



Brian Dexter Atkins "Big Country"

December 24, 1969 - April 8, 2024

Brian Dexter Atkins "Big Country"
Pickens, South Carolina

Brian Dexter Atkins "Big Country", 54, loving husband of 34 years to Beverly Christine Porter Atkins, passed away on Monday, April 8, 2024, at Baptist Easley Hospital.

Born December 24, 1969, in Pickens County, South Carolina, Brian was the son of Debbie Lucretia Lark Williams and the late Raymond Dexter Atkins. Mr. Atkins was a sergeant with the Pickens County Sheriff's Office. He was highly thought of by his peers at the PCSO and was a Pickens County Pinnacle Performer Award winner. Brian loved farming, gardening, and enjoyed sharing his love for them with his children and grandchildren. He enjoyed bailing hay and watching his cows from his front porch while drinking coffee. Brian loved watching sports, especially wrestling. Most of all he loved his family dearly, especially his grandchildren.

In addition to his wife and mother, Mr. Atkins is survived by a son, Douglas Dexter Atkins (Jewel) of Central; a daughter, Briana Smith (Jacob) of Easley; grandchildren, Chase, Alexis, Bentley, Conner, Bryan, and Paisley; sisters, Tina Kelly of Easley, Tracy Wade (Vince), and Tammy Johnson (Randy) of Pickens; and many loving and caring nieces and nephews.

Mr. Atkins was predeceased by his father, Raymond Dexter Atkins.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, April 11, 2024, from 12:00 PM (Noon) until 3:00 PM in the sanctuary of Cross Roads Baptist Church in Easley with funeral services to follow at 3:00 PM.

Flowers will be accepted.

Mountain View Funeral Home – Pickens Chapel is serving the Atkins family.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 11. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Cross Roads Baptist Church
160 Cross Roads Church Rd
Easley, SC 29640

Funeral Service

APR 11. 3:00 PM (ET)

Cross Roads Baptist Church
160 Cross Roads Church Rd
Easley, SC 29640

Tribute Wall

TD

“ I've just learned of Brian's passing and send my condolences to his wife and children, his mother, Debbie, and his sisters. This is a shock and I'm deeply saddened to learn this. Brian brought me many good memories and was one of my all time favorite people of my entire life. Respectfully, Tina Davidson

Tina Davidson - May 08, 2024 at 06:28 PM

JK

“ I am so sorry to hear this! He helped me out many times! (And was even the first person who ever pulled me over in Pickens😭 He surely will be missed☐ Praying for his family & work family!



Julie Kerasidis - April 14, 2024 at 07:29 AM

AL

“ We will miss him very badly he was the dearest friend to all of us.

Alexia - April 12, 2024 at 07:46 AM

CC

“ Brian will definitely be missed by many. I worked with Brian at PCSO a short time but made a good friend. Thank you For all your years of service to Pickens County. May God be with the family!

Chad Chapman - April 11, 2024 at 05:41 PM

PC

“ I've known Brian since we were kids, I just saw him at the car wash in pickens a week ago.
He looked busy, I just told myself I'd see him next time.
You couldn't have put a better person in his position.
I'm gona miss seeing him pass by the house on patrol.

Patrick Clark - April 11, 2024 at 04:01 PM

CR

“ Cheryl Raines lit a candle in memory of Brian Dexter Atkins "Big Country"



Cheryl Raines - April 11, 2024 at 03:45 PM

CR

My prayers are with the families may God give you comfort and peace thru this journey! Love yall

