



Mrs. Deborah "Debbie" Atkinson Synan

April 17, 1963 - September 6, 2023

Deborah Atkinson Synan of Royston, Georgia was welcomed into the arms of Christ on Wednesday, September 6, 2023. Born on April 17, 1963 in Columbia, South Carolina, Debbie was the oldest child in her family of origin and cared deeply for her siblings. As a teen, she became a Christian and devoted her life to following the Lord. She proudly attended Holmes Bible College in Greenville, South Carolina, where she met the love of her life, Bert. They loved to reminisce that he first asked her "to dinner" was while she was on her way to bump into another young man. They became best friends, started dating, and the rest was history.

Bert and Debbie married in August of 1985 and were quickly blessed with four children—all of whom Debbie was extraordinarily proud of, but everyone quickly realized the brightest stars in her universe were the grandchildren. The joy of her life was being "Nana." When she'd see the grandkids, her eyes would fill with sparkles, tickles, and love. She always reminded them (while tugging on her ear in Carol Burnett fashion), "Nana loves you!"

In her life she served many roles including home educator, florist, Emmanuel University recruiter, and personal banker, along with many unpaid volunteer positions in churches and ministries.

Debbie will be remembered for her sense of humor (once karate chopping a

sandwich in half to the surprise and delight of her kids), her love of Jamocha Almond Fudge ice cream, and deep empathy for others. She always believed and hoped the best for her friends and acquaintances.

Debbie struggled most of her life with mental illness and, in her final year, severe chronic pain that limited her participation in many activities she loved, including spending time with her church family at Peniel PH Church, where Bert is pastor. Yet through her agony and numerous disappointing doctor visits, she found her hope in Christ to be her rock. She was known for her years-long ministry of texting scripture verses first thing each morning to dozens of friends and family, daily reminding them of God's love and truth.

The final verse she shared was Proverbs 14:18, "The simple inherit folly, but the prudent are crowned with knowledge."

Her earthly pain is over and her knowledge and full experience of her savior, Jesus Christ, is her prize. She will be greatly missed by many.

She leaves behind her siblings, Dana, Chuck, and Renee; husband, the Rev. Bert Synan; children JJ Getz (Ben), Gabe Synan, Caleb Synan, Libby Hall (Ben), and beloved grandchildren Link and Dilly Getz, and Shepherd Hall.

Services for Debbie will be held at 3:00 pm at the Franklin Springs PH Church in Franklin Springs, GA on Saturday, September 9, 2023, Visitation will precede the service at 2:00 pm at the church.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 9. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Franklin Springs Pentecostal Holiness Church
260 Spring Street
Royston, GA 30662

Memorial Service

SEP 9. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pruitt Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Deborah "Debbie" Atkinson Synan*



Pruitt Funeral Home - September 08, 2023 at 02:42 PM

SP

Burt I am very sorry to hear about Debbie my prayers will go out for you and your family I know what you're going through but if there's anything I can do please call my number is 706-680-4005

Sandra Phillips - September 08, 2023 at 10:24 PM

SC

“ *Sarah Chastain lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah "Debbie" Atkinson Synan*



Sarah Chastain - September 13, 2023 at 02:57 PM

DC

“ *Bert, we are continuing to keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. May our Father give you all the peace that passes understanding. Don & Terri Collins*

Don Collins - September 12, 2023 at 10:55 AM

ME

“ To the Syan family, I'm so sorry to hear about thr passing of Debbie. She was so sweet and kind. Praying for all of yall in the upcoming days.



Mandy Eidson - September 10, 2023 at 10:13 AM

LS

I send my deepest sympathy to the whole family. I loved Debbie and all of you so much. What a loss to you all.

Leigh Sanders - September 13, 2023 at 04:39 PM

EC

“ Evelyn Cress sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Deborah "Debbie" Atkinson Synan



evelyn cress - September 09, 2023 at 03:56 PM

RH

“ We're so very thankful for both Debbie and Bert, who raised a godly daughter named Libby, who married our son! May God's love, peace, and comfort hold your family at this time. Debbie's scripture texts were profoundly encouraging and helpful! We're praying for each one of you!
-Richard and Angela Hall

Richard and Angela Hall - September 08, 2023 at 11:06 PM

CF

“ Bert, Jon and I will always be grateful for the time we spent with you and Debbie in Moultrie, Ga. Our love and prayers are with you and your precious family! Chrissie

Chrissie & Jon Forehand - September 08, 2023 at 08:16 PM

BP

“ Barbara Pulliam lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah "Debbie" Atkinson Synan



Barbara Pulliam - September 08, 2023 at 04:50 PM

WC

“ Bert and family, I am so sorry to hear about Debbie's passing. May God continue to give you and all your family strength, peace and comfort during the days ahead. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

WAYNE CHITWOOD - September 08, 2023 at 04:36 PM

FB

“ Fay Bruce lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah "Debbie" Atkinson Synan



Fay Bruce - September 08, 2023 at 04:20 PM



“ 71 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pruitt Funeral Home - September 08, 2023 at 02:12 PM



“ Bert and family. My deepest sympathy to all of you during this difficult time. Debbie's daily scriptures and words of encouragement she shared inspired so many. My dad often shared with me her messages and how much he looked forward to them. She holds a special place in our hearts as do all of you. Although I am unable to be with you at this time, please know my heart, thoughts, and prayers are with you all!



