



Timothy Joseph Atkinson, Sr.

June 4, 1945 - November 12, 2008

Timothy Joseph Atkinson, Sr. of Chester, MD died at home on Wednesday, November 12, 2008. He was 63 years old.

Mr. Atkinson was born on June 4, 1945 in Keyser, West Virginia to the late John Edward Atkinson and Kitty O'Brien. He graduated from Alderson-Broadbes College in Philippi, West Virginia in 1972 and began his career as executive director of the Potomac Valley Sheltered Workshop in Keyser, WV. He came to what was then called The Carroll County Association for Retarded Citizens (CCARC) and Summer Enterprises as executive director in 1988. His first experience with CCARC was in 1975 when he served as workshop director. He was promoted to executive director of CCARC in 1976. He brought about numerous changes both in operations and attitudes. In 1995, he oversaw the name change from CCARC to The Arc of Carroll County. When The Arc of Carroll County celebrated its 50th anniversary serving Carroll County in 2005, Atkinson introduced the tagline "Where Ability Matters Most" as its theme and vision for the future. He has been active in the community where he was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Westminster Council #1393 and is a past president of the Charles Carroll Lions Club. He was an avid collector of autographs, including everyone from presidents, athletes, celebrities, politicians and was featured in Autograph Magazine in 2008. He also collected and enjoyed DVD's of classic detective TV shows with his favorite being "Columbo". The loves of his life were his three sons. He is survived by his three loving sons, Timothy J. Atkinson, Jr. and his wife,

Stephanie of Annapolis, MD, Christopher J. Atkinson and his wife, Lindsay of Rancho Santa Margarita, CA and Matthew J. Atkinson and his wife, Kelly of Chester, MD; two brothers, John E. Atkinson and his wife, Donna Marie of Keyser, WV and William J. Atkinson and his wife, Patricia of Deer Lake, PA; his ex-wife Bonnie Dixon of Arnold, MD; and an aunt, Sarah Biggs of Cumberland, MD.

Friends and family may call on Sunday, November 16, 2008 from 2 to 4 pm and 6 to 8 pm at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A., 106 Shamrock Road, Chester, MD. A funeral mass will be held on Monday, November 17 at 11:00 am at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Queenstown, MD. Interment will follow at St. Peter's Cemetery in Queenstown. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Arc of Carroll County, 180 Kriders Church Road, Westminster, MD 21158, The American Heart Assoc., P.O. Box 5216, Glen Allen, VA 23058-5216 or United Cerebral Palsy, 211 Chinquapin Round Road, Annapolis, MD 21401.

Previous Events

Service

NOV 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church
5319 Ocean Gateway
Queenstown, MD

Tribute Wall



“ Timothy Joseph Atkinson, Sr.

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ Timothy Joseph Atkinson, Sr.

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ Timothy Joseph Atkinson, Sr.

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ I have known Tim professionally for over 25 years and have always respected his advocacy efforts on behalf of individuals with developmental disabilities. Those of us affiliated with The Arc family have lost a dear and trusted friend and colleague. Your spirit lives on in the work that is done each day at The Arc of Carroll County.##imported-begin##Carol Beatty##imported-end##

November 24, 2008 at 02:04 PM



“ Tim's boys - Little Tim, Chris, and Matt - grew up next door to us, so through them we got to know Big Tim and discover what a fine man he was and how dedicated he was to raising these fine young men. We were shocked when Bonnie phoned us, and we were sorry we'd missed his obit in the newspapers. We were aware of his many health problems and how he faced them bravely with acceptance, never bitterness. God bless his spirit, who has found eternal peace with God at last. Bonnie, Tim, Chris, and Matt, you are in our prayers.##imported-begin##John and Rheta Wells##imported-end##

November 24, 2008 at 12:11 PM



“ I was so sad to hear this news. I always thought of your father as a kind person. I enjoyed many experiences with you all. I'm sure he will be sorely missed by many people. Our thoughts will be with you.

Leeta and Chris##imported-begin##Chris Martin##imported-end##

November 19, 2008 at 11:40 AM



“ Tim hired me 9 years ago and I couldn't be more thankful. He created a wonderful organization to work with. Tim truly treated all of the folks that we work with respect and kindness, keeping orioles calendars, treats and diet coke for his frequent visitors. Amazingly, when one of the our folks that we work with, knocked on Tim's door, a treat was waiting, no matter who Tim happened to be meeting with at that time. Chris, Tim & Matt - you had an amazing Dad. Hold those memories close.##imported-begin##Mary Jo Walla##imported-end##

November 18, 2008 at 08:36 PM



“ I was employed as Tim's secretary for over 16 years--first at the Carroll County Workshop then as Executive Secretary for The Arc. He was one of the best bosses I had ever had--he was always fair and cared deeply about the lives and working conditions of the developmentally disabled people that we served. Tim continued to come to work even when we knew he didn't really feel well enough to keep up with his busy schedule.

