



Michael Joseph Atkinson

July 31, 1933 - December 26, 2020

ATKINSON, Michael Joseph "Mike". December 26, 2020. Age 87. Beloved husband of Margaret (nee: Zettell) for 59 and a half years. Loving father of Megan Atkinson, Timothy Atkinson (Jane), Michael Atkinson (Pam), Patrick Atkinson (Theresa), James Atkinson, Mary Latcha (Alan), Robert Atkinson (Kerry) and the late Catherine Atkinson. Proud and loving grandfather of Elaine, John Paul, David, Thomas, Regina, Erin, Linnea, Elise, Sarah, Claire, Alan Jr., Catherine, Monica, Joshua, Tobit, Silas and the late Emma. Dear brother of John Atkinson, Jim Atkinson, his twin Frank Atkinson (Sadie), Patricia Lucier, the late Joey Sartor and the late Gerry Gardiner. Mike proudly served in the United States Army and worked as a wood model maker for GM Fisher Body for 35 years. Mike had a strong Catholic faith, a servant's heart, loved the Lord with all his heart, and had a passion for life. He gave his time as a Cub Master and Scout Master; he was involved in prison ministries, brought the Eucharist to the sick at Crittenton Hospital and delivered for Meals on Wheels. Mike was a 3rd Order Secular Franciscan, was active in the St. Vincent de Paul Society and sang in the church choirs at both St. Kieran Catholic Church and St. Andrew Catholic Church. He was a friendly neighbor, a good Samaritan, and a lover of airplanes and nature. More than anything else in his life, Mike loved his family and being with them whenever possible. He especially enjoyed travelling the world and making pilgrimages to special places like Jerusalem, Rome, Santiago, Fatima, Lourdes, the Oberammergau passion play and Ireland. Instate Wednesday 10:30am until time of 11am Mass at St. Kieran Catholic Church, 53600 Mound Rd. (S. of 25 Mile Rd.), Shelby Township. Interment, Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton Township. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions are appreciated to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, the Right to Life Michigan Education Fund, the Air Force Museum Foundation or to Crittenton Unlimited Potential. Please share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guestbook" at WujekCalcaterra.com

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Road
Clinton Township, MI 48038

Previous Events

Instate

DEC 30. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Kieran
53600 Mound
Shelby Twp., MI 48316

Funeral Mass

DEC 30. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Kieran
53600 Mound
Shelby Twp., MI 48316

Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Wujek ~ Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. - January 04, 2021 at 08:38 AM



“ *Wujek ~ Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Michael Joseph Atkinson*



Wujek ~ Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. - December 29, 2020 at 02:17 PM

PB

Beautiful family, wonderful memories!!

Pat Gardiner Belanger - December 29, 2020 at 02:58 PM

BC

“ *On behalf of the Capuchin brothers I offer my deepest sympathies on the passing of Michael. It is truly humbling to receive memorial donations in honor of Michael's life. Please be assured of the brother's prayers for the entire Atkinson family during this great time of grief. May perpetual light shine upon Michael.*

Br Nick Blattner Ofm Capuchin - January 05, 2021 at 01:44 PM

JA

Thank you Brother Nick. My dad would be so happy that people were being helped by the generosity of those who knew him.

James Atkinson - January 06, 2021 at 09:41 PM



*Thank you so you much brother Nick
The capuchins were very important to him.*

Mary Atkinson-Latcha - January 09, 2021 at 02:24 PM

CH

“ *I'm sorry to hear of Mike's passing. He was a beautiful man of God. He will truly be missed at St. Andrews. Prayers for comfort during this difficult time. Cathy Hornung*

Cathy Hornung - January 03, 2021 at 02:59 PM

JA

Thank you for sharing Cathy, it means a lot to us.

James Atkinson - January 03, 2021 at 09:59 PM

MC

“ *I was out of town for the funeral and just wanted to share a couple of memories of Mike.*

The first was that he invited all of us at SJCK to attend a Life in The Spirit seminar series at St. Kieran's led by Father Dan Havron probably a good 15 years ago. I went weekly with Mike and Margaret and was really moved by the entire series. I just want to recognize him and Margaret for that instrumental step in my spiritual life.