Ronald Herndon - September 08, 2023 at 12:07 PM



“ Our prayers are with Bert and family. Debbie will be greatly missed by our Church family. We all loved her and Debbie will always hold a special place in our hearts. May God's peace surround you and hold all of you up during this difficult time.

Janie & Bobby Brooks - September 08, 2023 at 09:31 AM

SD

“ *Stevie And Cindy Duncan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah "Debbie" Atkinson Synan*



Stevie and Cindy Duncan - September 07, 2023 at 08:28 PM

SB

“ *Sammy Beard lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah "Debbie" Atkinson Synan*



Sammy Beard - September 07, 2023 at 08:11 PM

DJ

“ *Bert and family, I'm so sorry to hear of Debbie's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family*



Diana Johnson - September 07, 2023 at 07:29 PM

DB

“ *David & JoAnn Bagwell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah "Debbie" Atkinson Synan*



David & JoAnn Bagwell - September 07, 2023 at 07:20 PM

RE

“ *My deepest condolences to all of you!*

Grace and Peace!

Dr. Sid Chapman



Rev. Sidney L. Chapman, Ed.D. - September 07, 2023 at 07:03 PM

RA

I am so very sorry for your loss, but oh what joy that she has heard 'well done daughter'! You are all on my heart and in my prayers during this time when our souls become heartsick because they yearn to go Home too...it has been said we grieve not because we have no hope - but because we are Homesick. Prayers for all ~ Rev. Julia Augustine, Missions Director, LifeSpring Church, ROLC.

Rev. Julia Augustine - September 08, 2023 at 12:13 AM

RS

Bert, your children and grands, I had the privilege of visiting with Debbie and praying with her and then talking with her multiple times on the phone. She was a beautiful person who is now set free and forever with Jesus. We pray for the strength that can only come from God during this difficult time. May you be surrounded with God's peace that passes understanding. Love, Rich and Gale Seibert

Rev. Gale Seibert - September 08, 2023 at 09:04 AM

RS

“ *Bert and family. I am so very sorry to hear about Debbie's passing. I understand the pain of losing your spouse. May Jesus wrap his loving arms around you all and give you peace. Much love , "The Other Bert " Bert Sapp*

Rev Bert "Hubert" Sapp - September 07, 2023 at 05:54 PM

BB

“ *Brenda & Ellis Bolton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Deborah "Debbie" Atkinson Synan*



Brenda & Ellis Bolton - September 07, 2023 at 04:14 PM

JT

“ *Hi Bert.... Brenda and I are praying for you my brother. We are deeply saddened to hear of Debbie's homegoing. May God give you his glorified PEACE & COMFORT at this time 🙏. Take care my dear friend. Aloha from Greenville, NC.*



Junior and Brenda Tamondong - September 07, 2023 at 03:49 PM

VT

“ *Life will not be the same without Debbie's Scripture text each morning. My only consolation concerning her loss is that she is no longer in pain, and she is in the arms of Jesus!*

Virginia Taylor - September 07, 2023 at 03:42 PM

AK

“ *Alan And Phyllis King lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah "Debbie" Atkinson Synan*



Alan and Phyllis King - September 07, 2023 at 03:34 PM

JB

“ So sorry to hear of Debbie’s passing! She was a fine lady! May God Bless you and family through this time of sadness!



Johnny Banister - September 07, 2023 at 03:00 PM

DT

Praying you and your family during this difficult time. God will see you through this difficult time. Continue to keep your hands in Gods hands everything else will be alright.....

Damond Tillman - September 07, 2023 at 10:59 PM

MP

Bert, my brother in stripes, I pray for you. I can only imagine how you must be lost. There is a plan. I know you will find a way.

Mitch Palmer - September 08, 2023 at 08:42 AM

DH

Pastor Bert, so very sorry for your great loss. Look to Jesus for strength and the hope and peace that only He can bring. Doris Harrison

Doris Harrison - September 08, 2023 at 11:16 AM

DS

Bert ... So sorry. You are in my prayers. May you experience the love and comfort of our Heavenly Father in a greater measure than ever ... David Sasser

David Sasser - September 09, 2023 at 01:17 AM