Cheryl Raines - April 11, 2024 at 03:47 PM

SE

“ You were truly a wonderful, well respected very important person to all people including to the inmates. Anyone that had a chance to know u was truly blessed and I am so sorry for the loss of you in this town. I felt like I were the best one left out there and will always remember the times I talked with u and the tractor pulls. You & my papa and hack (Mike) always had a good time cutting up with each other and I will forever be grateful for the time you allowed my husband to call me on his birthday and that always made me see how great u were and never judging especially the night my daughter and I ran into u and u said u haven't heard how my husband' passed away but u heard that he did. And when I told u what had happened u looked at my daughter and said, “listen honey,” “you said, People are going to come up to u in life and tell u that your daddy was a bad man!” “Then you said but , “Don't you ever Believe them”, “Then u said to her, “You're Daddy wasn't a bad man, He just made some bad choices and I was proud to know him!” As tears rolled down my cheeks he said “your daddy was a good man and he was my buddy!” And u said that u sure did know he loved us and that you just hated to hear that. Then u also added to my daughter that no, her daddy probably wouldn't want her to pierce her nose just yet lol and asked her to wait until she got older. I then looked at him and said thank u and just know you were always one of his favorites and he really did respect u a lot and always thought a lot of you too. I told patience that you we're probably the only cop that would view her dad that way and say that he even admired him and was lucky to have got to know him personally! I will never forget that conversation as long as I live and I know my babygirl won't ever forget it too! U will truly be missed and I hope if u run into “Alton” as you called him that u tell him we love him and miss him everyday! Fly High Brian and we will see u one day in the sky!!!! ❤️

💔 Sharlotte & Patience Ellenburg ❤️

💔 Kyndall Mauldin

💔 (Alton Craig Ellenburg)

Sharlotte & Patience Ellenburg - April 11, 2024 at 02:51 PM

CJ

“ Carl B. & Cheri Turner Jr. lit a candle in memory of Brian Dexter Atkins "Big Country"



Carl B. & Cheri Turner Jr. - April 11, 2024 at 11:57 AM

PH

“ Pam Holt Hamilton lit a candle in memory of Brian Dexter Atkins "Big Country"



Pam Holt Hamilton - April 11, 2024 at 10:00 AM

VW

“ Rest In Peace Brian! Prayers and condolences to the family! 💙 🖤 🙏



Victor Warden - April 11, 2024 at 09:12 AM

DS

“ DALE STEWART lit a candle in memory of Brian Dexter Atkins "Big Country"



DALE STEWART - April 11, 2024 at 08:22 AM

SA

“ I'll always remember how brian use to come to my house and calm my son down when he would get mad and start destroying stuff he would take him a walk-around the house to see what set him off lol my son would see him out and holler at him and say hey big country c ant catch me now but he always tried his best to do the best job he handled any situation with pride and dignity he was always a really good person
RIP BIG COUNTRY YOU WILL BE TRULY MISSED



Sarah aiken - April 10, 2024 at 08:06 PM

KE

“ When he come to my house and got my ante he calmd me down

Kerry - April 10, 2024 at 08:05 PM

TM

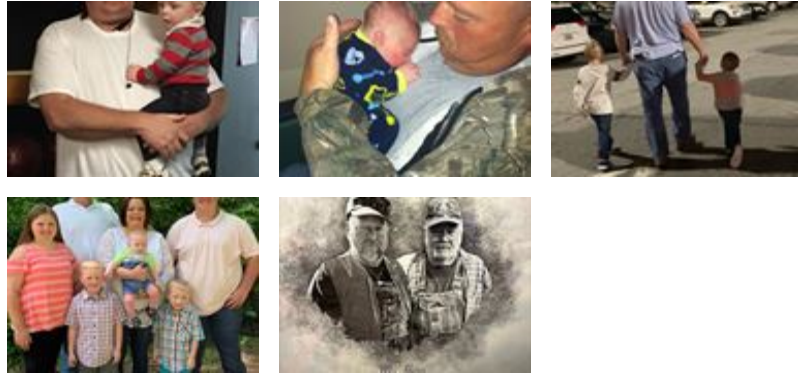
“ The ladies at Dacusville Farmers Market purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Brian Dexter Atkins "Big Country".



The ladies at Dacusville Farmers Market - April 10, 2024 at 03:48 PM



“ 101 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Mountain View Funerals and Cremations - April 10, 2024 at 02:44 PM



“ The Howards and the Murrells planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brian Dexter Atkins "Big Country".

The Howards and the Murrells - April 10, 2024 at 01:57 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Brian Dexter Atkins "Big Country".



