



## Mr. Benson T Atkins

February 13, 1972 - April 7, 2020

Benson Tyrone “Ty” Atkins, a loving husband, father, brother, cousin, uncle, friend, and Christian was born February 13, 1972 in Camilla, Georgia to Mrs. Sleetcher (Hatcher) Atkins and the late Mr. Jeffrey Jones. He entered eternal rest on Tuesday April 7, 2020 in Archbold Hospital, Thomasville, Georgia. Tyrone graduated from Pelham High School in Pelham, Georgia. He enlisted in the United States Army in September 1990. He was paratrooper who served his country on foreign and domestic shores from Iraq to Afghanistan to Fort Bragg NC and other locations. While at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, Tyrone met and married the love of his life, Dianica (Barnes) Atkins in 1994. He retired in September 2012 as a Sergeant First Class after 22 years of distinguished military service as an Electronics Maintenance Non-commissioned officer. While in the US Army, he received numerous awards, accolades and citations including the Army Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, and the Senior Leadership Award.

Tyrone lived a life of service to others. He never hesitated to give of his time and resources to anyone in need. He was committed to serving as a mentor to young men he met. He was involved in several community service organizations including the Cumberland Disaster Recovery Coalition, Cumberland County Democratic Party, Wounded Warrior Project, VFW, York and Scottish Rites Mason, and Shriner, Ouda Temple #147. He was proud active Gold Life member #2140 of his beloved Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated. Tyrone graduated from Fayetteville State University with a

Bachelor of Science Degree in Social Work. He was a member of the Student Veterans Association, Social Work Student Association, Phi Alpha National Social Work Honor Society, and Phi Alpha Theta National Honor Society for History. Tyrone was preceded in death by his father and siblings Sarah A. Dennard, Kimberly A. Sykes, and Lester C. Atkins. He leaves to cherish his memory: his loving and devoted wife of 26 years, Dianica Atkins; his sons, Desmond and William; (special niece/daughter) Britney (Tootie) Sykes; four siblings, Modest L. Atkins, Wilhemina Atkins, Valeria R. Reeves (Jerome) and Margo Atkins; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and friend.

# Tribute Wall

SA

“ *Sheryl Avant sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Benson T Atkins*



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**Sheryl Avant** - April 22, 2020 at 11:35 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Benson T Atkins.*



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April 21, 2020 at 11:10 AM

EC

“ *From Erika Collins & Family: You blessed my sister/friend by being a great husband and an awesome father. You honorably served your community and your country. Mission Complete Ty. You earned your wings. Rest in Peace my Masonic Brother.*



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**Erika Collins** - April 21, 2020 at 11:07 AM



“ Long live my cousin Tyrone Atkins, I'll never forget all the time I would be sitting outside on the porch on Love St. & would be happy to see you stop by, your visits always put a smile on my Daddys face! Y'all go wayyyyyy back I know yall were cousins but he loved you like a brother! We're going to miss you Ty 🙏🙏🙏 REST IN PEACE



Cha'lebryana Stewart - April 20, 2020 at 10:02 PM



“ My brother/ Bestfriend you will truly be missed, my prayers to the family  
Jake, Daphne Delegawl & Family

Jake Delegawl - April 20, 2020 at 09:51 PM



“ From The Leathers Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Benson T Atkins.



From The Leathers Family - April 20, 2020 at 07:00 PM



“ Freemans lit a candle in memory of Mr. Benson T Atkins



Freemans - April 20, 2020 at 06:13 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Benson T Atkins.*



April 20, 2020 at 05:28 PM



“ *Fr: The Tookes Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. Benson T Atkins.*



**Fr: The Tookes Family** - April 20, 2020 at 04:23 PM



“ *Michele Dillon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Benson T Atkins*



**Michele Dillon** - April 19, 2020 at 08:18 PM



“ *Rest on frat. You've made it over to the Omega Chapter. GOMAB*



**S. Brown** - April 19, 2020 at 04:55 PM

TJ

“ *Teresa Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Benson T Atkins*



Teresa Jones - April 19, 2020 at 11:54 AM

WW

“ *Wanda Wesley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Benson T Atkins*



Wanda Wesley - April 19, 2020 at 08:50 AM

EC

“ *RIP big brother..My condolences and prayers are with the Atkins Family....*



Eric Clayton - April 18, 2020 at 11:03 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Benson T Atkins.*



April 17, 2020 at 03:37 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Benson T Atkins.*



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April 16, 2020 at 01:32 PM



“ *Ashley Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Benson T Atkins*



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**Ashley Johnson** - April 16, 2020 at 01:06 PM



“ *Regina Robinson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Benson T Atkins*



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**Regina Robinson** - April 16, 2020 at 07:03 AM



“ *Marcus J. Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mr. Benson T Atkins*



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**Marcus J. Thomas** - April 15, 2020 at 05:50 PM

KH

“ *Kimberly Harrell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Benson T Atkins*



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**Kimberly Harrell** - April 14, 2020 at 07:35 PM


AF

“ *Angela Floyd lit a candle in memory of Mr. Benson T Atkins*



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**Angela Floyd** - April 14, 2020 at 07:19 AM

 Stephanie Lewis

“ *Stephanie Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Benson T Atkins*



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**Stephanie Lewis** - April 13, 2020 at 10:10 PM