The second memory was for some reason at SJCK, we decided we were going to end in a song. Since virtually none of us are in the choir it sounded pretty rough and after the first verse Mike just said "hold on' let start this in a lower key". I started laughing (at least inside) and we all started singing in a lower key and guess what, It sounded a lot better.

I haven't seen Mike in while but will always have fond memories of him, his humor and especially his faith in Jesus.

Well done Mike Atkinson!

God bless all the Atkinson's

Sincerely,

Mike Carr

Mike J Carr - January 03, 2021 at 10:56 AM

JA

Thanks Mike. We appreciate you keeping your comments low key. My dad's sense of humor will always be with the people who knew him.

James Atkinson - January 03, 2021 at 10:05 PM



Great stories , thank you ❤️

Mary Atkinson-Latcha - January 09, 2021 at 02:25 PM

AN

“ We are all thinking about you! From: Unit 45 family

ann - January 02, 2021 at 06:44 PM

JA

Thank you, God bless.

James Atkinson - January 03, 2021 at 10:07 PM

ME

“ I will always remember Uncle Mike as one of the kindest, most positive, giving people I have known. He was always the model of Christian welcoming. A Spirit-filled, faithful Catholic man of God. I know that he was greeted by a welcoming party including all of his relatives who went before him!

michael ebaugh - January 01, 2021 at 08:43 PM



Thank you Michael ❤️

Mary Atkinson-Latcha - January 01, 2021 at 11:13 PM

SL

“ Susan Leclerc lit a candle in memory of Michael Joseph Atkinson



Susan Leclerc - January 01, 2021 at 03:05 PM

MA

“ Happy New Year Dad!

Michael Atkinson - December 31, 2020 at 11:57 PM



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Mary Atkinson-Latcha - January 01, 2021 at 09:57 AM

DM

“ Dear Marge and family, I am so very sorry to hear of your loss. I always think of Mr. Atkinson's kindness. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Debi (DeMartelaere) Martone

Debi Martone - December 31, 2020 at 03:22 PM

MA

Thanks Debi, We appreciate You taking time to share Your memory.

Michael Atkinson - December 31, 2020 at 11:16 PM



Thank you debi

Mary Atkinson-Latcha - January 01, 2021 at 09:56 AM

LP

“ Sorry for your families loss and our sincere condolences. He was a great man who was loved and respected by so many. I have many very fond memories of him and your family.
Lance

Lance Paxton - December 31, 2020 at 11:36 AM

JA

Thank you Lance.

James Atkinson - December 31, 2020 at 08:40 PM

MA

Thank You Lance, right back at You.

Michael Atkinson - December 31, 2020 at 11:18 PM



Mary Atkinson-Latcha - January 01, 2021 at 09:56 AM

MZ

“ *Uncle Mike was the kindest man that I have ever met.*

I will always remember his constant smile and that he always had a new joke to tell to make the world a happier place.

Our hearts go out to you all.

Much Love,

Matt & Skye

Matthew A Zettell - December 30, 2020 at 04:38 PM

JA

Your kind words are very comforting.

James Atkinson - December 31, 2020 at 08:42 PM

MA

Thanks Matt and Skye; my Father Loves the Outdoors and who can forget the Hunting Trips with Uncle Bob and Your Father. Skye, my Parents admire Your cinematic gifts; He is ready for His Closeup. I have this crazy idea for a film. . .

Michael Atkinson - December 31, 2020 at 11:22 PM



Thank you Matt and skye

Mary Atkinson-Latcha - January 01, 2021 at 09:58 AM

AN

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Andrew - December 30, 2020 at 03:19 PM

MA

Our sincere thanks to Andrew F Groen for capturing our Father in a way that spreads the light of His Spirit. Awe Inspiring, true class Andy.

Michael Atkinson - December 31, 2020 at 11:25 PM

CA

“ *Connie Allen lit a candle in memory of Michael Joseph Atkinson*



Connie Allen - December 30, 2020 at 12:31 PM

MA

Connie, We appreciate Your thoughtful light.

