



Francis Daniel Atkins

March 26, 1947 - December 30, 2011

Dan Atkins

1947-2011

Francis Daniel "Dan" Atkins, 64, of Franklin died Friday, December 30, 2011 at Tanner Medical Center. He was born March 26, 1947 in Coweta County to the late Francis Atkins & Louise Lassetter Atkins.

Dan was one of the longest currently serving officers with the Coweta County Sheriff's Office, having worked there for over 35 years.

The funeral is Monday, January 2, 2012 at 2:00 PM in the chapel of McKoon Funeral Home with Rev. Lynn Janney, Sheriff Mike Yeager, & Mike Aldridge officiating. Burial will follow at Centralhatchee First Baptist Church Cemetery. The visitation is Sunday evening between 6:00-8:00 at McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson St, Newnan, GA.

Condolences can be expressed online at www.mckoon.com

Survivors include wife of 26 years, Linda Summerlin Atkins; children, Katie Atkins, Jesse Atkins, Christina Atkins, Tyler Atkins, Zackary Atkins, Bill Atkins, Samantha (Ronnie) Stone; sister, Bonnie (Pat) Martin; brother, Randy Atkins; and nine grandchildren.

McKoon Funeral Home (770) 253-4580

Cemetery Details

Centralhatchee First Baptist Church Cemetery

212 Church St.
Franklin, GA 30217

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 1. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-4580
care@mckoon.com

Service

JAN 2. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

PW

“ I would like to offer my condolences to the Atkins family and also share a comforting promise from God's word at Revelation 21:3,4 which says:With that I heard a loud voice from the throne say:Look the tent of God is with mankind, and he will reside with them, and they will be his peoples. And God himself will be with them. And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away.

P. Watts - January 15, 2012 at 02:29 PM

RA

“ We will miss his welcoming presence at the Juvenile Court. He always had a pleasant greeting for us, and we enjoyed the chance to talk with him. The lobby seemed so empty when we were there January 4th. He was a good man, and we feel grateful for knowing him in a if only in a small way. God bless you and your family.

Ruth & Dan Asci - January 06, 2012 at 05:03 PM

HB

“ I was one of the many that was blessed to know you. I was one of the lucky ones that got to work with you for many years. I will never forget your smile, kindness and jokes. I will miss you and look forward to seeing you again one day in glory ! Your work is done here on earth you good and faithful servant..RIP 024...10-42

Heather Briggs - January 02, 2012 at 08:28 PM

CH

“ To Dan's Family: I was so very saddened to learn of Dan's death today, January 2, 2012. Dan was an awesome person, kind and gentle to everyone he met! He was a reliable friend, an all around good man. I am sure he is smiling at all of us now! My hope for all of his family and friends is to find peace and solace in remembering all the good times. Rest in peace Dan. You will be missed by so, so many! You touched an infinite number of people in your life time and I am proud to have known you.....

Cindy Moore Hines - January 02, 2012 at 06:30 PM

TE

“ Linda, We were so sorry to hear about Dan's passing. I hope it gives you some comfort to know that he is now with the Lord looking over you and the kids, no longer sick and waiting for the day you will be together again. God Bless, Todd and Deanna

Todd and Deanna Eiland - January 02, 2012 at 03:24 PM

ET

“ I lost a very special part of our families past. Our families was very close, Our mothers worked at the cotton mill in East Newnan, we would gather at their house and we would have our own private concert, Mr. Francis, Dan, Randay playing their instruments, Ms. Louise and Bonnie Sue singing their hearts out. I respected and loved this family. They love God. Oh, the reunion Dan is having with his Mother and Dad. I pray for Dan's family, that God will keep them safe from harm and evil. I pray they will feel His love and closeness. "What a day that will be, when my Jesus I shall see..." The Lambert Family will miss you Dan, We still have Randy and Bonnie Sue. Thank you Dan for your friendship and the memories. Elaine L. Thomas

