



## Mr. Travis Atkins

October 3, 1936 - January 14, 2025

Travis Atkins of Attalla, AL, born October 3, 1936, in Carbon Hill, AL, passed away peacefully at his home Tuesday, January 14, 2025, surrounded by his family. His service will be held at Village Chapel Funeral Home Friday, January 17, 2025, with visitation at 10:00 AM and service to follow at 11:00 AM with Reverend Danny Freeman and Reverend Chase Dowdy officiating. Pallbearers are Herbert Rothrock, Gary Howard, Joe Hereford, Tim Earnest, Jamie Rothrock, and Jim Kilgo. Honorary pallbearers are members of Coach Larry Foster's men's Sunday school class.

Travis served in the United States Navy from 1953 to 1957 during the Korean War.

Travis was a brick mason and owned and operated Atkins Construction Company for thirty years. His company did commercial masonry throughout the Southeast in ten different states which included work on the Green and Butterfly Houses at Callaway Gardens, the Goodyear Gadsden Radial Plant, the Gadsden Mall, and many other buildings, churches, and facilities. After Travis retired from his company, he worked for Hudak Construction Company for over fifteen years as a superintendent and oversaw the construction of multiple projects.

Travis was a member of Stowers Hill Baptist Church and served as teacher for the adult men's Sunday school class and enjoyed singing in the choir for many years. While Chairman of the House and Grounds Committee, they proudly completed the construction of a new Fellowship Hall and remodeling

of the sanctuary and vestibule.

Travis was preceded in death by his mother, Virginia Atkins White, and his stepfather R. C. (Bob) White. He is survived by his wife of fifty-eight years, Harriet Rose Rothrock Atkins; son, Travis Lynn Atkins, Jr., Mobile; daughter, Emma Kate Atkins Hereford (Joe), Attalla; granddaughters Jennica Hereford Major (AJ), Attalla; and MaryCate Hereford Fore (Ryan) and their children, Reece City; and cherished family friend Jeff Morrow, OD, Mobile.

Travis is also survived by brother and sister-in-law, Gary and Lydia Howard, Attalla; Norma Howard Earnest (Tim), McCalla; Alex Earnest Feltman (Jared), Moody, and their children. In addition, he is survived by his brother and sister-in-law, Herbert and Belinda Rothrock, Rainbow City; Wes Rothrock, MD, (Becky), Tampa, and their children; and Jessica Jane Rothrock, Rainbow City. Many of Travis's happy memories involved spending time with his dear friend, Mike Oliver, playing golf and going on vacations with the Oliver family.

Travis proudly served as assistant coach for the Cougars girls softball team for ten years during the '80s. Under his leadership, the team compiled a stunning record of 173 wins and 33 losses, 4 league championships, 5 tournament championships, 5 district championships and 2 statewide championships.

The family would like to express gratitude to church family who called, visited, and, most importantly, prayed. The family also appreciates Travis's special longtime friend, Rick Street.

Special thanks to Gentiva Hospice (Rainbow City) for their care and support the past two years. A very special thanks to Chaplain Carol Wasser for her beautiful prayers and most importantly many thanks to Donna Mims Hawk, RN, and dear family friend for her guidance, compassion, and love during Travis's journey to be with our Lord and Savior.

Memorial contributions may be made to Stowers Hill Baptist Church in memory of Travis Atkins – 407 9th Avenue SW, Attalla, AL, 35954.

# Cemetery Details

**Rainbow Memorial Gardens**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

JAN 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Village Chapel Funeral Home  
101 Vandell Blvd  
Gadsden, AL 35904  
(256) 547-5557  
<https://villagechapelfuneralhome.com>

### Service

JAN 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ I just learned of the passing of Travis. I was fortunate to first meet him during the construction of Gadsden Mall in the early 70’s. You talk about a man of integrity and talent that was Travis. I haven’t seen or talked to him in sometime;l’m afraid that is just the nature of life now as we age. I will never forget Travis.

Lander Waid - December 15, 2025 at 02:49 PM



“ Harriet, I am so sorry about Travis. Didn't know until tonight. I am sure him and Richard are laying lots of bricks. Love to you.Hazel

Hazel Hamlin Dixon - January 17, 2025 at 07:44 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Travis Atkins.

January 16, 2025 at 02:44 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Travis Atkins.



January 16, 2025 at 02:44 PM