



## John Larry Atkins, Jr.

March 24, 1955 - January 27, 2009

John Larry Atkins, Jr., 53, went home to be with the Lord on January 27, 2009. John passed away peacefully at the McCall Hospice House after a courageous battle with an extended illness.

Born in Greenville, SC, John was the oldest child of John Larry Atkins and the late Martha Anne Norris and he was the stepson of the late Joyce Atkins. He is survived by his wife, Deborah Lynette Atkins, and two children, Paul Henry Atkins and Rachel Anne Atkins. He is also survived by two sisters, Pamela Anne Harrison of Marietta, GA and Cynthia Joyce Chibbaro of Greenville and a brother, Michael T. Atkins of Boiling Springs. He had eight nephews and two nieces.

John was self-employed at Atkins Financial and Club Atlanta Travel. Prior to his health decline, he was a member of First Baptist North Spartanburg. John was a devoted family man and loved his wife and children dearly. He was known by all for his quick wit and cheerful sense of humor. He loved all sports and was an avid fan of the Clemson Tigers.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, January 29, 2009, at Living Waters Funeral Home and Crematory following visitation from 1 to 2 p.m. officiated by the Reverend Floyd Parker. Interment will follow in Fort Prince Cemetery.

Nephews will be pallbearers.

Memorials may be made to McCall Hospice House, 113 Mills Avenue, Greenville, SC 29605.

The family will be at the home of the father, John Larry Atkins, Sr.

# Tribute Wall

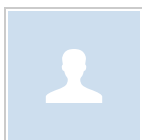


“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you. I know that John is finally home with Martha and she is rejoicing. She loved John so much. John always had a sense of humor and he was loved by everyone who knew him. I wish I had been able to come, but I had a stroke and was not able to come. I still think of Martha often.*

*Sara Rice##imported-begin##Sara Rice##imported-end##*

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January 29, 2009 at 09:37 PM

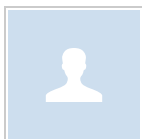


“ *Deb & family,  
I'm so sorry for your loss. John was a friend to all he meet and will be remembered for the joyful and loveing person he was. Your family will continue to be in my prayers.*

*Love, Gretchen##imported-begin##Gretchen Easler  
Clark##imported-end##*

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January 29, 2009 at 04:16 PM



“ *Deborah: We are all deeply saddened to learn of your loss. Please know you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers during these difficult days.##imported-begin##Mabel McCorkle, Rosemary Lawter, Jayne Harrelson, and Sheilah Pinney##imported-end##*

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January 29, 2009 at 01:57 PM



“ I heard of John's passing last night. I didn't get to spend a lot of time with him but the time we shared is so memorable. I know many times he was in pain but he always managed to smile and laugh. It was God's plan to bring him home but he will be missed by so many. May God Bless and help you through these times.##imported-begin##Paul Russell##imported-end##

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January 29, 2009 at 12:05 PM



“ I just wanted to let you know you are in my prayers. I have lots of wonderful memories of my time in the family. You are still very dear to me, and I think of you often. Having lost my sister 4 years ago after a 9 year battle with cancer I can understand the pain you feel, yet there is joy in knowing John is now at peace. May God grant you the strength you need for today and each day that follows.##imported-begin##Sharon Atkins##imported-end##

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January 29, 2009 at 11:49 AM



“ I was so sorry to see the obituary in the paper yesterday. What a nice picture and nice write up about him. He still had that great smile! I knew John had been sick and I know he's in a better place. Everyone who knew John always says the same thing about his quick wit and good sense of humor. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.  
Sincerely,  
Cindy Rice-Joyal##imported-begin##Cindy Rice-Joyal##imported-end##

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January 29, 2009 at 10:47 AM



“ Dear Mike & Cindy, and Mr. Atkins,

*I was sorry to hear of Cindy's brother's passing. Dad had told me that he was going to hospice and Eddie and I were praying for him. I hope that the people at hospice were able to make him comfortable. I know that they were able to do so with Eddie's mother at the hospice house in Georgia. Eddie has lots of good things to say about the people who work at hospice.*

*Let us know if there is anything we can do for you. Sorry we can't make the funeral. Just too difficult to get schedules changed...*

*Love,  
Tony & Eddie##imported-begin##Tony & Eddie  
Chibbaro##imported-end##*

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January 29, 2009 at 08:58 AM



“ So sorry to here of Johns passing, I have nothing but good memorys about John. He was always so full of life and always joking around, he we'll be missed.  
You and your family are in our prayers.##imported-begin##Tim  
Tubb##imported-end##

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January 28, 2009 at 11:38 PM



“ I am a friend of Cindy's in Greenville. She always speaks so highly of all of you. I am sorry for your loss. I know that John's great sense of humor was a blessing to all that knew him. I know that he will be greatly missed. Please accept deepest sympathy.##imported-begin##Glynis Lowrance##imported-end##

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January 28, 2009 at 09:06 PM



“ I was saddened to hear of the passing of John. reading the obituary in the Greenville News, I was reminded of the Atkins family that lived behind us in the Berea area of Greenville. John let me play his electric guitar which for a little kid at the time, it was a great thrill. May God bless the family of our former neighbors.##imported-begin##John Johnson##imported-end##

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January 28, 2009 at 08:02 PM



“ Deb, Paul, and Rachel. My heart goes out to each and every one of you as you go thru this difficult time. It is a hard time to bare, but with the Lords help you will get thru this together. He has had a long battle. You know he is in a better place now and no more suffering. I pray that the Lord lay his hand upon each one of you and give you comfort. My prayers are with you.

Teresa##imported-begin##Teresa Burdette##imported-end##

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January 28, 2009 at 07:45 PM



“ Deb, I am so sorry for your great lost.  
I Love you and your family with the most Honor I know how.  
John was truly an inspiration to me and my family.  
I wish deeply I could be there.  
God Bless you and your family.  
we will pray for you...

Ted##imported-begin##Ted Leverette, I##imported-end##

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January 28, 2009 at 06:41 PM



“ *Deb & Family,*

*So sorry to hear of John's passing. We cared for John so much. From the first time that we met, he was always so personable & fun to be around. He was a special person. We know he has struggled with illness for a long time, but take comfort in knowing that he is at peace now. You are in our thoughts & prayers.*

*Love to all,*

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January 28, 2009 at 02:26 PM