Elaine Lambert Thomas - January 02, 2012 at 12:14 PM

AW

“ Linda and Family, Al and I are so sorry to hear of Dan's passing. However, we rejoice with you that he is no longer in pain and is resting in the arms of our Lord. I'm sorry we can't be with you today, but know you are in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless You, Al & Donna Wilson

Al & Donna Wilson - January 02, 2012 at 12:07 PM

TI

“ im so sorry to hear about dan he love the lord and he will be missed he was a good man and god call him home bonnie i no you will miss him we love you and praying for you an days to come

timpatterson - January 02, 2012 at 03:01 AM

KC

“ To the family may God be with you all at this time. I had known Dan for a number of years, than our paths crossed while I was at DFCS, the CCSO and Juvenile. It will not be the same without seeing Dan when I walk into work every day. He seemed to always make my day go better. He had a joke or two for me, and I wish I could remember all of them. Dan will be missed by a lot people. I was proud to call him my friend. Kay C. Cole

Kay C. Cole - January 01, 2012 at 09:27 PM

CI

“ my prayers go out to the family and the kids. i know how much he will be missed. just remember, now you all have an angel watching over you. -courtney ivey

courtney ivey - January 01, 2012 at 08:36 PM

AD

“ sorry for your lost, he will be surely missed. He was a great friend to all. My prayers will be with you in this time of your sorrow.

Amanda Durrough - January 01, 2012 at 08:30 PM

RW

“ I was so sorry to hear today about the passing of Mr. Atkins. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. It was my pleasure to have taught most of the Atkins children, and I love them all very much. My heart breaks for them.

Robin Worley - January 01, 2012 at 07:36 PM

LB

“ We have lost a good man but he is in a better place. Your family will be in my prayers.

Lita Bennett - January 01, 2012 at 07:31 PM

MA

“ A friend and good man gone home to be with God. God bless the Atkins family in their time of loss know you are in everyone prayers and thoughts.

Michael Aldredge - January 01, 2012 at 03:48 PM

CS

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Cheryl Smallwood - January 01, 2012 at 02:06 PM

JF

“ His passing is a loss to anyone who knew Dan Atkins..he will be greatly missed. His passing will leaving a great void, but let's fill it with remembered joy's, A friendship shared, a laugh, Dans jokes these are the things I'll remember most! His life was full and he savored much, good friends, good times, and his loved ones touch. Lift up your heart in peace.. God needed Dan now and he has set him Free. May God comfort you and your family during this time
Jamie Hixson and family

Jamie Hixson and Family - January 01, 2012 at 12:01 PM

EB

“ Dan was a true friend to me and my family for over 40 years. We didn't talk every day nor did we socialize very much, but we were always there for each other and we both knew it. One of the biggest surprizes of my life was in 1985 after our son was born. A van I had never seen before pulled in my driveway and Dan and Linda stepped out. They had come to deliver a hand made, beautiful wooden cradle for our son. It is one of our great treasures and we still have it today 26 years later. He would often visit me at the 911 Center and we would swap jokes and stories. He was a good man, a good cop and a great friend, he will be missed by all who knew him.

Eddie Ball, Angela Ball and Tinsley Ball - January 01, 2012 at 10:29 AM

PE

“ Dan was one of the most kind hearted people I first met in Coweta County 20 years ago at the Sheriff Office. I never will forget the doll house furniture he made for his kids and how he brought me one of the pieces for my collection. Dan was the kind of person none of us can forget in our entire life because he was good natured, friendly, outgoing and caring . We all loved him and will miss him dearly . Rest in peace Dan you paid your dues 10 fold , you are now in God's Department. Prayers to the family. Peggy Kraft, CCSO.

Peggy - January 01, 2012 at 08:35 AM

CS

“ I'm sorry to hear about Dan's passing but I know he is in a much better place without pain or sickness. He was always such a pleasant person to talk to and one thing that he enjoyed talking about was his family-he was so proud of them. His family is lucky to have him as their guardian angel. My prayers go out to you during this difficult time. God bless you.