I only saw Tim once after I retired in 2003, but recently spoke with him on the phone. Tim will be missed in all aspects of his life. I would like to express my sincere sympathy to his family and my respect for Tim. He was a fine man!###imported-begin##Rose Evans, Church Hill, TN###imported-end##

November 17, 2008 at 01:34 PM



“ Tim hired me at The Arc. But, he was much more than a boss. He was a friend. We shared sports interests and stories, we shared jokes and we shared our personal hopes and dreams, as well as those we had for The Arc of Carroll County. Tim was truly a good man.

All of us will greatly miss him.###imported-begin##Danna Blum###imported-end##

November 16, 2008 at 12:41 PM



“ Grief is the price we pay for having loved someone. The lives of others are enriched by the wonderful memories of a beautiful and special person. May all the warm memories of Tim ease the sorrow that you fee

Rick and Susan###imported-begin###Rick and Susan
Martin###imported-end###

November 16, 2008 at 10:58 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to the Atkinson family. My name is Mark Blacksten and I got to know Tim as a business associate of the ARC of Carroll County. I greatly enjoyed working with Tim over the years. He had such great insight about life - I especially enjoyed talking with him about his autograph hobby. There was always a story behind each of those autographed photos on his office wall. He will be greatly missed. Tim was a really good man.###imported-begin###Mark Blacksten###imported-end###

November 14, 2008 at 04:18 PM



“ On behalf of the entire staff at CHANGE Inc, I want to express my condolences to Tim's family. Over the past many years, I have worked closely with Tim, and he was always deeply committed to improving the lives of persons with developmental disabilities. Tim was one of the founding members of the FACT group, consisting of the executive directors of the four disability agencies in teh county. He knew that we could get so much more accomplished working together, than against each other. He will be greatly missed. Rick Glaser###imported-begin###Rick Glaser###imported-end###

November 14, 2008 at 03:58 PM



“ *Tim was a good friend I've known since high school. His mom and my parents were teachers at Keyser High School together. He ran around with my buddies and me after we graduated, and he was a good guy to know. He had a sense of humor and was easy to get along with, and he was as well-like as anybody could have been. The last time I saw him was at a reunion a couple of years ago, and it was like we'd been together just the day before. It was good to have shared part of a lifetime with Tim.*

With deepest condolences,

Jim Goldsworthy

Keyser, W.Va.

KHS Class of 1965##imported-begin##James N.

Goldsworthy##imported-end##

November 14, 2008 at 03:11 PM



“Where do I begin? My cousin Tim was the most patient, loving, caring human being that I have ever known. From the time I was a little girl looking up in adoration to my older Atkinson cousins, a pre-teen proud of the fact that my young girlfriends had a crush on my "totally cute" cousin Tim, a college student having more girlfriends with the same reaction, and as a 20-something babysitting for three adorable, active little boys during the move to Westminster. I swore I would never have children after that! With the more boisterous "O'Brien" cousins, Tim was the calm, steady one- always with a laugh and a smile. I could only hope to emulate the class he showed throughout his life. When things were bad with Tim, he would never show it, and I never heard him utter an unkind word against anyone. The love between Tim and his 3 boys was a beautiful thing to behold. Tim Jr., Chris, and Matt be blessed in knowing that your father valued you above all else, and it showed in the respect and adoration that you had for each other. Please remember that even though most of us live far away, we will always be there for you, and you will keep his memory alive by reflecting his goodness and strength. There is so much more I would like to say, but it is better done in person. We love all of you.

Your Cousins,

Patty O'Brien Kelly and Don, Patrick, Maureen, Megan, and Kevin

P.S. Matt...Kevin is coming to live with you. Remember...you promised him video games and all the soda he wants. His bags are packed...:). It wouldn't be a tribute to your dad without a little bit of humor.##imported-begin##Patty O'Brien Kelly##imported-end##

November 14, 2008 at 03:00 PM



“ *Uncle Tim was always like a second father to my sister Ashley and me. My love and prayers go out to his entire family, especially Aunt Bonnie, Tim Jr, Matt and Chris. Our families have always been connected at the hip. I wish I could be there for you all, like you all were their for us in our time of need. Blessings!*
*Joel, Karen, Brayden, Evelyn & Jackson Harr##imported-
begin##TSgt Joel Harr, USAF##imported-end##*

November 14, 2008 at 01:59 PM