



Mr. Tyrus R. Atkinson Jr.

November 15, 1935 - September 18, 2013

Tyrus R. Atkinson, Jr., 77, of Asheville, North Carolina and Santa Rosa Beach, Florida, died Wednesday, September 18, 2013, at Emerald Coast Sacred Heart Hospital in Miramar Beach, Florida. A native of Atlanta, Georgia, he was the son of the late Tyrus R. Atkinson, Sr., and Jayne Morgan Swain.

He was a graduate of the University of Georgia School of Journalism in 1957 and the University of Georgia School of Law in 1965. He served on active duty in the United States Air Force as an officer and navigator from 1957-1960 being stationed in Texas and Alaska and then continued his service until 1966 in the Air National Guard.

The majority of his legal career was spent in Atlanta, Georgia, in the private practice of law.

His legal career also included service as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Middle District of Georgia, Assistant District Attorney of the Atlanta Judicial Circuit, staff attorney in the Fulton County Public Defender's Office and as a Judge in the Magistrate Court of Fulton County.

After his retirement from private practice, he continued working as a National Arbitration Forum Arbitrator until very recently. He was a member of the Lawyers Club of Atlanta and the Old War Horse Lawyers Club of Atlanta.

He was a man of many varied interests and talents. He was a avid golfer, a

championship marksman and a sport fisherman. He read history continuously and traveled extensively with his wife, Kathy. His continual pursuit of knowledge in diverse areas all of his life made him a true renaissance man.

He was a 33rd Degree Mason and a past master of the Sandy Springs Lodge 124 in Atlanta.

He is survived by his loving wife of 35 years, Kathy Baley Atkinson, by a sister Debbie Atkinson Cox of Atlanta , by three nephews Tyrus Scott Holmes of Atlanta, James W. Baley and John W. Baley both of Asheville, North Carolina, as well as numerous cousins.

A private interment will be held at Pritchard Cemetery in Marshall, North Carolina prior to a Memorial Service to be conducted at 3pm on September 25th at the First Baptist Church Chapel in Asheville, North Carolina.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP **25**. 3:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Asheville
5 Oak Street
Asheville, NC 28801

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Tyrus R. Atkinson Jr.*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *I have vivid memories of Ty Atkinson. During 1966 thru 1970, Ty prosecuted criminal cases made by me in the Athens area of the Middle District of Georgia. He was young, fresh out of law school and highly competent. I enjoyed the interaction with Ty during trials and at the end of days in court. I still have a letter of commendation dated 6/19/1967, he wrote to my superior officers forwarding favorable comments made by the late judge, W.A. Bootle, about the quality of a particular criminal case made by me and prosecuted by Ty in judge Bootle's court with a conviction. That letter remained in my personnel file and very likely enhanced by law enforcement career at some point in time. I liked Ty Atkinson; it was a real pleasure to have worked with this young prosecutor at that time. I am deeply saddened to (belatedly) learn of Ty Atkinson's untimely passing. My condolences and sincere sympathy to the family and many friends of Tyrus R. Atkinson, Jr. David Barrineau, deep in the heart of Texas.*



David Barrineau - February 19, 2019 at 06:22 PM



“ *Hardin and Janet Halsey purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Mr. Tyrus R. Atkinson Jr..*



Hardin and Janet Halsey - September 24, 2013 at 09:26 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Tyrus R. Atkinson Jr..*



September 24, 2013 at 08:00 AM



“ *Ringed by Love was purchased for the family of Mr. Tyrus R. Atkinson Jr..*



September 23, 2013 at 04:36 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Tyrus R. Atkinson Jr..*



September 23, 2013 at 12:04 PM



“ *May the memories of Mr. Atkinson, Jr bring smiles to the family. Tears of sadness today will be turned to gladness tomorrow. Please look longingly to fulfillment of the scripture at Revelation 21:4 where it promises that death, sorrow, outcry nor pain will be no more. Want it be wonderful to be reunited with our love ones, who have passed on, again in the time of the resurrection. MARY*

MARY - September 23, 2013 at 09:54 AM

KJ

“ Dear Kathy, Our prayers are with you at this time. May all the fond memories of Ty, and the many years together, bring you comfort. May you find peace in knowing he is with our Lord. God bless you and your family. Karen and Jerry Des Jardins

Karen Des Jardins - September 23, 2013 at 09:38 AM

JD

“ Dear Kathy:
Please know that you are in our sincere thoughts and prayers at this sad moment for all of us who had grown to know Ty through our Florida activities. May the peace of the Lord be with you today and always, and may he comfort you during this and every moment. Ty will be missed by all who he came to know.
Heartfelt condolences. Jack and Roberta Deyo

Jack Deyo - September 23, 2013 at 05:55 AM

GT

“ Our hearts are broken, we are holding you in our thoughts and prayers Kathy. Ty was a great friend and neighbor. We will forever think of him in his golf cart with you on the way to the driving range, and seeing him sitting at the kitchen bar counter! He had so many hobbies and interesting stories, all our lives are better because we had Ty as a friend. May your memories and adventures with this wonderful man sustain you through the dark days. With sincere sympathy, Jim and Gay Talbott

Gay and Jim Talbott - September 22, 2013 at 10:34 AM

DH

“ Kathy, So sorry for your loss. I am glad I had the opportunity to get to know Ty. He was a great guy.
Don Harris

Don Harris - September 22, 2013 at 09:12 AM

ER

Kathy, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Ty. 35 years together makes it difficult to loose him. But he is in a better place and without pain or worry. Keep the faith and know loves you and Ty. Ernest Ramsay

Ernest Ramsay - September 23, 2013 at 11:54 AM

CM

I only recently learned of Ty's passing. We enjoyed shooting clay targets (trap). He successfully represented me in some very difficult cases. A honest and sincere man, truly a rare breed.

Dennis Morgan

C. Dennis Morgan - January 27, 2015 at 07:24 AM