



Roswell James Atkinson

March 23, 1929 - April 28, 2015

Roswell James Atkinson died at Benton House of Newnan on Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at eighty-six years of age. A longtime resident of Greenville, Georgia, Mr. Atkinson moved to Newnan, Georgia in 2010.

“Ros” was married to the late Elizabeth “Lib” Thomas Atkinson of Hogansville. They were married on September 1, 1951 and spent sixty joyous years of marriage together until her death on October 20, 2011.

Mr. Atkinson was the son of the late John Pepper Atkinson and Sara Letson Atkinson of Greenville. He is survived by his children: Pepper Atkinson (and Pat), Tommy Atkinson, Marguerite Atkinson Mase, and LouAnne Atkinson Connell (and Randy); grandchildren: Roswell James “Jamie” Atkinson III, Sara Mase Gathright (and Will), Kathleen Mase Mengistu (and Addis), Matthew Mase, Katie Connell Miller (and Doug), Louise Connell Lambert (and Scott), Thomas Connell (and Emily); and great-grandchildren Curtis and Connor Mase, Katelyn Miller, and Addison Mengistu. He is also survived by his sister, Anne Atkinson Wilburn.

Preceding Ros in death were his parents and his sister, Georgia.

Ros grew up in Greenville until the age of fifteen when he attended Georgia Military College in Milledgeville and then graduated from the University of Georgia in Athens as a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. He was soon drafted into the army and achieved the status of First Lieutenant, Tank Unit Commander while based in Camp Polk, Louisiana. He was wounded in a training accident and was soon thereafter honorably discharged.

He and “Lib” set up residency in Greenville where he worked at the Greenville Banking Company of which he eventually became president. He was involved in many civic organizations as well as his beloved church, the Greenville United Methodist Church. He served on the Meriwether County Hospital Board for many years.

Ros loved his church, his family, his friends, and his Georgia Bulldogs! The family is extremely grateful for the loving and attentive care demonstrated by the staff at Benton House of Newnan and his “family” of caregivers in The Beacon at Benton House. They also want to recognize the loving and supportive staffs of Peachtree Hematology and Oncology, the Piedmont Hospital-Newnan Outpatient Infusion Center and Gentiva Hospice for their care and support during Mr. Atkinson’s long illness. The family is also grateful for the love and friendship of his dear friend Martha Lee.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, May 2, with visitation at 1:00 and service at 2:00 in the sanctuary at the Greenville United Methodist Church. A private interment will take place at a later date.

The family requests that rather than flowers, please send contributions to the Greenville United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 186, Greenville, GA 30222.

Cemetery Details

Greenville City Cemetery

Cemetery Road
Greenville, GA 30222

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 2. 1:00 PM (ET)

Greenville United Methodist Church
502 North Talbotton St.
Greenville, GA 30222

Service

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Tribute Wall

FF

“ Our deepest sympathy to all the family. May God's love help you through this difficult time.

FRANK AND MELODY FARMER - May 04, 2015 at 09:47 AM

JF

“ Our heartfelt prayers to the family in this time of loss.

James & Lynn Flournoy - May 04, 2015 at 09:00 AM

DC

“ Our prayers are with you and your family for your loss. If you need anything please call me. I am sorry I can not make the services, as I would like to be here with you during this time.

Dean Coleman - May 01, 2015 at 01:38 PM

AH

“ Mr. Atkinson will be Greatly Missed by his CharterBank family! Our prayers are with you.

Angela Reid Hudson - April 30, 2015 at 11:57 AM

DJ

“ LouAnne and Family, We are so sorry to hear of your Daddy's death. May the Good Lord give you peace, love and understanding during this trying and difficult time. God loves you and we do too,
Don and Mildred Jones

Don and Mildred Jones - April 29, 2015 at 07:38 PM

WS

“ Lynn and I want you all to know you are in my prayers. Thought so much of Ros and Lib. I particularly enjoyed serving on the hospital authority with him some years back. Blessings to all of you.

Winston Skinner - April 29, 2015 at 04:41 PM

KT

“ LouAnne and family, I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your dad. He fought a great fight. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. May our Heavenly Father embrace and comfort you all during this time. Kristi Cash Thompson

Kristi Cash Thompson - April 29, 2015 at 02:46 PM

FG

“ I'm So Sorry For Your Loss, He Will Truly Be Missed That's Was My Friend & My Resident He Never Be Forgotten.

Frances Gay - April 28, 2015 at 11:24 PM