



Rev. Ross Atkins

August 29, 1922 - August 21, 2017

Rev. Ross Atkins, 94, of longtime Bartlesville and Dewey area resident and Church of God minister, died at 10:48 A.M. on Monday, August 21, 2017 at the Forrest Manor Nursing Home in Dewey.

In keeping with Rev. Atkins wishes, private family services were held and cremation arrangements were under the direction of the Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory.

In lieu of flowers, the family request that memorial donations in Rev. Atkins name be made to the Dewey First Church of God, 222 S. Osage, Dewey, Oklahoma, 74029.

Rev. Atkins was born at Gideon, Oklahoma (near Tahlequah) on August 29, 1922 the son of Charles Henry Atkins and Vernetta (Reynolds) Atkins. He grew up and received his education in Pryor, Oklahoma and then served in the United States Navy during World War II in the South Pacific for 31 straight months. Following his Honorable Discharge in 1945 he returned to Oklahoma where he was married to Eva Lucille Crow on December 31, 1945 at Pryor. They made their home in Pryor for ten years where Rev. Atkins was active as a meat cutter and became involved in the ministry. In 1956 Mr. and Mrs. Atkins moved to Vinita when he became the pastor of the First Church of God in Vinita. They moved to Sapulpa to pastor in 1961 and then moved to Dewey in 1963 when he became the pastor of the First Church of God in Dewey. Rev. Atkins remained at the Dewey First Church of God for 24 years until his retirement on August 16, 1987. He then served as an interim pastor in

Muskogee for a year and returned to Bartlesville in 1988. At the urging of former church members, he began the Bartlesville Church of God in the Comanche Center where he was the pastor until he again retired after an additional 24 years. He was also employed as a funeral assistant at the Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory for over ten years.

Rev. Atkins is survived by his wife, Eva Atkins of Bartlesville, two daughters, Karen Ann Atkins Fouts of Decatur, Indiana and Melody Lynne Frakes of Bartlesville, four grandchildren, Jennifer Voegele, Amanda Pfeiffer, Tyler Frakes and Spencer Frakes and five great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, seven brothers and sisters, a son, James Glen Atkins and a grandson, Justin Glen Atkins.

Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. Ross Atkins*

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ *Rev. Ross Atkins*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *To Eva and family. So sad to hear the news about Ross. He was truly a friend of the Faircloth family. So many fond memories of camps, Camp Meetings and times in Pryor with him flood my mind right now. I know that my life, along with so many other lives, are better because of Bro. Ross. May our God comfort you in this time of loss.*

"Little" Joe Faircloth

Joe Faircloth - August 27, 2017 at 09:40 AM



“ *This man has been such a pillar in my life. I'm going to miss his precious smiles and sweet hugs.*

With love and thanks,

Cindy Landes Kuehler

Cindy Kuehler - August 26, 2017 at 09:36 PM

EL

“ *Eva & Family:*

We were sorry to hear of Bro. Ross's passing, but we know he is now with Jesus. We started attending Dewey FCOG when we first moved to Bartlesville from Ohio. We very much enjoyed his sermons.

Love,

Ed & Marsha Laugesen

Edgar Laugesen - August 25, 2017 at 01:22 PM

SG

“ *He was a wonderful pastor he welcomed my children as babies into his church with open arms as well as opened his church sanctuary for my wedding reception. He will be greatly missed by many.*
Green Family

Samantha Green - August 22, 2017 at 09:04 PM

TS

“ *TONYA SECONDINE lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ross Atkins*



TONYA SECONDINE - August 22, 2017 at 04:50 PM

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“ IT IS HEARTBREAKING TO KNOW YOUR GONE BUT AT THE SAME TIME I'm REJOICEING THAT YOUR FINNALY HOME. YOU WILL BE MISSED BY MANY, YOU LED MANY TO CHRIST, YOUR SERMONS INSPIRED AND GAVE A TRUE UDERSTANDING WHAT GODS LOVE REALLY WAS. YOU AND EVA BOTH HAD SO MUCH LOVE NOT ONLY FOR THE LORD BUT FOR OTHERS ALSO, WE WERE FAMILY JUST LIKE OUR CHURCH SONG SAYS, WE ARE ALL THE FAMILY OF GOD. MY HEART GOES OUT TO EVA AND THE FAMILY AS YOU GRIEVE YOUR LOSS. LOVE TO YOU ALL AND MAY GODS LOVE SHINE ON YOU ALL THROUGH THIS TIME OF SORROW. REST IN JESUS BROTHER ROSS

SIGNED BY TONYA SECONDINE

TONYA SECONDINE - August 22, 2017 at 04:49 PM