



Mrs. Joan Mack Atkinson

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Goldsboro - Mrs. Joan M. Atkinson, 76, passed on Monday, May 10, 2021 at home surrounded by her loving family. The celebration of her life will be held on Monday, May 17, 2021 at 12:00 Noon with a viewing from 11:00am to 11:50am at Goldsboro Raleigh District Assembly, 211 W. Hooks River Road, Goldsboro, NC. She will be laid to rest at the Eastern Carolina State Veterans Cemetery, 164 Longs Plant Farm Road, Goldsboro, NC.

She was born on September 2, 1944 in Shelby, NC to S.K. Mack and Ellen Newton Mack. She is survived by her husband, Raymond "June" Atkinson and her children: Rayvetta Outlaw (Kamal), Ray-Mond Atkinson, Terrill Atkinson and Curt Bryant; seven grandchildren; two great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Services of compassionate and distinguished class entrusted to J.B. Rhodes Funeral Home and Cremations of Goldsboro.



Events

Mrs. Joan Mack Atkinson

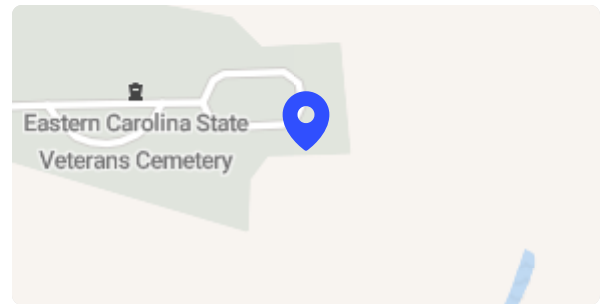
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Cemetery Details



Eastern Carolina State Veterans Cemetery

164 Longs Plant Farm Road, Goldsboro NC 27534





Tribute Wall

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ES

Esther M. Smith lit a candle in honor of Joan.

October 26 at 3:24 PM



TW

Thelma Woodard lit a candle in honor of Joan.

June 24 at 7:55 PM



Courtney Sembly posted:

I'm so sorry to hear about the loss of Mrs. Atkinson! I can hear her now in the halls of Eastern Wayne Middle. A pleasure to have been taught by her. Sending my prayers to the family, friends, and loved ones!

May 29 at 10:22 AM

TW

Thomas D. Whitfield posted:

Mrs. Atkinson was my English teacher at Eastern Wayne Jr. High in 1971. She was just a pleasure to be around and a lot of the students loved just being around her. Some people demand respect, but Ms. Atkinson didn't have to demand anything, just her presence put that in to play. One of the sweetest ladies on earth.

May 27 at 6:12 PM

TW

Thea Williams lit a candle in honor of Joan.

May 18 at 5:57 PM



SS

Shelia Love Sawyer lit a candle in honor of Joan.

Will always remember her warm friendly smile.

May 17 at 12:27 PM





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RB

Ren Burford And Ellen Houpe Burford posted:

Ren Burford and Ellen Houpe Burford lit a candle in Cousin Joan's memory. She will truly be missed.



May 17 at 10:52 AM

NI

Nikki posted:

I rememeber in class, she would call us all "Beloved"!Also, when a fire truck or ambulance would drive by with sirens in, she would stop and pray! ♥Sweet soul, rest well!

May 17 at 10:34 AM

SW

Shayla W. lit a candle in honor of Joan.

"Shayla! Mady's Shayla!?"Always treated me like family. You & your family made my transition to NC so much easier. Mrs. Atkinson, loved by all you came in contact with, you will be missed. Rayvetta I love you and I'm praying God's peace abound during this troubling time.



May 17 at 10:12 AM

LS

Linda Stroud posted:

Always a true friend.

May 17 at 4:55 AM

GD

Glen And Bernie Darden lit a candle in honor of Joan.



May 17 at 1:47 AM



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JB

Jeannette Barnes lit a candle in honor of Joan.



May 16 at 8:32 PM

JB

Jeannette Barnes May 16 at 8:36 PM

My 6th grade teacher and a very special and genuine lady. Rest In Heaven Miss Joan Mack!

Love you!

MC

Margaret Carson posted:

Mrs Atkinson is one of the most genuine persons I've had the pleasure of knowing. She ALWAYS greeted me with a smile and I left her presence better because she always had an encouraging word to share. My children absolutely loved her and she loved them unconditionally. To know her was to love her.

May 16 at 4:02 PM

DP

Diane Perry posted:

My sincere condolences to the family. Mrs Atkinson was a wonderful teacher and a good neighbor when she lived in Central Heights community. She will be missed!

May 16 at 1:16 PM

MH

Mary Herring posted:

We share our sincere sympathy. Gene & Mary Herring Central Heights, Goldsboro, NC

May 16 at 12:41 PM

RM

Roberta Moore lit a candle in honor of Joan.