Michael Atkinson - December 31, 2020 at 11:26 PM

SD

“ *Dear Marge and family. I only knew of this great man of God and family thru your smile and eyes as you shared your busy life with Michael and work for the Lord, as we worked together and prayed for each others children and ministry's at Crittenton Hospital. I still don't know how you both did so much! A great man . A man among men and children to see Jesus thru his life. He didn't just talk the talk but walked the walk. The most powerful and challenging testimony to live. He did! I know you are smiling through your tears and today I honor your beloveds life and person with you. Hallelujah he is smiling in heaven and awaits you all. You will see him again! Love, Sharon D. -you're ole friend &" sister" in Him.*

sharon dunsmore - December 30, 2020 at 10:10 AM

MA

Sharon-- Thanks for Sharoning a beautiful tribute, the humor is my Father's, I'm just writing it down as fast as I can. That's my Dad all the way!

Michael Atkinson - December 31, 2020 at 11:30 PM

PA

“ **FUNERAL MASS WILL BE LIVESTREAMED**
If you live far away or would prefer to join the Mass from home, it will be live streamed at 11 AM, Wednesday morning, Dec 30, 2020. Please join the family online by using the link below.

<https://www.facebook.com/St.KieranShelby/live/>

Patrick Atkinson - December 29, 2020 at 07:28 PM

PE

“Uncle Mike was truly a gentle and loving man amongst us. I have known Mike since I was about 6 or 7 years young marrying my Godmother, aunt Margy. He was always kind and caring and had a wit to him that I still remember. As a father of 8 of my cousins he always seemed to be there for them and to support aunt Margy. When our two families got together there were 22 +/- of us and it always had a bit of chaos yet all of us felt that was normal yet Mike was always there to be a guide, a father, an uncle and a messenger of the Lord. He always had a great smile and left a positive impression to those around him. I believe that I became a better person having those brief encounters with Uncle Mike and Aunt Margy in my upbringing and they both continue to be an inspiration to me now. I am sure that God has Mike in a special place. May the Lord bless you Margy, my cousins and their families during this time of grieving yet we can celebrate him in his bountiful and beautiful life here on earth and his new chapter in heaven.

Paul (Pauly) Ebaugh

Paul J Ebaugh - December 29, 2020 at 05:16 PM

MA

Thanks Paul for bringing great memories to the forefront.

Michael Atkinson - December 29, 2020 at 08:27 PM

JF

I have known Mr and Mrs Atkinson since I was a young boy growing up with their family, and was close friends with Mike and Tim.

I have fond memories of this time and always remembered Mr Atkinson being in a great mood, happy, and having a great sense of humor. He was young at heart and always kind and compassionate. He will always be remembered.

My thoughts and prayers are with the Atkinson family during this difficult time.

Sincerely, John Ferguson

John Ferguson - December 30, 2020 at 09:14 PM



Thank you for dinner many beautiful words and memories of my dad ❤️

Mary Atkinson-Latcha - January 01, 2021 at 10:01 AM

PT

“Peter and Lori Dallas Texas purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Michael Joseph Atkinson.



Peter and Lori Dallas Texas - December 29, 2020 at 04:23 PM

KM

“ No doubt, Mike, you are a saint who walked among us. How blessed we all are to have known you! God's peace be with you and your wonderful family.
Love,
Kathy Metz

Kathy Metz - December 29, 2020 at 04:09 PM

MA

Thank You Kathy -- My Father reunites with Cathy, his first born & My Beloved Sister & My God Daughter Emma, His Beloved Granddaughter. --Mike Jr

Michael Atkinson - December 31, 2020 at 11:36 PM

SS

“ My dear Uncle Mike,
You were always a bright star whenever you went with a smile on your face and twinkle in your eye! I will always remember you as a fun loving spirit with a beautiful voice!!! You could eat everything and never gained an ounce and you were always on the move and loved to walk.

It was a honor to be the flower-girl along with Diane in your wedding. I remember the pretty pink dresses with the big skirt hoop.. I sat down on the church pew and my skirt went over my head...I turned red and quickly corrected the situation. You and Aunt Margy were such a beautiful couple.

Through the years your love has only flourish to create a Big Loving Family. You and Aunt Margy would just glow around one another. It was so magical to see you both together.

Your faith has always been so strong and I have no doubt that God called you to lead the Heaven Choir. I didn't think it was your time, but as we know, God has his own calendar.

You have been a great mentor in leading a good family and faithful life with a smile. You have been a gift to us all!

