



Raymond "Dexter" Atkins

February 7, 1949 - February 1, 2023

Raymond "Dexter" Atkins
Pickens, South Carolina

On Wednesday, February 1, 2023, Raymond "Dexter" Atkins, a loving husband, daddy, brother, and grandfather, entered the arms of Jesus at the age of seventy-three. Dexter passed peacefully surrounded by his children. Dexter had a successful career in logging and managing several mills where he made a significant impact on everyone he met. Although, he was a man of much expertise, Farming is what made him the happiest. He was passionate about cultivating and harvesting the most beautiful land. He believed a simple way of life that involved a tractor, caring for and maintaining his livestock and rabbit hunting whenever he could. Dexter was full of wisdom from his traditional lifestyle and loved to pass along his knowledge to his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

He is predeceased by his mother and father, Sara Nell and Edgar Atkins, and brother, Chester Atkins. He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Sondra Atkins, his children, Brian (Christi) Atkins, Tina Kelly, Tracy (Vince) Wade, and Tammy (Randy) Johnson, his grandchildren, Douglas (Jewel) Atkins, Briana (Jacob) Smith, Courtney Gerlach, Zachary (Savanah Lovell) Gerlach, Justin (Amber Rundberg) Wade, Bradley (Mallory) Johnson, Corey (Courtney) Johnson, Brook (Levi) Cournoyer, and lots of great grandchildren who loved him dearly.

Dexter also leaves behind his siblings, Judy (Ronald) Howard and Sally (Tim) Murrell and 9 nieces and nephews, including special nieces, Lindsay (Brandon) Patterson and Kara (Cole) Strickland, and special nephews, Michael Howard and Brett (Amy) Howard.

The family will hold a receiving of friends on February 3, 2023 at 1:00 PM and funeral ceremony to follow at 3:00 PM. Both services will be at Blue Ridge View Baptist Church, where Dexter was a member. The service will be performed by a dear family friend, Rev. Stuart Houston.

The family is gathered at the home of Boyce and Debbie Williams. Thank you to them for allowing the family to use their home during this time of mourning.

Flowers will be accepted at Mountain View Funeral Home or donations can be made in Dexter's memory to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, a charity near to Dexter's heart.

To Dexter, we will always carry your memory in our hearts and in the things you taught us.

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

Previous Events

Receiving Friends

FEB 3. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Blue Ridge View Baptist Church
745 Wolf Creek Rd
Pickens, SC 29671

Funeral Service

FEB 3. 3:00 PM (ET)

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745 Wolf Creek Rd
Pickens, SC 29671

Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Raymond "Dexter" Atkins.*



February 04, 2023 at 03:29 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Mountain View Funerals and Cremations - February 03, 2023 at 09:44 AM



“ *Tracy, you and your family are on my heart and in my prayers. I am so glad to know that you can have assurance in your heart that you and your family will be reunited with Jesus where there is no more mourning and pain. Much love!! Lee Anne*

LeeAnne Crafton - February 03, 2023 at 08:43 AM

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“ Sondra, Brian , Tracy , Tammy and Tina, you all are in my thoughts and my prayers. Dexter was a good man and he taught you all well. You all were his greatest joy in this life. May God comfort you in the coming days. Your lives are changed here on earth without your husband and your Daddy but you can rejoice knowing one day you'll all be together again. Hold on to all your memories and know your husband and Daddy is always in your heart. Hugs and love to you all.

Pamela Davis - February 03, 2023 at 05:17 AM

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So sorry for your loss ,praying for you all.

Loretta Cox - February 03, 2023 at 11:23 PM

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“ DALE STEWART lit a candle in memory of Raymond "Dexter" Atkins



DALE STEWART - February 02, 2023 at 10:04 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Raymond "Dexter" Atkins.



February 02, 2023 at 09:55 PM

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“ *Dexter and I were in the same grade together until I moved away in the eleventh grade. He was a sweet gentle classmate. We shared many friends together and I have lots of memories of him.* ”

sandra lusk - February 02, 2023 at 06:07 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Raymond "Dexter" Atkins.* ”



February 02, 2023 at 06:03 PM

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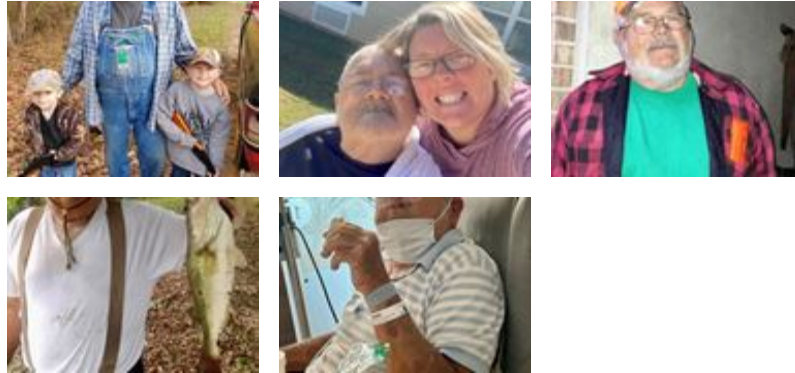
“ *Patricia Turner lit a candle in memory of Raymond "Dexter" Atkins* ”



Patricia Turner - February 02, 2023 at 05:43 PM

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Mountain View Funerals and Cremations - February 02, 2023 at 05:11 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Raymond "Dexter" Atkins.



February 02, 2023 at 04:48 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Raymond "Dexter" Atkins.



February 02, 2023 at 04:26 PM