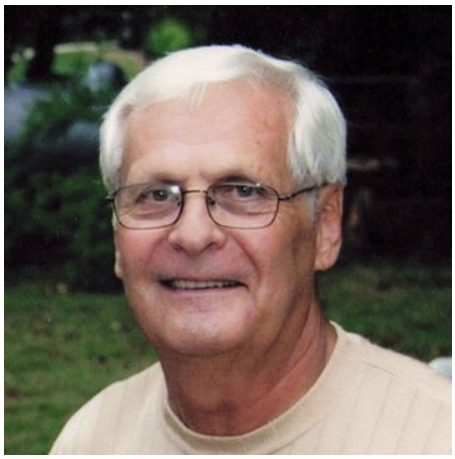
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Ronald Atkins

July 18, 1935 - Dec. 25, 2025

Ronald Atkins, 90, of Morganton, NC, passed away peacefully on December 25, 2025, surrounded by family, and is now in the presence of Jesus.

Ron was born on July 18, 1935, in Buffalo, NY to James Jr. and Evelyn Atkins, and began a life of love and sacrifice as a devoted husband, loving father, proud grandfather, and faithful friend.

Ron dedicated 44 years of his professional life to SGL Carbon Corporation, where he was known for his outgoing spirit and his talent for throwing a memorable work party.

In his early twenties, Ron was a pitcher in semi-pro baseball and went on to become a golf enthusiast, winning the Quaker Cup in 2011. He cherished his involvement with his church and was filled with joy when serving others in his community, primarily giving equipment, shoes and gear to athletes in need. Ron especially enjoyed mornings spent with his breakfast club crew.

Ron is survived by his wife, Cindy Atkins; his children, Christopher (Sue) Atkins, Michele (Joe) Atkins, Melissa (Bryce) Mullinnix, and Melanie (Jed) Busbee; his stepchildren, Christy (Sean) Whisenant and Casey Saulman; and his grandchildren, Andrew, Luke, Eric, and Lily Atkins, Madeline and Maddox Mullinnix, Caleb, Natalie

Andrew, Luke, Eric, and Lily Atkins; Madeline and Maddox Mullinix; Caleb, Natalie, Cameron, and Micah Busbee, and Rylan and Lilly Saulman.

The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., Tuesday, December 30, 2025 at Walker Road Baptist Church. The memorial service will follow at noon in the church with Rev. Mark Ball officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to the Burke County Senior Center in Morganton.

Ron will be remembered for his selflessness, steady presence, and generosity. His legacy lives on in the lives he touched and the love and devotion he freely gave.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



What a wonderful Soul. Worked with him 13 years at SGL Carbon. He was a true inspiration to me and he will be truly Missed...

–Teresa Reel Duncan

Ron, it was a pleasure to know you and work for you at SGL Carbon, LLC prayers out to your loving family. Wanda Mckesson Edmunds

–Wanda Edmunds

Ron will be forever loved and missed by all that knew him at the Burke Senior Center. He was always so friendly and kind to all, and a personal source of inspiration to me in the chair exercise class. Sending love and praying for his family and many friends during this time….

–Kenny and Nancy Moore



Ron was a sweet man he was great friend, always cheering the kids on at their games. Ron will be very missed. Love the Jones Family.

–Ashley

one of the nicest man i ever met, peace.

–JERRY SAUNDERS

I am so sorry to hear about Ron. I met him in Chair Exercise at the Senior Center. He was always such a friendly guy. He is at peace now! Again he will be missed!
–Dawn Roper



So very sorry for your loss. Much love and prayers.

–Lori Drewery



My deepest sympathy during this difficult time. Sending you love and strength. You're in my thoughts and prayers.

–Jasmine chambers

May you rest in peace, Ron. You will be missed.

–María Atkins



–Regina Ledford

We always remember Uncle Ron as generous and caring. We have fond memories of getting together when he lived in Buffalo. Chris and Michelle, our

condolences go out to both of you, May you find peace in this time.

–Shawn & Susan Dewey



I'm so sorry to hear of Ron's passing. I spent many hours on the golf course with Ron over the years and enjoyed every one of them. He was so much fun to play golf with and to just be around. He was one of the nicest people I ever met and he was always nice. Cindy, I know how much he loved you and his family. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

–Rick Childress



Our thoughts and prayers are with the family! Our deepest condolences to all the family and our dear neighbors the Mullinnix family.

–Emily and Sandy Wilson