



## Mr. Gary Thomas Atkinson

October 8, 1951 - May 20, 2021

Mr. Gary Thomas Atkinson, 69, of Royston, GA passed away on Thursday, May 20, 2021, at his home.

Mr. Atkinson was born in Toccoa, GA on October 8, 1951, son of the late Eldridge Thomas "Hoss" Atkinson and the late Zerlene Iona Shuler Atkinson. He was an engineer having worked for Caterpillar in Jefferson, GA and served as a leader in AA. Mr. Atkinson was also of the Baptist faith.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Eric Atkinson and Dave Atkinson.

Survivors include his sons, Seth Atkinson and Micah Atkinson both of Palatka, FL; fiancé, Donna Burrell of Royston, GA; brother, Hal Atkinson of Bristol, FL; and grandchildren, Mason Thomas Atkinson, Charlotte Rose Atkinson and Elizabeth Grace Atkinson.

A memorial service for Mr. Atkinson will be held in the Pruitt Funeral Home Chapel at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 6, 2021.

The family will receive friends at Pruitt Funeral Home immediately following the service on Sunday afternoon. The family is at their respective homes.

Flowers are optional; memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society at P.O. Box 22478 Oklahoma City, OK 73123.

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

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUN 6. 1:00 PM (ET)

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

## Receiving friends immediately following

JUN 6 (ET)

Pruitt Funeral Home  
47 Franklin Springs Street  
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Royston, GA 30662  
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# Tribute Wall

JR

“ Gary and I were good friends for about five years he loved life and his family my condolences to Donna Seth and Micah in the extended family of all

Jeri Rose - June 05, 2021 at 08:40 PM

JB

“ Gary and I were reacquainted when I moved back to Toccoa in 2004, and we became good friends. Through the years we shared many hours together talking, enjoying a meal, cutting firewood and watching football. He loved life and was taken far too soon. I will miss him. Condolences to Donna, Seth, Micah, and all the family.

Jim Button - May 26, 2021 at 11:53 PM

PD

“ Patricia S Dalton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gary Thomas Atkinson



patricia s dalton - May 26, 2021 at 04:12 PM

PD

Gary and I was friends at Caterpillar and all our shift was great together. Gary was a good and quiet Man. He will be missed.

patricia s dalton - May 26, 2021 at 04:17 PM

CA

“ Gary & I were friends our entire childhood. Our parents were best friends & the Vaughan children were entwined with the Atkinson boys. Gary was a great friend, a loving father & had fallen in love with a wonderful woman. It's just heartbreaking that the insidious illness took him so early & so fast. 💔 Heartfelt prayers for Seth, Micah & Donna and all of Gary's family in this difficult time. He will be missed! Connie Vaughan Albigese



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Connie Vaughan Albigese - May 23, 2021 at 02:36 AM

DM

“ Dear Donna and family,  
I have so many great memories of Gary from going through high school with him, playing football with him, and going to Young Harris College with him. We rode up to Young Harris together to register and were accepted together in 1969. The last time I saw him and met Donna for the first time was in October 2019 at our 50th reunion for Stephens County High School. Gary was smart, tough, and personable. We were only 28 days apart in age. It was a regrettable shock to hear of Gary's passing, esp. seeing how happy he and Donna were and how much they enjoyed their time together. It is a pleasure to know you Donna. I had just invited Gary by email on May 6 to join me at our 50th reunion at Young Harris College planned for June 4-6. I had no idea of Gary's condition. May God bless you and give you His peace in Gary's untimely passing which is not what we would have chosen but have faith that God knows best and His love surpasses our understanding. I am so sorry that I will be at Young Harris on the date of Gary's Memorial Service. We will be remembering him there with his classmates also.  
David Miller

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David Miller - May 22, 2021 at 10:04 PM

CJ

“ I am saddened to hear of Gary's death. I grew up with all the Atkinson boys. I considered them my friends even though time separated us. I am praying for all of those who are hurt by Gary's passing.

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**Curtis Veal, Jr.** - May 22, 2021 at 03:03 PM