



## John Russell Atkinson

October 15, 1946 - August 2, 2022

John Russell Atkinson (Russ), 75, of Summerville, husband of Bette Barrineau Atkinson, went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, August 2, 2022.

Family and friends are invited to attend his memorial service on Sunday, August 14, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. at Parkway Baptist Church located at 3670 Ladson Road, Ladson, SC 29456. Interment at Beaufort National Cemetery will be private.

Russ was born in Charleston, SC, the son of Charles Norman Atkinson and Alice Pamela Wilkens. He was a Garrett High School Falcon and also studied drafting at Murray Vocational School. He served his country in U.S. Navy from 1967-1971. Russ received his HVAC certification from Pensacola Junior College in 1972 and had a life-long career in HVAC. He was employed by the Charleston County Housing Authority until his retirement in 2017.

Russ never met a stranger and he made a positive impact on all who knew him. He was kind and loving, always with a quick joke to win a smile. He enjoyed music, drawing and spending time at the beach. Most of all, he loved the Lord and his family, and served both to the best of his ability all of his life.

In addition to Bette, his wife of 53 years, survivors include six children: Kimberly Russell (Mike) of Charleston, Kristina Shriner (Damon) of Oklahoma, Sarah Allen (Paul) of Goose Creek, John Atkinson, Jr. of Hawaii, Suzanna Baker (Dave) of Summerville and Heather Del Palacio (Pedro) of Summerville; fourteen grandchildren; siblings, Sally Halma (Casey) of Pennsylvania and Bob Atkinson (Margaret) of Texas; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins, whom he loved dearly. He was predeceased by his parents and his brother, Sam Atkinson.

Flowers will be accepted, or in lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Parkway Baptist Church.

A memorial message may be written to the family by visiting our website at [www.jamesadyal.com](http://www.jamesadyal.com).

ARRANGEMENTS BY JAMES A. DYAL FUNERAL HOME, 303 SOUTH MAIN STREET, SUMMERVILLE, SC 29483 (843)873-4040

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

AUG 14. 3:00 PM (ET)

Parkway Baptist Church  
3670 Ladson Road  
Ladson, SC 29456

# Tribute Wall



“ *John Russell Atkinson*

September 29, 2022 at 10:11 AM

JC

“ *We were so sorry to hear of Russell's passing. As one of Russell's many cousins, I can remember good times while we were little even though we lost touch when we got older. Prayers go out to the family and many love ones. Love to you all.*  
*Tim and Jan Campbell*

Jan Campbell - August 15, 2022 at 09:39 AM

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“ *Your friends at the Department of State purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John Russell Atkinson.*



Your friends at the Department of State - August 12, 2022 at 11:51 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Russell Atkinson.*



August 09, 2022 at 10:30 AM

RC

“ *To have helped raise such great kids speaks well of this kind man. He is missed and loved.*

Ruthann Chesney - August 06, 2022 at 03:53 AM

AR

“ *The epitome of what a father, husband and a man should be! He will be deeply missed!*

Amanda Rhives - August 05, 2022 at 07:35 PM

BH

*Truly, a dear Christian friend and brother of 35 years. Such wonderful and cherished memories of soul-winning, working with the youth, camping together, and great fellowship with the family. We shall miss him here, but, oh, what a grand reunion in Heaven awaits us. Bobbie and Bill Hanna.*

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**Bill and Bobbie Hanna** - August 06, 2022 at 08:18 PM