

celebrating
THE LIFE OF



FRANK ATKINS, JR.
AUGUST 9, 1965 - OCTOBER 26, 2022

MEMORIAL SERVICE
Friday, November 4, 2022
12:00 Noon

WHEELER AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH
3826 Wheeler Avenue
Houston, Texas 77004

Remembering our beloved FRANK ATKINS, JR.

FRANK ATKINS, JR., affectionately known as “Bug” to family and “Big Frank” to many friends, was born August 9, 1965, in Chicago, Illinois, to the late Frank Atkins, Sr. and Ruth Carolyn Davis Laurent. As the oldest grandchild, Frank spent a lot of his early years with his grandmother, Blanche Davis. He loved his grandmother’s cooking and often raved about the special dishes she prepared for him.

As a child, Frank accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior and was baptized at New Philadelphia Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor H.N. Mitchell. He served faithfully on the Junior Usher Board and was known for inviting the neighborhood kids to church on Sunday mornings. In Houston, Frank fellowshipped with several churches including The Fountain of Praise.

Frank graduated from Paul Lawrence Dunbar Vocational Career School in 1983. Always representing his Chicago roots, he moved to Houston at 19 years old to attend Texas Southern University. He was a proud 1991 graduate of the Jesse H. Jones School of Business, where he majored in Marketing.

Frank loved meeting new people and forged many lifelong friendships while attending his beloved TSU. He joined several campus organizations including the Wisconsin Sleepers in the Fall of 1984. His TSU Tigers friends became his family away from home.

In 2005, Frank was initiated in Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Xi Kappa Lambda Chapter. There were four initiates on his line known as “The Unit,” and Frank was the Tail. He held a special bond with line brothers Lyndon Smith, Michael Hobdey, and Christopher Hartwell.

Frank founded The Atkins Group, a commercial insurance inspection company, in 2002, where he worked as an Independent Adjuster and Inspector. On daily inspection appointments, he never met a stranger, and his clients spoke highly of him. Earlier in his career, he worked for WorldCom and FEMA providing disaster relief. He also worked in the mortgage industry

as a loan officer and project manager. He took pride in his independent projects of rehabbing and building residential properties.

Frank married the love of his life, Virginia Arlene Cain Atkins, on November 20, 2020. After dating two years, his best friend became his bride. Together they began to create a lifetime of memories from date nights to new restaurants and visiting art galleries to Sunday Fun Days, where patio brunches and football at various cigar lounges were regular outings. Frank enjoyed traveling and made sure they experienced many “firsts” together. He took pride in planning every detail and had a love for the beach. One of their favorite recent vacations was to Martha’s Vineyard.

Frank was a proud father. His children were undoubtedly four of the greatest joys and loves of his life. Morgan Elizabeth Atkins, Tyler Theoplis Atkins, Melissa Elon Atkins, and Micah Elana Atkins held a special place in his heart. He loved supporting their individual activities — Tyler in band and music and Melissa and Micah in dance and theatre. He cherished their time together and held those memories close to his heart. He also had a special bond with his stepdaughter, Camaryn, who he affectionately called “Mighty Mite.”

Frank was preceded in death by his parents, Frank Atkins, Sr. and Ruth Carolyn Laurent, and his grandparents, George and Blanche Davis.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his loving and devoted wife, Virginia Arlene Cain Atkins; stepmother, Sharon Atkins; children, Morgan Elizabeth Atkins, Tyler Theoplis Atkins, Melissa Elon Atkins, and Micah Elana Atkins; stepchildren, Torren Gerard Davis (Destiny) and Camaryn Rose Crosley; granddaughter, Logan Brielle; sisters, Sherhonda Atkins Martin (Ronnie), Brittani Atkins, and Nicole Laurent; brother, Brandon Atkins (Felicia); nephew, Payton Isaiah; nieces, Avery Olivia, Samaria Grace, and Nevaeh Ruth Simone; special uncle, Ronald Davis; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and other loving relatives and friends.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LOVING MEMORY OF OUR BELOVED

FRANK ATKINS, JR.

