



Dave Edward Atkins

December 31, 1936 - December 31, 2008

Dave Edward "Eddie" Atkins Jr. of Chester, MD died December 31, 2008 at Anne Arundel Medical Center in Annapolis, MD. He was 72.

Born on December 31, 1936 in Beckley, W.VA. He was the son of the late, Dave E. Atkins Sr. and Thelma Whitt Atkins. After graduation from Beckley High School in Beckley W.VA, Dave enlisted in the Army in which he served for 25 years, including two tours in Vietnam. He was honorably discharged in 1979 as a Master Sergeant. In 1987, he married Amelia Louise Kelly and they moved to the Eastern Shore. He loved the life style it offered him, crabbing his trot line seasonally, and breeding Scottish Terriers, Cairn Terriers, and West Highland Terriers. Dave and Amelia operated the Double Dip Ice cream shop in the Kent Narrows for 12 years.

Mr. Atkins is survived by his beloved wife of 22 years, Amelia Atkins of Chester, MD; his three step sons, Lewis Kelly of Severn, MD, Larry Kelly of Fairfax, VA and Lonny Kelly of Severn, MD; 9 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held 7pm on Monday, January 5, 2009 at the Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A., 106 Shamrock Road, Chester, MD 21169 where family and friends may visit from 5pm to 7pm.

The interment will be at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers that memorial contribution be made to the SPCA of AA Co., P.O. Box 3471, Annapolis, MD 21403.

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dave Edward Atkins* ”



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - December 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dave Edward Atkins* ”

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Dave Edward Atkins* ”

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Dave Edward Atkins* ”

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

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“ Mrs. Atkins,

I'm so sorry to hear about Dave, he was a good man. I was searching the internet to see if you were still in the area and unfortunately happened upon this. I worked for you at Kelly's Seafood in the late 80's and will always remember how well you and Dave treated me. The things I learned from you both have helped me to be a responsible person, husband, and father. You both were like second parents to me and I'm sorry that I won't be able to tell Dave what a good man he was. I hope you read this and know how appreciative I am for the way you treated me and the time you took to teach me to be a responsible adult. You are my idol and I will always love you.

*John Taylor
islander628@yahoo.com*

John K. Taylor, Sr. - October 31, 2013 at 01:32 AM



“ *I am very sorry for your loss, and in fact my loss Eddie was a true hero to me growing up. As a youngster I spent a lot of time with Eddie and Patty in Texas, Germany, and Maryland and loved and respected him very much. My prayers are with you.##imported-begin##John Trail##imported-end##*

January 06, 2009 at 08:25 AM



“ Good Bye My Friend,

May you rest in peace!! I wish you peace in death and joy in eternal life.

Love,

Sally, Pete, Saul, Amy & Molly Martinez##imported-begin##Sally Kay Elizabeth Martinez & Family##imported-end##

January 06, 2009 at 01:39 AM



“ Dear Amelia and family. I am so sorry for your loss. In watching the video I feel that you and Eddie were both truly happy to have found a second love and I'm glad that you had a number of years together. I lived across the street from the Blackburn family when Eddie came to live with them. He truly became one of their children--they were a very special family.

Pauline Hill Blackburn Boyle##imported-begin##Pauline Hill Boyle##imported-end##

January 04, 2009 at 07:23 PM



“ My deepest sympathies on your loss. My family and I will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

Michelle Day##imported-begin##Michelle Day##imported-end##

January 04, 2009 at 07:20 PM



“ Uncle Eddie spent many months between tours of duty with my family. He and my dad, Rickey Blackburn, were like brothers. I will always remember one time that I got him to ride one of my motorcycles and he wrecked (his first time on a motorcycle but he didn't get hurt) and I felt bad but Aunt Patty said he was a grown man and made his own decision so that made me feel a little better. We have lost a wonderful friend, brother and Uncle.##imported-begin##Richard (Rick) Blackburn##imported-end##

