



## Hugh P. Atkins

October 20, 1929 - August 17, 2019

Hugh Purcell Atkins, 89, widower of Sara Ellen Mason Atkins, passed away on August 17, 2019 at his home.

A native of Spartanburg County, son of the late Henry Purcell and Opal Wakefield Atkins. He was a retired employee from Greenville County Schools and a US Air Force Veteran. Mr. Atkins was a member of Washington Baptist Church and served as a Minister of Music for numerous Baptist Churches. Surviving are one son, Geoff Atkins of Spartanburg; two daughters, Kara A. Ponder (Brent) and Susan A. Reynolds (Tim) all of Greer; one brother, Larry Atkins of Wellford; five grandchildren, Andrew Atkins (Tara), Hannah Nester (John), Elizabeth Parris (Alex), Sara Ashleigh Ponder and John Mason Reynolds and two great-grandchildren, Mason Collins Atkins and Beckham James Nester.

Mr. Atkins was predeceased by two sisters, Sara Jo Sudduth and Opal Valeria Atkins.

Funeral services will be held 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 21, 2019, at Washington Baptist Church conducted by Dr. Drew Hines and Rev. Richard Spearman. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Alex Parris, Andrew Atkins, Dr. David Sudduth, Jay Bryson, Bill Bryson and John Mason Reynolds.

Honorary escort will be The Richard Spearman Sunday School Class of Washington Baptist Church.

Visitation will be held 6:00-8:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at The Wood

Mortuary.

The family is at the home.

The family wishes to express their sincere thanks for the loving care provided by Wren Hospice and Brightstar Care.

Memorials may be made to Wren Hospice, 955 W. Wade Hampton Blvd., Suite 3 A, Greer, SC 29651.

Online condolences may be made at [www.thewoodmortuary.com](http://www.thewoodmortuary.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Washington Baptist Church Cemetery

3500 North Highway 14  
Greer, SC 29651

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 20.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

The Wood Mortuary Chapel  
300 West Poinsett Street  
Greer, SC 29650  
(864) 877-3351  
woodmortuary@bellsouth.net

## Service

**AUG 21.** 3:00 PM (ET)

Washington Baptist Church  
3500 North Highway14  
Greer, SC 29651

# Tribute Wall

KN

“ *The good memories are endless. Certainly too many to list here. The most valuable memory or fact was that he considered me as a friend. So much so that he roasted me a bit at my retirement dinner! I hasten to change topics here to add something that definitely says so much about him and his family. Never have I seen a family rally around Hugh and Sara as they did for both of them! There was and still is a lot love and devotion among them. What a tribute! Thank you children and grandchildren for being there. Certainly not easy but a job well done! May God continue to bless you!*

*Ken and Anne Norton*

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**Ken Norton** - August 23, 2019 at 08:42 PM

JW

“ *Geoff,  
Prayers for you and your family.*

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**Jim Williams** - August 21, 2019 at 10:04 PM

JF

“ *Dear Geoff and family, I am saddened by the passing of your Father and very sorry for your loss. Much love and healing now and in the times to come.*

*Jim Freeman, Asheville,NC*

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**Jim Freeman** - August 21, 2019 at 11:45 AM

WA

“ He was a very good man and devoted to each and every one of his family. We will all miss him, but he is with Sara, and that completes him. I sorry for, not only, your loss but the loss to the community and Washington Baptist Church. We love you all.

Walt, Leigh and Taylor

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Walt - August 21, 2019 at 08:06 AM

KV

“ Susan and Kara,  
It was a joy to work with your dad when he filled in at Victor on an interim basis. He always had a joyous smile, a quick wit and a song in his heart for the Lord. He will be missed by all. I pray you take comfort that he is now face to face with his Lord Jesus who he served so faithfully.

Blessings,  
Ken Vickery

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Ken Vickery - August 20, 2019 at 11:50 AM

AK

“ Geoff, Kara, Susan and Families : I can not begin to imagine how much it hurts. It doesn't seem real, and I know it can't feel anything but numb for all of you. You can find comfort in knowing that your parents are reunited and are in heaven with Jesus. What a sweet picture that is. I have so many fond memories from sneaking and trying out our handle on the ham radio, to riding in the Jeep and the little Honda in the front yard. He was taller than life itself and his voice would rumble like the thunder. I knew he loved me and he knew I loved him. There's only a few originals left over on the hill but we, the real original crew, made the neighborhood what it was. Our parents set the standards and that's why Highland Drive will always be home and a better place because of our families.  
Love from the neighbors down the street, Rudolph Ashmore, Austin Johnson, Randy, Allison, Hope, George, Mallory and Elijah Kellum and  
Ken, Angie, Austin, Josh, Jess and Jay Kruse



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**Angie Ashmore Kruse** - August 19, 2019 at 10:00 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Hugh P. Atkins.



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August 19, 2019 at 09:33 PM

VM

“ I remember Hugh so well from Victor Baptist Church. I was very young then but I remember him being larger than life as he stood and sang and encouraged us to sing. Such a great man. I know he is singing in the heavenly choir now with Sara and my mom.

Vickie Morrow - August 19, 2019 at 07:44 PM

KR

“ Karen E. Robertson lit a candle in memory of Hugh P. Atkins



Karen E. Robertson - August 19, 2019 at 05:28 PM

ES

“ Ellen, Stan and the Powdersville Ins. Agency staff purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Hugh P. Atkins.



Ellen, Stan and the Powdersville Ins. Agency staff - August 19, 2019 at 05:01 PM

AE

“ Hugh was a dear friend with whom I shared many good times. Ham Radio was our main connection and we made a lot of trips together and spent a lot of time together working on various things. He always keep things on the light side with his jokes. He was a good friend for years and I will miss him along with a lot of others. My prayers to the family. Rest in Peace OM AI Erwin W4FDE My final 73 thill we meet again.

AI Erwin - August 19, 2019 at 04:51 PM

DD

“*Hugh was a good man. Great sense of humor. He sand in our wedding at the Victor Baptist church back in 1967. I also enjoyed our motorcycle rides. RIP Hugh. Prayers for the family.*”

Don Dillard - August 19, 2019 at 04:41 PM

RF

“*Geoff: you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Russel and Susan Floyd*”



Russel Floyd - August 19, 2019 at 03:45 PM

RO

“*Hugh was a fun and joking guy. Always made you laugh! He will be missed. Ron Beaver WB4OQL*”

Ron - August 19, 2019 at 08:57 AM

CR

“*Susan, Tim and Families:  
Our heartfelt sympathy in your loss. Our prayers go out to each of you during this difficult time and may God's love surround you with His mercy and grace to give you the peace that only He can. May God bless and keep you. Clyde & Linda Roberts*”



Clyde and Linda Roberts - August 18, 2019 at 09:06 PM

JE

“ *Sorry to hear of your fathers passing prayers  
for you and your family*



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**Jeff Eldridge** - August 18, 2019 at 05:30 PM



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August 18, 2019 at 12:34 PM