



Deacon Kemp "Bruh" Edward Atkinson

March 21, 1953 - October 14, 2025

Dea. Kemp E. Atkinson, 72, of Wilson Co. transitioned from this earthly life to his heavenly home on Tuesday, October 14, 2025. He was born on March 21, 1953 in Wilson Co. to the late Elder Kemp Atkinson and Emma Shelly Atkinson.

"Bruh" as he was formally known by many family and friends was the owner of Atkinson's Carpet business in Pinetops, NC for many years. He also served as a deacon at the Few In Number Primitive Baptist Church. Dea. Kemp served on the finance committee within the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Association. He enjoy serving the Lord and spending time with his family

Kemp is survived by two sons, Corey Atkinson of Conetoe, NC and Kemp Atkinson III of Farmville, NC; two daughters, Wanda Artis of Wilson, NC and Latonia Atkinson of Farmville, NC; ten grandchildren and one great-grandchild; two brothers, Elder Donnie Atkinson of Macclesfield, NC and Bobby Ray Atkinson of Crisp, NC; five sisters, Emma J. Joyner of Farmville, NC, Joan James of Wilson, NC, Hilda Atkinson of Farmville, NC, Linda Torres of Wilson, NC, Joanne Baker of Farmville, NC, and a host of other relatives and friends.

" I have fought a good fight....I have keep the faith.....I believe there is a crown of righteousness laid up waiting for me."

The service for Mr. Kemp E. Atkinson will be livestream via the funeral home Facebook page provided at <https://www.facebook.com/barnesfuneralhomecremations/>

Cemetery Details

Bullock Family Cemetery

2843 Otter Creek Church Road
Fountain, NC 27829

Previous Events

Public Viewing

OCT **25**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Barnes Funeral Home, LLC
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Sharpsburg, NC 27878
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<https://www.barnesfuneralhome.org/>

Visitation

OCT **26**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Bethlehem Association Center
3033 Bynum Farm Road
Pinetops, NC 27864

Celebration of Life

OCT **26**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

EH

“ *Eddie Sylvia And Edwin Harris lit a candle in memory of Deacon Kemp "Bruh" Edward Atkinson*



Eddie Sylvia and Edwin Harris - November 02, 2025 at 10:01 PM

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Eddie Sylvia and Edwin Harris - November 02, 2025 at 09:59 PM

ED

“ *Praying for the Atkinson Family.*



Eddie and Rita Drake - October 26, 2025 at 08:35 PM

MK

“ *Sending prayers for comfort & peace to the family. Sending condolences from Mike Kennedy & family.*



Michelle Kennedy - October 24, 2025 at 07:40 PM

OW

“ To the Atkinson family, you have my deepest sympathy in the passing of Bruh. It will be so strange to visit Pinetops and not see him! It was like my dad and mom Deacon Jessie and Mother Dora Woodard adopted your mom and dad; Elder Kemp and Mrs. Emma.

I'm praying that God supplies all that the family needs to get through these tough times! May God have mercy on us! 🌹❤️

Submitted by: Odelphis Woodard-Davis, Upper Marlboro-Maryland

Odelphis Woodard-Davis - October 24, 2025 at 02:16 PM

AT

“ To the Atkinson family I existence my deepest condolences to each of you my heart is saddened as Bruh was a dear friend may God hold you close as you go through this difficult time.
Artelia Turner

Artelia Turner - October 23, 2025 at 06:38 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Deacon Kemp "Bruh" Edward Atkinson.



October 23, 2025 at 04:55 PM

PG

“ Rest in peace uncle, we will miss you dearly. You always showed up in love. Take your rest ❤️🙏

Your niece Porcha

Porcha Gary - October 23, 2025 at 04:46 PM

WW

“ Sorry to hear of mu buddy Kemp passing. Prays go out to the Family. Be Bless.

WILBUR WILLIAMS - October 23, 2025 at 10:00 AM

TW

“ We are so sorry for the loss of Deacon Kemp Atkinson. Our deepest condolences to the family. We will keep you all in our prayers.

*With Our Sympathy,
Troy Wooten & Family*

Troy Wooten - October 22, 2025 at 07:04 PM

CT

“ My Deepest Sympathy to Elder Donnie Atkinson and Family 🙏 Deacon Kemp Atkinson was very kind to me and my Daddy, Late Elder NB Tyson, Sr. God is Able 🌹
Cassandra Tyson



Cassandra Tyson - October 22, 2025 at 12:28 PM



“ Deepest sympathies during this difficult time; and may peace and comfort find you. Alvina Woodson

Alvina Hamilton-Woodson - October 22, 2025 at 10:34 AM

CL

“ My Heartfelt Condolences to The Family So Sorry for your Loss .R.I.P Classmate and Friend!! ❤️🙏❤️

Cynthia Langston - October 22, 2025 at 10:02 AM

JJ

“ Well, bruh take your rest and you will be missed ! God bless you and your love ones thru this trying time from Sandra, Jimmie , and Family

Jimmie Hilliard Jr - October 21, 2025 at 04:19 PM

DS

“ My heart Condolences to the family!! RIP myfriend gone but not 4gotten💔🙏

Dee Speight - October 21, 2025 at 01:28 PM



Elder Donnie and family you have our prayers and Condolences. May the Lord give you strength to look to the hills where all our health comes from. From: Deacon Robert and Sister Barbara Eggleston from the Chestnut Knob Primitive Baptist Association.

Robert Eggleston - October 21, 2025 at 03:48 PM

CW

“ My sincere prayers and condolences to the family. May God give you peace and comfort during this difficult time.

Cassandra Williams - October 20, 2025 at 08:12 PM

AM

Sincere condolences from Carlos and Avis Mercer. Our heartfelt prayers are with you and your family. 🙏

Avis Mercer - October 20, 2025 at 09:02 PM

AJ

“ *Uncle Bruh will truly be missed. I love you. You always let me know I'm your oldest niece. My heart is sad on today but I pray God give us all comfort and peace.*



Angelia Jones - October 20, 2025 at 06:36 PM

EJ

“ *Kemp wanted to send out heartfelt condolences from Shaimal and myself. Know that we are here and we love you dearly.*

Evette Joyner - October 20, 2025 at 06:35 PM