April 10, 2024 at 01:57 PM

CD

“ *Clemson Police Department purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Brian Dexter Atkins "Big Country".*



Clemson Police Department - April 10, 2024 at 11:38 AM

MF

“ *Manna family purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Brian Dexter Atkins "Big Country".*



Manna family - April 10, 2024 at 10:27 AM

ST

“ *My husband and I are so sorry for your loss. Your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Susan Trotter - April 10, 2024 at 08:06 AM

CC

“ *Clyde Cobb planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brian Dexter Atkins "Big Country".*

Clyde Cobb - April 10, 2024 at 01:12 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Brian Dexter Atkins "Big Country".*



April 10, 2024 at 01:12 AM



“ *Love, Shelby and Michael Powers purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Brian Dexter Atkins "Big Country".*



Love, Shelby and Michael Powers - April 09, 2024 at 11:26 PM



“ *Brian was a big guy with a big smile and a bigger heart. He will be greatly missed.*

The Loopers - April 09, 2024 at 10:03 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. It was always a pleasure to see him as I delivered the mail and get to speak and wave. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family 🙏*



frances bryant - April 09, 2024 at 10:00 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Brian Dexter Atkins "Big Country".*



April 09, 2024 at 09:05 PM



“ *From Lisa and Corey Cassell purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Brian Dexter Atkins "Big Country".*



From Lisa and Corey Cassell - April 09, 2024 at 07:39 PM



“ *Charlie team dispatch, Haylie, & Scott purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Brian Dexter Atkins "Big Country".*



Charlie team dispatch, Haylie, & Scott - April 09, 2024 at 06:13 PM



“ *Randy & Debbie Brown planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brian Dexter Atkins "Big Country".*

Randy & Debbie Brown - April 09, 2024 at 05:43 PM

RB

“ Randy & Debbie Brown purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Brian Dexter Atkins "Big Country".



Randy & Debbie Brown - April 09, 2024 at 05:43 PM

SF

“ So sorry for your loss, all the family and friend are in our hearts and prayers. Brian was a kind and exceptional person and will be missed greatly, Heaven has received another Angel.

Sandra and Sammy Baker family - April 09, 2024 at 05:35 PM

EB

“ Eddie Burgess planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brian Dexter Atkins "Big Country".

Eddie Burgess - April 09, 2024 at 05:25 PM



“ Ghirardelli Galore Gift Tin was purchased for the family of Brian Dexter Atkins "Big Country".



April 09, 2024 at 05:25 PM

EB

“ I served with Brian at Pickens county. When I was forced to leave PCSO I asked Brian to drive me home in Greenville county. Brian was my beat partner, we made several good cases together. Brian was my friend, God bless the family.

Eddie Burgess - April 09, 2024 at 05:17 PM

PC

“ We always appreciated your service when we needed a strong presence in our courtroom. Thank you Sergeant Atkins.

Pickens County Probate Court - April 09, 2024 at 04:59 PM

AD

“ Adam Team Dispatch purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Brian Dexter Atkins "Big Country".



Adam Team Dispatch - April 09, 2024 at 04:33 PM

TP

“ We are so very sorry. Brian was very kind, professional and loved his family. He was a role model for so many people and his smile contagious. May His Memory Be Eternal

Tony Ellison and Teddi Palis - April 09, 2024 at 03:22 PM

PT

“ Patricia Turner lit a candle in memory of Brian Dexter Atkins "Big Country"



Patricia Turner - April 09, 2024 at 03:17 PM

MP

“ Milton, Toni Jean, and Will Ponder purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Brian Dexter Atkins "Big Country".



Milton, Toni Jean, and Will Ponder - April 09, 2024 at 01:43 PM

BR

“ Brian was a true friend to all who knew him I've known him over 30 years aka Coon Hunter that's what we called him RIP BRIAN YOU WILL BE MISSED BY ALL

Beverly Ramey - April 09, 2024 at 01:22 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Brian Dexter Atkins "Big Country".



April 09, 2024 at 01:02 PM

MA

“ *Michael Anthony sent a virtual gift in memory of Brian Dexter Atkins "Big Country"*



Michael Anthony - April 09, 2024 at 12:34 PM

TH

“ *Tim and Jessica Hamilton purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Brian Dexter Atkins "Big Country".*



Tim and Jessica Hamilton - April 09, 2024 at 12:26 PM