January 04, 2009 at 03:12 PM



“ Eddie was one of the finest football players that I ever saw in hs! I was happy to be a teammate on our championship team @ Sophia in '54. Eddie was selected captain of the All-County team and I was honored to be selected a member too, along with 5 from Sophia. Wish I had known he lived so closeby as I often cross the Bay Bridge to play golf or go fishing. Blessings to his family,
Primo Molinari
Olney, Md##imported-begin##Primo Molinari##imported-end##

January 04, 2009 at 12:29 PM



“ To The greatest uncle on daddys side of the family when we were kids he was larger than life, a big cuddly bear, always there for a piggy back ride or a toss in the air even when we were in hawaii and i was like 15, i will always cherish the memorys of a truely loved and admirable man who will be missed by many... my sympathy to his charming wife and family....God Speed##imported-begin## Mike & Patti (Trail) Centers##imported-end##

January 04, 2009 at 08:59 AM



“ Amelia, saying we are sorry doesn't even begin to express our feelings. We loved Eddie, as did everyone who knew him. We remember many happy times years ago. Both our girls thought "Uncle Eddie" was bigger than life. We are so sorry for your loss, We know you brought happiness into his life. He deserved that. God Bless you.##imported-begin##Jack & Louise Trail##imported-end##

January 03, 2009 at 10:37 PM



“ When Eddie's mother passed away, who was my husband's mother's only sister, he lived the rest of his teen years, before going into the army, with my husband's family so he became a brother to my husband more than a cousin. During his first 24 years in service (before the death of his first wife Patty), Eddie and Patty spent many wonderful memorable weeks with my family in between tours of duty. I am glad he found another wonderful lady to spend the rest of his life with and got to do what he really enjoyed in life. We have lost a wonderful person and loved one who will never be forgotten my me or my sons. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this sorrowful time.##imported-begin##Shirley Sizemore Blackburn##imported-end##

January 03, 2009 at 07:03 PM



“ Eddie and I were in the 7th and 8th grades together in Helen, WV. He like myself made a career out of the Army. My sincere thoughts and prayers go out to his family. If I can be of any assistance please let me know.

Charles W. Keesee
Command Sergeant Major
US Army Retired###imported-begin##Charles W.
Keesee###imported-end##

January 03, 2009 at 02:52 PM



“ I HAVE KNOWN EDDIE SINCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN HELEN, WV. HE WAS A FRIEND TO ALL OF US, NEVER HEARD HIM SPEAK ILL OF ANYONE. HE LIVED FOR BASKETBALL AND WAS GREAT AT IT. WHEN PLAYING ANOTHER RIVAL TEAM AT RHODELL, THEY ACCUSED HIM OF MISSING A SHIFT OF WORK IN THE COAL MINES TO PLAY A BALL GAME. WE ALL HAD SO MUCH FUN AND SO CLOSELY KNIT GROWING UP IN A COAL CAMP. SO SAD KNOWING HE HAS GONE FROM US. LOVE AND PRAYERS TO YOU AMELIA. SO HAPPY TO KNOW HE WAS BLESSED WITH DOING THE THINGS HE LOVED TO DO IN THE LATTER YEARS OF HIS LIFE AROUND THE WATER. AMELIA, YOU DID MAKE HIM HAPPY, PLEASE TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF.###imported-begin##ELLEN KIDD LOCKLEAR###imported-end##

January 02, 2009 at 09:42 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. I was a classmate, of Eddie's. Class of "57". You are in my prayers. God bless you, and your family.###imported-begin##Phyllis Lambert Covey###imported-end##

January 02, 2009 at 11:39 AM



“ On behalf of the Sophia High School All Year's Reunion I send our deepest sympathy in the passing of Eddie. The obit is incorrect in that Eddie graduated from Sophia High School in 1957 where he excelled at basketball and football. He was a year ahead of me. I remember him well as a person who was well respected and a friend to all. We will miss him.##imported-begin##Don Farley##imported-end##

January 02, 2009 at 07:34 AM