Candice Stinchcomb - January 01, 2012 at 04:06 AM

AA

“ So sorry for your loss-- a loss to all who knew Dan. He was a blessing to all who met him. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Ann Arrowood - December 31, 2011 at 10:33 PM

AM

“ To all of Dan's family...may God surround you with His love and peace during this difficult time. We will miss Dan very much, though we know he's no longer suffering. He always had a smile and a good joke to get us all laughing. Thoughts and prayers. Alicia McLain Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice

Alicia McLain - December 31, 2011 at 08:50 PM

LB

“ My heart goes out to you all. Dan was one of the best men I have ever met. God definately got an angel when He took Dan home. You guys are in our thoughts and prayers. With our deepest sympathy, Liz & Eddie Blume and Christy and Robert Angsten

Liz Blume - December 31, 2011 at 11:56 AM

WC

“ We have a lot of water under the bridge together Dan. You had a big heart, a natural sense of humor, great respect for your fellow man, and a professional work eithic that we all admired. As we give up the pleasure of your company on a daily basis, we all know that the Lord must be very pleased to have you in His presence.

Wayne and LuAnn Carlisle - December 31, 2011 at 11:31 AM

RB

“ Dan will be greatly missed by all he touched.He was a great man who served his comm with his heart.He touched many and will remain in there hearts till our time to meet up with him when the Lord call us.Our prayers are with you all. Dan you were the Man Coweta Co will miss you. Robby,Julie, Charlie,and Trinity Byrom

Robby Byrom - December 31, 2011 at 11:22 AM

KL

“ I can see you and Dennis smiling at each other now, brother. You were the only one who knew how I do miss Dennis because you missed him that much too. love you all. kathy Lassetter

Kathy Lassetter - December 31, 2011 at 01:09 AM

KB

“ My prayers go out to Mr. Dans family . We will miss him so much at the Sheriff's Office. I personally will miss hearing those few words " Hey I got one for ya " to be followed by one of his jokes . Mr Dan was one of the most kind hearted men I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. Rest in sweet peace. I know you have a whole new audience in heaven to tell your jokes too. Kim Brooks CCSO

Kim Brooks - December 30, 2011 at 10:30 PM

EH

“ Linda and family. I am so sorry for your loss. I am really going to miss seeing Dan every day. Dan was one of the most careing people that I have ever known. He would do anything for anybody if he could. I remember going to your wedding. You really got a good guy when you got Dan. My heart goes out to you and kids. He loved all of you so much. His suffering is over now and he is in a better place. God Bless all of you.

Evelyn Hinne - December 30, 2011 at 09:31 PM

TP

“ Linda and family, Hearing of Dan's passing today was very hard for all of us at the Juvenile Justice Center. Coming to work will never be the same. Dan always greeted us with a warm smile, and I enjoyed all his jokes and funny stories he had each morning. Dan was so very proud of his family and his years of loyal service with the Coweta County S.O. May God bless you and surround you with His love during this time. Terri Pitts Coweta County Department Of Juvenile Justice

Terri Pitts - December 30, 2011 at 07:30 PM

TC

“ Icon in Coweta County Sheriffs Department. Known by many. Dan told me his soul was ready for the Lord to come. He did not lose a battle, His Lord allowed him to come home and give him an eternal rest. May Gods loving arms be around the entire family in Jesus name. He will be missed at the Juvenile Court staff and DJJ staff. Rest in peace you deserve and that which God promised you. Blessings.

Terry Calhoun - December 30, 2011 at 07:08 PM

SG

“ I remember when I was a kid my uncle Dan and Aunt Linda would come get me almost every Saturday to go home with them and take me shopping. We always lived going to McDonalds and feed the ducks. Then as I grew older I babysat their children for them..... Always enjoyed talking with them and Aunt Linda lending me her CDs to sing for church..... I you!<3

Sonja Summerlin Gibson - December 30, 2011 at 06:24 PM

DS

“ So sorry .. prayers for each of you and Dan was a great person what time i knew him and a great brother in law..... Debbie Summerlin

Debra Summerlin - December 30, 2011 at 05:24 PM