



Bobby Gene Atkinson

December 29, 1938 - February 7, 2025

Bobby Gene Atkinson, 86, a cherished member of the Ringgold community passed away Friday, February 7, 2025.

Bobby Gene was born in Ringgold, VA on December 29, 1938, he was the son of the late John Hopson Atkinson and Beatrice Daniel Atkinson.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Weatherford Atkinson, for whom shared 68 years together. He is also survived by his son, Bobby Gene Atkinson, Jr., his daughter, Tonya A. Barker (Kevin), two grandchildren, Megan Barker (Chris) and Kaleb Barker (Natalie), two great-grandchildren, Holden and Noah Barker, and his sister, Gayle A. Hodnett (Jack).

Bobby Gene served in the Virginia National Guard and retired from C&P Telephone Company. Upon retirement, he ran B & G Consulting more affectionately known as, Cripple Creek. Bobby Gene will be remembered for many things but namely his heart for his family, friends, and community. He was a true pillar of the community marked by his involvement in Ringgold Baptist Church, his twenty-two years on the Board of Ringold Fire & Rescue, twenty of those as chairman, and his contribution to the county through his service on multiple organizations.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, February 14, 2025, at 2:00 PM from

the graveside at Highland Burial Park with the Rev. Duane Caldwell and the Rev. Carl Burger officiating.

The family will receive friends at the residence. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial donations be made to Ringgold Fire & Rescue, PO Box 10, Ringgold, VA 24586.

Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel is serving the Atkinson family.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

FEB 14. 2:00 PM (ET)

Highland Burial Park
3049 North Main Street
Danville, VA

Tribute Wall

JG

“ To the family of Bobby Gene Atkinson we are so sorry for your great loss and prayers for Betty and Family and friends in Jesus's name. we are in prayer each day for peace and comforting words from Gods book of life to encourage you to keep the faith and love of Jesus in your Hearts and soul till His soon coming only God could love Bobby more than you do so He took Him on to be with Jesus Christ a better life for all of us In Christ John and Dianne Gilbert

John and Dianne Gilbert - February 14, 2025 at 11:08 AM

TR

“ The Rankin Family: Wilson, Robert, June, Teresa send our sympathy for your family's loss. Dad cared for Gene and we appreciate Gene's friendship with our Dad and Mom in Ringgold and all his help at the Deerfield cabin.

Teresa Rankin - February 13, 2025 at 05:37 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bobby Gene Atkinson.



February 13, 2025 at 05:28 PM

NW

“ Sorry to hear of Bobby passing.



Nancy & Tommy Watson - February 11, 2025 at 03:00 PM

PW

“ One of Ringgold's finest. He had a heart of gold and if you were a true friend you were his friend forever. I have so many places in our home where Gene made great suggestions and good advice. Can't say enough good things about him. Prayer for all of his family. He will be missed. RIP friend.

Pat Wilkerson - February 10, 2025 at 08:56 PM

LB

“ Sending our love and prayers.....Lucy Ellen an Bo

Lucy Ellen Barringer - February 10, 2025 at 06:48 AM

RB

“ Uncle Bobby will be missed. You always had that big smile and kind words. I will miss that as I will miss you. You always gave anything you did 100%.
I will miss our talks!

Ronnie B - February 10, 2025 at 05:06 AM

JH

“ Bobby Gene drove our school bus in the mid-50's and taught me how to climb a telephone pole on October 5, 1964. Something I will never forget or him. Rest in peace friend.

Jimmy Hawker - February 09, 2025 at 11:58 PM

VC

“ Vic & Nell and Jake, Jenn, & Clay purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Bobby Gene Atkinson.



Vic & Nell and Jake, Jenn, & Clay - February 09, 2025 at 04:43 PM

PW

“ Patricia B Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Bobby Gene Atkinson



Patricia B Wilkerson - February 09, 2025 at 11:11 AM

LE

“ Oh my goodness. I am so saddened to learn of Mr. Atkinson's passing.
I ran into him about a year and a half ago at Walmart with his wife Betty.
He was my father's boss with C&P Telephone Company.
I got them reconnected for a few minutes on that very day.
They clearly thought alot of each other.
I lost my Father on Sept. 12, 2024 at the age of 91.
Mr. Atkinson was a special man.
I pray for his family in the coming days to months as they grieve this loss.
God Bless each of you.
Lauren Hill Ellison

Lauren H. Ellison - February 09, 2025 at 12:27 AM

JD

“ Joe And Martha Doss lit a candle in memory of Bobby Gene Atkinson



Joe and Martha Doss - February 08, 2025 at 11:23 PM

LY

“ Leonard Yeaman lit a candle in memory of Bobby Gene Atkinson



Leonard Yeaman - February 08, 2025 at 05:20 PM

LY

He was a great man. I worked at Lowes and he was a great customer and contractor. He was always fair with everyone. He knew another about building. He will be missed. Rest in Peace Gene.

Leonard Yeaman - February 08, 2025 at 05:24 PM

KE

Bobby Gene was a lifelong friend. Classmates at Dan River HS, part time coworkers at Kroger and many visits and chit chats through the years. Sincere thoughts and prayers for Betty and the family. He was well known, had numerous friends and will be sorely missed.
Keister Evans

Keister Evans - February 09, 2025 at 09:33 AM

MD

I'm saddened to hear this. My sympathy goes out to the family. 🙏🙏

Maggie Dixon - February 09, 2025 at 10:42 AM

MS

He was such a nice guy! Always enjoyed seeing him and catching up with his news! My condolences to his family! 🙏

Mary Shelton - February 09, 2025 at 01:42 PM

NG

*My special cousin, friend to all my family.
My love and sympathy to Betty and family.*

Nevida

Nevida Grubb - February 12, 2025 at 09:54 PM