



## Mr. James Atkinson

August 26, 1935 - February 16, 2021

James Atkinson affectionately known as “Little Luke” was born on August 26, 1935 in Bethel, NC to the late Ada (Jones) and Mark Atkinson. He passed away on February 16, 2021 in Danbury, CT.

James was married for over 20 years to the love of his life, Mildred Redmond Atkinson to this union four children were born.

James was a faithful member of Mt. Pleasant A.M.E Zion Church where he served as a Trustee for many years, until his health begin to fail. There were some things we knew for certain; James was trustworthy, and he knew about some money.

James was a person that loved his family and friends. His faithfulness to those whose corner he was in was a blessing. When all else failed, if you needed him, he was there. He was smooth with his words and had a mannerism that would light up any room. If James was in your presence you could be assured that you would laugh uncontrollably with stories from the past and present. That’s only a small part of why we will miss him so much.

James was preceded in death by his wife, Mildred R. Atkinson; his only son, Anthony “Tony” Atkinson; along with his siblings, John, Farney, Willie, Mark, Lucille, Sally, Dorothy and Shirley.

James leaves to cherish his memory and continue his legacy three loving daughters, Alicia Atkinson, Ashbernette Atkinson, Angelina Atkinson all of Connecticut; one sister, Ada Highsmith of Greenville, NC; brother, Clarence Atkinson (Geraldine) of Greenville, NC;

brother-in-law, Clifton E. Rowls of Washington DC; four sisters-in-law, Lucy Pace of Virginia Beach, VA, Annie Mildred Davis (George) of Greenville, NC, Willie Maude Atkinson of Gloucester, VA, and Lillian Redmond of Williamston, NC; Godson, Elmer Harrison Jr.; four very special children, Angela Harris, Tuwana Harrison, Bobby Cowan, Cedric Ward (Lisa); nine grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; along with a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed.

Proverbs 19:17

# Cemetery Details

## Council Cemetery

14777 NC Hwy. 11  
Bethel, NC 27812

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

FEB 27. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. James Atkinson*

October 06, 2023 at 05:52 AM



“ *Walter And Mildred Council lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Atkinson*



**Walter and Mildred Council** - February 28, 2021 at 03:58 PM



“ *We send Love and Prayers with our deepest condolences on the passing of Uncle Luke. With you in spirit, your cousins in Connecticut and Pennsylvania.*



**Paris Looney** - February 27, 2021 at 12:41 PM



“ *My heart hurt for one of my best friend for more than 70 years.He will forever miss.But never forgotten.praying for the family.With Gods love and peace.*

**Ethel Staton Moore** - February 27, 2021 at 12:37 PM

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“ *My Condolences* 🙏



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**Donald Fernandez** - February 27, 2021 at 11:30 AM

SC

“ *Shirley Cox lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Atkinson*



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**Shirley Cox** - February 27, 2021 at 09:13 AM

SC

“ *Condolences to the family, praying for you all and love you.*

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**Shirley Cox** - February 27, 2021 at 09:12 AM

EE

“ *Erick A Edwards lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Atkinson*



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**Erick A Edwards** - February 25, 2021 at 09:24 AM

RS

“ Praying for your entire family during your time of bereavement. God Bless you all.



Rev.Milton &Delorse Staton&Family - February 23, 2021 at 08:05 PM

CS

“ Congleton Funeral Home and Staff wishes to express our sincere condolence on the passing of your love one. We light this candle in their



Congleton Funeral Home and Staff - February 21, 2021 at 11:18 AM

CS

“ Congleton Funeral Home and Staff wishes to express our sincere condolence on the passing of your love one. We light this candle in their



Congleton Funeral Home and Staff - February 21, 2021 at 11:09 AM

CR

“ I was in constant contact with Luke while he faced the challenges of my sister’s illness and her passing.

*I watched the challenges he faced while raising four children after she died.*

*He was a true friend to me in every sense of the word.*

*We are saddened by his passing and we will miss him.*

*The world was a better place with him here with us.*

*Clifton Rowls*



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**Clifton Rowls** - February 20, 2021 at 09:11 PM

RR

“ To: The Atkinson family, you have my sympathy. I've known James (Luke) since we were kids. A very nice man.



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**Ruth Randolph** - February 19, 2021 at 10:53 AM

ZB

“ Condolences to the entire family on the passing of there most Honorable Love one James Atkinson"ak" to me and so many others as "Little Luke"the barber he would be cutting your hair tell a joke be beating on you laughing at same time, Sorrowfully Missed.



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**Zachary R Bunns** - February 17, 2021 at 08:01 PM