I have you in a special place in my heart and we will all cherish and protect Aunt Margy until you are reunited in the Heaven Choir.

Much love,

Susan Sears (Zettell)

susan sears - December 29, 2020 at 01:07 PM

JA

Thank you Susan for your kind words.

James Atkinson - December 30, 2020 at 07:21 PM

MA

Thank You so Much Susan. My Father holds a special place in His Heart for You and Your Family. Rest assured He is Living it Up with Bud and Joan and John and Hazel and Frank and . . .

Michael Atkinson - December 31, 2020 at 11:42 PM

PB

“ *Pat Gardiner Belanger lit a candle in memory of Michael Joseph Atkinson*



Pat Gardiner Belanger - December 29, 2020 at 01:05 PM

MA

Thank You Pat for Shining Light in the midst of darkness.

Michael Atkinson - December 31, 2020 at 11:45 PM

GG

“ *Mike was by far the nicest and sweetest man that I have ever known. I met him through the Community of God's love prayer group 22 years ago. To say he will be missed is a tremendous understatement. Who could not love this man? I did...we all did...still do. He is in the arms of our Lord right now. May Margaret and his entire family know that we are praying for them for God's peace and strength. Margaret.....I love you too. I am here for you. Love and prayers. Gail Gunow*

Gail Gunow - December 29, 2020 at 11:33 AM

JA

Thank you for your beautiful and comforting words.

James Atkinson - January 03, 2021 at 10:10 PM

LM

“ *Linnea Marie lit a candle in memory of Michael Joseph Atkinson*



Linnea Marie - December 29, 2020 at 11:22 AM

MA

Thank You Linnea, Grandpa's Little Stinker. Yes You are. . .

Michael Atkinson - December 31, 2020 at 11:46 PM

PA

“ *Pamela Atkinson lit a candle in memory of Michael Joseph Atkinson*



Pamela Atkinson - December 29, 2020 at 11:21 AM

MA

Thanks My Dear Wife for All the Love and Support; You Erin & Linnea are heavenly gifts. Grandpa has the Receipt.

Michael Atkinson - December 31, 2020 at 11:50 PM

JT

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Atkinson family. My mom (Gail Gunow) was a friend through prayer group. I remember Mike praying over my sweet baby boy and anointing him back in 2012. My little baby Luke kept smiling at him and giggling and Mike smiled and giggled back. What a wonderful man!*

God bless his family and I hope knowing that he is, indeed, in heaven and waiting to see you again, will comfort you.

JENNIFER TURNER - December 29, 2020 at 11:14 AM

MA

Thanks very much for Your Beautiful Tribute.

Michael Atkinson - December 29, 2020 at 11:24 AM

DZ

“ Our condolences to the Atkinson family. Uncle Mike always had a great sense of humor. As a kid we would spend time at the school house or on our annual hunting trips to Big Rapids. I will always cherish the time I spent with Uncle Mike and his family. Thanks for the memories.

RIP

Dave Zettell and Family.

Dave Zettell - December 29, 2020 at 09:47 AM

JA

Thanks Dave, those times in Ontario and up north Michigan were very special to me as well.

James Atkinson - December 30, 2020 at 07:23 PM

MA

“ *Michael Atkinson sent a virtual gift in memory of Michael Joseph Atkinson*



Michael Atkinson - December 29, 2020 at 12:51 AM

MA

Thanks Dad for breaking the speed of sound with Your legendary Farts!

Michael Atkinson - December 31, 2020 at 11:52 PM

MA

“ *5 files added to the tribute wall*



Michael Atkinson - December 29, 2020 at 12:35 AM

PA

Thanks for posting these photos Mike, these really capture Dad's passion for aircraft.

Patrick Atkinson - December 29, 2020 at 07:40 AM

MA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Michael Atkinson - December 28, 2020 at 09:29 PM

PA

What a special treat for Dad to see some of the old aircraft that were used by the US Air Force, thanks for sharing this video!

Patrick Atkinson - December 29, 2020 at 07:42 AM

EA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Erin Atkinson - December 28, 2020 at 08:24 PM

PA

Thanks Erin for sharing this video of Grandpa watching the plane take off, I know he was thrilled to be there that day!

