



Mr. Lawrence Calvin Atkins

August 10, 1933 - December 9, 2024

Lawrence Calvin Atkins, also known as Red Atkins of Houston, Texas, passed away on Monday, December 9, 2024. He was born on August 10, 1933 to Weldon and Lear Bea Atkins.

Red Atkins was born in San Antonio and moved to Houston with his parents in 1950's. In his younger days, Red had a wild side. He enjoyed riding Harley Davidson motorcycles with friends, seeing different parts of the country and tasting the liquid lightning of the hills of Tennessee. Red worked for multiple companies growing up as a young man and learned the trade of welding, how to handle a cutting torch (otherwise known to Red as a Heat Wrench) and also how to be a mechanic. Red retired from Baker Hughes after 25+ years of loyal service. After retirement, he owned several businesses out of his home, but his passion and true calling was being a pit master. No matter what he was smoking, whether it was brisket, sausage, ribs, chicken, or turkeys, Red would make it delicious and a one-of-a-kind experience (He was known to make many a Bar-B-Q snob). If you ever had the opportunity to pick up a delicious brisket from his home, you would see the love & commitment he poured into your brisket (meat). You would hear about the countless hours it took him to prep, smoke and complete your order, ensuring your brisket (meat) was the best you've ever had! While he was packing it up, he would send you home with extras and cheer you with a drink while listening to some good ol' Texas country music in his custom-built garage and workstation. He treated

everyone he cooked for, like family. That's just who Red was and that's the Red everyone loved and will miss.

Red married the love of his life, Brenda Atkins, twice (he loved her so much). Their love was one of a kind and they are now reunited in Heaven with their small pup, Bentley.

Red is preceded in death by his parents, Weldon and Lear Bea Atkins; brother, Edwin Atkins; and his loving wife, Brenda Atkins.

Red is survived by his children: Randy (Barbra) Atkins, Paul (Joni) Atkins, and Stephanie Atkins; grandchildren: Britany (Sam) Perez, Alicia (Amir) Borhani, Blake (Robin) Gallegos, Emily (Sterling) Polnick, Samantha (Lucas) Rosas and Randi Kaye Atkins; great grandchildren: Alaina Perez, Abel Borhani, Alina Borhani, Julia Perez, Evangeline Polnick, and a soon to be new grandson Baby Polnick, Adrina McCabe, Draven Finkenbiner, and Magnus Finkenbiner.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 11. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Family's Home
9100 Delesandri Dr.
Hitchcock, TX 77563

Tribute Wall

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“ *Dyne & Dolly purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mr. Lawrence Calvin Atkins.* ”



Dyne & Dolly - January 09, 2025 at 12:56 PM

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“ *5 files added to the tribute wall* ”



Stephanie Atkins - December 12, 2024 at 03:52 PM

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“ *I love you Pawpaw ❤️ I'll miss you so much. Happy to know that you and mawmaw are with eachother again.* ”



Samantha - December 11, 2024 at 01:30 PM

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Paul Atkins - December 11, 2024 at 10:00 AM

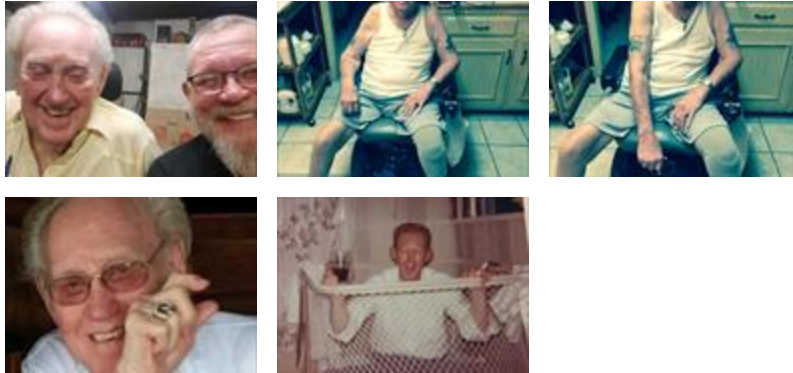
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“ The first time I met Red I was shocked that he was Paul’s dad. I guess I expected someone taller. It didn’t take long to realize what he may of been lacking in stature he was definitely not lacking in his heart. He was always welcoming and kind. As I listened to his many stories I learned he was a little on the wild side in his youth to say the least. The story of his motorcycle wreck on the sea wall in Galveston and how they covered his body because they didn’t think he had survived. Then many years later standing by his hospital bed after a very invasive bypass that the doctors gave him about a 5% chance of survival I said you look great- I can’t believe you came through that surgery like you have!!! His response at 84 years old- because I’m a real badass! That day I believed it! Red Atkins- a badass with a heart the size of Texas- that is my father-in-law. ❤️

Joni Atkins - December 10, 2024 at 12:36 PM

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“ 6 files added to the album Good times



Paul Atkins - December 10, 2024 at 12:32 PM

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“ *My Daddy was caring, loving, and loved a good time man. He selflessly care for his second wife, his mother, and brother for many years at his home while still taking care of others issues and problems like mine, my sister's and my mom's. He for the most part made time for others sometimes to a fault but that's why all would call "Red" because they knew he would and and come at all times to help those who called him. There's plenty of good things to say about my daddy and most people reading this have more good than bad to say about him. He was far from perfect but he had many more good qualities than bad and the qualities I admired most about him are that he is selfless, loving, caring of others. I love you and will miss you Daddy.*

Paul Atkins - December 10, 2024 at 11:42 AM