) USA

Ron Ayers - November 03, 2025 at 10:55 PM