Patrick Atkinson - December 29, 2020 at 07:43 AM

MA

Thanks for getting Grandpa a tour of FiFi, The Flying Fortress; treasures of time. . .

Michael Atkinson - December 31, 2020 at 11:55 PM

TZ

“ Uncle Mike always had a joke for any occasion. My fondest memory was when me and my brother John went to one of his kids soccer games in the mid 1970's. He entertained us with some of his x-rated jokes for the entire game. We were in stitches until Aunt Margy showed up and he had to clean up his act. His wit and personality will be missed.
God Bless all Cousin Tom Zettell

Thomas Zettell - December 28, 2020 at 08:04 PM

JA

Tom, I can hear you and my dad laughing together across the years.

James Atkinson - December 30, 2020 at 07:26 PM

LM

“ I’ve always known that angels walk among us. Mr Atkinson was one of them. I knew him through his wife who I work with, and also through his presence at the hospital. Always smiling, always kind, thoughtful and caring. He will be deeply missed. Laurie Murray

Laurie Murray - December 28, 2020 at 07:08 PM

JA

Thank you so much Laurie.

James Atkinson - January 03, 2021 at 10:12 PM

DA

“ Our condolences to Marge and family. I only met Mike once or twice but I know what a loving family he was and is still a part of in memory. Marge always talks with such pride of her husband and family while at work. What a beautiful thing that is. Rest In Peace, Mike.

Dawn Miller and Shirley Kindermann

Dawn - December 28, 2020 at 07:01 PM



JA

Thank you Dawn and Shirley!

James Atkinson - January 03, 2021 at 10:13 PM

MA

“ Michael Atkinson lit a candle in memory of Michael Joseph Atkinson



Michael Atkinson - December 28, 2020 at 06:24 PM

MA

This Candle I Lit because Farting in Heaven smells like Really Bad!

Michael Atkinson - December 31, 2020 at 11:56 PM

JA

CH4 is very combustibile, please be careful with all the open flame!

James Atkinson - January 03, 2021 at 10:14 PM

PA

“Michael Joseph Atkinson, my father in-law, had a phenomenal sense of humor. He once visited the garden store I worked at. Upon seeing the wind chime section, 50 + chimes, he walked amongst them and proceeded to test the musical quality of the majority of them. What a symphony it made. It was easy to see how much pure, simple pleasure that exercise provided because afterwards he started whistling. Another gift Grandpa Michael possessed was his innate ability to connect with children. They sought him out, recognizing an open, accepting personality. After that it was recognized by the children that Grandpa Michael and his time belonged to them. I have been fortunately blessed to have known Michael Joseph Atkinson. What a legacy of love, service, and gentleness he has left with so many. Pam Atkinson

Pamela Atkinson - December 28, 2020 at 06:16 PM

MA

Thanks for the honesty beautiful sentiments Dear. (Michael Atkinson Jr., Pamela's Husband)

Michael Atkinson - December 28, 2020 at 06:30 PM

SS

Mike Atkinson was gentle man with a dynamic smile. I have never know such a prayerful person. He was always ready to pray fir others needs. And always asked how the person you asked him to pray for was doing. Even if it was months later. Oh yes, we cannot forget his GREAT humorous jokes. Mike will be so missed at weekly masses and praying the rosary and Devine Mercy with all of us!!

suzanne m souva - December 28, 2020 at 07:28 PM

MA

“ 13 files added to the tribute wall



Michael Atkinson - December 28, 2020 at 05:52 PM

JP

“ *Uncle Mike was a wonderful, faith filled man. I had the privilege of spending a few Easter breaks with Aunt Margy, Uncle Mike and some of the cousins when I was young. Coming from a large family, this was a special treat that made me feel extra special. I loved Uncle Mike’s sense of humor and remember laughing at his corny jokes. He loved his family and others so well. He loved the Lord and was a man after God’s own heart.*

Dear Aunt Margy and cousins, know that mine and Larry’s love and prayers are with you.

Love,

Jennifer Ebaugh Patton

Jennifer Patton - December 28, 2020 at 05:04 PM

JA

Thank you for sharing. By laughing at his corny jokes, you only encouraged his behavior, which we then had to tolerate for decades. I wouldn't have it any other way.