Order of Service

Rev. Dr. Michael Bowie, *Officiating*

OMEGA SERVICE.....Xi Kappa Lambda Chapter, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

PRELUDE

SONG OF PRAISE.....*Oh, How I Love Jesus*.....Karen Stewart

READING OF HOLY THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT (*Isaiah 40:28-30*).....Rev. Tyrone Morgan

NEW TESTAMENT (*John 14:1-6*).....Rev. Jonathan Elmore

WORDS OF COMFORT AND PRAYER.....Rev. Dr. Christopher Hartwell

POEM.....*Invictus*.....Mark Holt

MUSIC SELECTION.....*The Battle*.....Brittani Atkins

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS.....Rev. Janella Pyles

EXPRESSIONS (*Please limit to three minutes*)

TSU Tiger and Friend.....Sonia Boyd

TSU Tiger and Friend.....Ron Julun

Cousin.....Tamika Davis

TRIBUTES TO OUR FATHER

Instrumental Solo.....Tyler Atkins

Special Tribute.....Melissa and Micah Atkins

A VIDEO TRIBUTE TO MY BELOVED HUSBAND

Presented by Tanya McWashington on behalf of Arlene Atkins

MUSIC OF COMFORT.....*His Eye is On the Sparrow*.....Karen Stewart

MESSAGE OF COMFORT/EULOGY.....Rev. Dr. Michael Bowie

CLOSING PRAYER & DISMISSAL.....Rev. Dr. Michael Bowie

I have fought the good fight...

I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 2 TIMOTHY 4:7

Family Tributes

Daddy, Words are escaping me because this is such an indescribable thing that I am feeling. You have left a Texas-sized hole in my heart that I thought was only reserved for one person. To say I will miss you is an understatement. The things that comfort me are, you are free from pain and suffering, and you left here knowing that I love you. **MOE**

Daddy, I will miss you deeply. Words can't explain how much you meant to me. I'm glad your suffering is over. I will continue to make you proud. Please look over me. **MELISSA**

Daddy, Thank you for loving and supporting me. I will miss you, but I'm glad that you are not suffering anymore. Thank you for giving me a brother, sisters, aunts, and uncles who will be there to support me and carry on your love. #theatkinsgroup Love you forever, **MICAH**

To My Husband, You showed me a love I had never experienced. A true and genuine love filled with peace and the confidence of knowing you chose me. You were proud. I was honored. You were intentional about our lives together. From our first date, you took great care to ensure things were perfect for us. We were not perfect, but we were perfect for each other. Together, we built a life we loved.

Frank, thank you for taking great care of Camaryn and me. I am grateful for the peace, provision and protection you provided us. You loved Cam as your own. She loved her "Frankie." Her life is changed because you fathered her. Our lives are changed because you loved us.

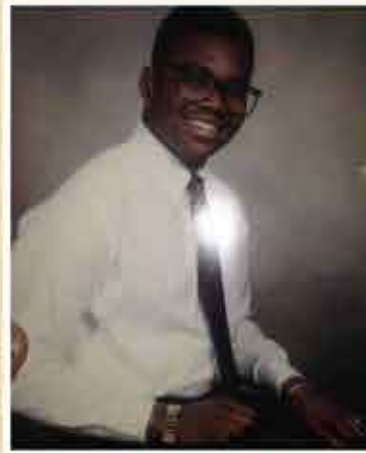


When this journey started on September 3, 2021, I had no idea it would quickly change our plans and our lives - forever. You said God knew you needed me. He gave us nearly five years. Those years were filled with the most amazing memory making experiences. We shared family and great friendships. When you slept away last Wednesday, it was incredibly hard to watch you go. I know you were tired. My heart is broken. All I can hope is that you knew how very much I loved you and that you were not on this journey alone. For 418 days, my mission was to advocate for you and take the very best care of you. Babe, I was honored. For your love, I would do anything. My life is changed forever. I will cherish our memories and hold them close to my heart. Without one doubt, our love was favored. Until we meet again.....

MRS. ATKINS

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Loving Memories



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Honorary Pallbearers

Tyler Atkins	Torren Davis
Brandon Atkins	Ronnie Martin
Mark Holt	Rufus Bocclair
Walter Brooks	Anthony Colbert
Craig Axel	Steve Virgil
Terrance Moore	Tim Card
Willard Clark	Michael Anderson
Andre Lewis	Andre Stokes
Frank Sears	Jimmie Dudley

Expressions of Gratitude

The Atkins Family wishes to acknowledge the many acts of kindness, calls, condolences, prayers, and support. We will forever remember your kindness shown to us during this time. For every gesture of love, we express our most sincere gratitude as we celebrate Frank's life journey. We pray God's blessings upon you and your family.

Special Thanks

MD Anderson Cancer Center - Anne C. Brooks Brain and Spine Center
Terra Bella Health and Wellness Suite
Harbor Hospice
Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. - Xi Kappa Lambda Chapter
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. - Bay Area Houston Alumnae Chapter

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