James Atkinson - January 03, 2021 at 10:18 PM

LH

“ *I have known Mike since 1950. We shared the same Parish, Gesu. Which lead to membership in a wonderful young adult group, Quin-Six dancing, singing and fun. Then the connection of knowing Margaret led to a long term friendship of families, visiting and traveling. I still remember the school-house in Exeter, Canada. Mike is totally a man for God and has left his imprint on every person he has ever had contact.*

Your beautiful family is a testament of his love and devotion.

God give you the strength and peace to accept his body has gone to the Lord but know his spirit will remain with you forever.

God bless, Lorraine Harding

Lorraine Harding - December 28, 2020 at 02:30 PM

JA

Thank you Lorraine. So you knew my dad when he was a silly and immature 17 year old? Who knew he would eventually grow into a silly and immature 87 year old?

James Atkinson - January 03, 2021 at 10:21 PM

CE

“

Uncle Mike,

You were such an example of what kindness really means. I never heard a cross word from you or a disparaging remark about anyone. I have many wonderful, warm memories of you, my incredible Aunt Margy and Your beautiful family. Your home was an extension of your welcoming smile and as a child, I remember that I knew you loved children because you were always so loving to not only your own tribe of monkeys but to our unruly tribe as well.

I loved that you never seemed to hesitate from getting on the floor and playing with whatever child was in front of you. Some of my favorite memories are of your laugh- rich and full of life. I saw Jesus in you, Uncle Mike, and I am so glad you are with Him right now because you were one of His favorites.

My heart goes out to you, Aunt Margy and my cousins in that you will not have this mighty yet gentle presence in your midst in the physical and I know that Uncle Mike will continue to watch over all of you- his beloved wife, his children and his grandchildren. His legacy is his love and you were certainly the apple of his eye.

Joe and I will be with you in Spirit but will not be at the funeral. You are all in my daily prayer intentions and I send you my love.

"Chrissy" Chris Elwart

Christine Elwart - December 28, 2020 at 01:52 PM

JA

Chris, your beautiful words are a great comfort.

James Atkinson - January 03, 2021 at 10:22 PM

DN

“

Wow, what a legacy. Sounds like an amazing man, and I know he raised an amazing son (Jimmy). Jimmy and family I am so sorry for such a loss you all have suffered, but it sounds like he lived life to the fullest and is walking in heaven with the man he lived to serve.

Dana Nowacki - December 28, 2020 at 12:39 PM

JA

Dana, thank you for your beautiful words. You and my dad would have been best of friends. Your exuberant enjoyment of life and sense of humour/mischief reminds me of him.

James Atkinson - December 30, 2020 at 07:31 PM

KS

“ These pictures are from February 2020 when I was honored to spend the weekend in Las Vegas with Mike, Jim, Marge, and friends. I had met Mike a couple times before, but that weekend I got to know him better.

I saw that Mike was a devoted family man who was kind, generous, filled with faith, and very knowledgeable on many subjects. I enjoyed the stories and history he shared. I saw how much my best friend Jim, Mike's son loved his father and wished I could have been that close to my own.

I regret that I can't attend the funeral to pay my respects to this wonderful man, but please know that my heart and prayers are with his family during this time of sorrow! I ask God to comfort you all while facing such a great loss!

Mike an angel on earth, is now an angel in heaven, you will be so missed! Rest easy Mike!

Love,
Kathy Stone



kathy Stone - December 28, 2020 at 11:57 AM

NF

You explained Michael beautifully.

Natalie Frey - December 28, 2020 at 01:41 PM

JA

Kathy, my oldest and dearest friend, thank you for sharing. He enjoyed our trip together so much.

James Atkinson - December 30, 2020 at 07:36 PM

PA

“ This is Patrick (number 5 of 8 Atkinson children). Our Dad made a profound impact on everyone he met. He was kind, gentle, strong, generous, humble, and funny. Quick with a smile, a joke, or a helping hand. Always fit and slender yet always excited about the next meal and a cup of coffee. Probably had something to do with his love of his daily walk, to get outside and breathe fresh air. He loved our mom and his family deeply and unconditionally. There are examples of generosity around all of our homes. He was very clever and was always interested in how he could help with a project.

He worked hard to raise a large family with Mom, yet came home at the end of the day and enjoyed getting on the floor to play with his children. He led by example and showed us all how to be a good person, father, and spouse. His Faith was deep and he lived it everyday. I love you Dad, thank you for being there for us all the times we needed you. Thank you for your big heart. Thank you for your love. You have made an imprint on all of us that we will carry forward.

Patrick Atkinson - December 28, 2020 at 08:23 AM

PB

Thank you for sharing this Patrick. I'm learning so much about my Uncle Mike and the wonderful man that he was. Peace

Pat Gardiner Belanger - December 28, 2020 at 11:43 AM

MA

Well done Pat, I Love You. Your big brother Mike.

Mike Atkinson - December 28, 2020 at 11:59 AM

JL

Thank you for sharing, Pat. Your dad had a big heart, a wonderfully goofy sense of humor, and always treated people like they were family. Praying for blessings and peace for your whole family.

Jonathan Lathers - December 28, 2020 at 01:27 PM

NF

Everything you said about your father is true. His faith was great and his reward will now be as great.

Natalie Frey - December 28, 2020 at 01:45 PM

DA

“ Mike was a long brother in the Lord and for years helped inspire the men of St Andrew to be the men God wanted them to be. He was filled with joy, optimism and love of the Lord. His love for his bride, Margaret, inspired us all.
Thank you Mike for your friendship and may the saints and angels welcome you to paradise. In my mind I can see the joy you must have there!
Dan Argue and the St. Joseph's Covenant Keepers

Daniel Argue - December 28, 2020 at 08:01 AM

MA

Thanks Dan for everything! You have a Special place in our Hearts.

Michael Atkinson - January 01, 2021 at 12:14 AM

MA

“ This is Mike Jr. (Big Mike Atkinson -- number four (4) out of eight beautiful Children) Although I share my Dear Father's first & last name, I strive to accomplish a fraction of what Michael Joseph Kevin Atkinson, [my Father's full name], is still accomplishing. My Father humbly serves those less fortunate, those more fortunate, those ignored, implored, impoverished, incarcerated, in need, challenged, gifted, innocent, guilty, kind, belligerent, faithful & especially those without faith. Once You meet my Father, even for a fleeting moment, an inextinguishable light glows in Your Heart for eternity. Faith first Family first Friends first Faults Forgiven Judgement Just, Generosity Abounds, Barriers Broken Down, Humour Abounds, Treasures Found, Love & Loved Unconditionally.

Dad, I talk to You everyday and Love You in every way; when as a little boy I tried to pick You up to show You how strong I was, You miraculously sprouted the wings of a Cherub, lifted off the ground, safely landed, and picked me up in His Iron Irish Arms Hugging Kissing Tickling. Dad, You are my Hero, Mentor, Father, Friend, I Love You Forever, A Love that will never, ever come to an end. Enjoy Your Well earned Rest; You are the Best. Talk to You Soon.. ...

Mike Atkinson - December 27, 2020 at 09:12 PM

PB

A beautiful testament to a wonderful father, grandfather, brother and uncle. I only wish that I knew him better. Peace

Pat Gardiner Belanger - December 28, 2020 at 11:45 AM

PA

Thank you Mike for your portrait of Dad, so well said!

Patrick Atkinson - December 29, 2020 at 07:36 AM

LL

“ I remember my neighbor, Mr. Atkinson always whistling and seeing him walk with a pep in his step. What a happy energetic soul he was! Thank you Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson for taking me to church with your family so many Sundays. God Bless you all.

Thinking of you,
Liz (Paxton) Laux

Liz Laux - December 27, 2020 at 07:49 PM

MA

Thanks Liz, You are quick to the draw, We appreciate Your fond memories. God Bless You, The Atkinson Family.

Mike Atkinson - December 27, 2020 at 09:57 PM

JA

Hi Mike I will miss you on your visits to my church for weekday masses and breakfast after and a few corny jokes. yours were older than mine.

Bro. John

John Atkinson - December 28, 2020 at 09:24 PM

PL

Uncle Mike and my Dad came over to our house after Mass this summer. We are so happy we had the chance to visit. He was all smiles asking us about our children and grandchildren. He truly was interested in each person he talked to.

peggy liegghio - January 01, 2021 at 05:21 PM