May 16 at 8:32 AM



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KS

Kalyn Smith posted:

This sweet woman took me to church where I was saved at eight years old. This woman taught and inspired me as an educator in my middle school years. This woman loved on me and encouraged me all throughout my life. She always covered me in prayer and love. She is the embodiment of a life lived as the hands and feet of Jesus. The Holy Spirit just shines through Mrs. Atkinson. Not only was she my neighbor, teacher, and family to us, she was my sister in Christ and I know that He and the angels are rejoicing in her homecoming. I can't wait to see you on the other side of those pearly gates. Until we worship together again, with love.

May 16 at 7:12 AM

PT

Patrice Turner sent a virtual gift in honor of Joan.

I am sorry to hear of Mrs. Atkinson's passing. I never had her personally as a teacher but as you know she worked with my father for years and I would go and talk with her after school waiting on him. I enjoyed those talks. Such a sweet woman and she will truly be missed by many. She touched so many lives. I will keep you all in my prayers.



May 16 at 7:11 AM

OG

Obeda& Dorothy Gainey lit a candle in honor of Joan.

May 16 at 5:11 AM



OG

Obeda &Dot Gainey lit a candle in honor of Joan.

May 16 at 4:57 AM



FP

Frank Pearsall posted:

My mom Linda Pearsall who now has dementia taught with and was good friends with Mrs. Atkinson for many years. My mom always looked forward to seeing and speaking with her. She was a wonderful person and kind and caring soul. May the Lord bless you all and give you comfort in this difficult time...Frank Pearsall

May 16 at 4:05 AM



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Tawanda Stanley posted:

Mrs. Atkinson was one of a kind. Such a kind and loving person with the biggest heart. My sincerest condolences to the family. Rest In Peace ❤️ Tawanda Stanley

May 15 at 12:50 PM



Latarsha Bunn lit a candle in honor of Joan.

May 15 at 12:49 PM



Linda Smith Moses lit a candle in honor of Joan.

May 15 at 5:41 AM



Teresa Simmons-Gerald lit a candle in honor of Joan.

Maurice (nephew) Gerald

May 15 at 5:11 AM



Janice Bowden posted:

Mrs Atkinson you were one of the best teachers i ever had. I will surely miss you. Take your rest now, lord knows you deserve it after putting up with all those kidsike me. I've you dearly.

May 14 at 10:32 PM



Deborah Suggs Uzzell sent a virtual gift in honor of Joan.

Deborah Suggs-Uzzell

May 14 at 7:38 PM





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JB

Jacqueline Barnes lit a candle in honor of Joan.

May 14 at 6:30 PM



IW

Iva Wright posted:

Joan was one of my very best friends . I can't put into words the joy she brought to me and others . She has touched so many and shared a part of her self selflessly never being asked to do so. I know all our tomorrows will come to pass but hers came to soon. I will miss you sis. Raymond ,and Rayvetta my heart goes out to you. Aunt Iva

May 14 at 6:18 PM

GD

Glen Darden posted:

To know her is to love her she was a mother to me May you rest in peace.Glen Darden

May 14 at 4:34 PM

AK

Apostles Douglas & Cynthia Kornegay lit a candle in honor of Joan.

May 14 at 2:41 PM



MI

Marie Isler lit a candle in honor of Joan.

May 14 at 2:36 PM



JW

Jermaine Wallace lit a candle in honor of Joan.

May 14 at 2:05 PM





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Labarbara Davis posted:

A wonderful person and a GREAT teacher. She will surely be missed by everyone who knew her. RIP Dear Friend.The Davis' (LaBarbara, JeCory and LaKennya)

May 14 at 10:32 AM



Bishop Tyrell Mcduffie posted:

There are so many memories that run through my mind as I sit here and think about Mrs. Atkinson. Number 1 she was a true woman of God because everything she did was with LOVE!!! She would send us to CHOICE or ISS with LOVE. She would let you know I love you but I will get rid of you cause there ain't but one teacher and that me. I love when we had to check each other's work and it was multiple choice because she always said....A. As in APPLEB. As in BobbyC. As in Cadillac D. As in Dogl'll never forget the day me & Cedric went to her house and we stayed for hours it was day when we got there but night when we left we started talking about school stuff then she found out I was a Pastor and the Lord was the rest of the conversation I still hold to the prophecy she gave me and she probably didn't know she was prophesying but Long Live the Queen Mama J.

#WARRIORPRIDE#SLEEPONMAMALove Bishop Dr. Tyrell McDuffie D.Div.& Temple of Deliverance Int'l Church Ministries

May 13 at 8:46 PM



Cynthia Gerald(Niece) lit a candle in honor of Joan.



May 13 at 6:18 PM



Helen Atkinson Gerald(Sister-In-Law) lit a candle in honor of Joan.



May 13 at 6:16 PM



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CR

Cheryll Ryll posted:

She taught my mother and all of her siblings over 45 years ago. Then she taught me in 7th grade and 11 years later she taught my brother. In addition she has been friends with my grandmother for a lifetime. Least to say she has been apart of the family always. She was so kind but did not take any mess when it came to education. I loved the annual pool parties she threw for her classes. She will be missed.

May 13 at 4:58 PM

HF

Hilda Farmer lit a candle in honor of Joan.



May 13 at 4:19 PM



Anonymous sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Atkinson family.



May 13 at 12:59 PM

SS

Susan Smith posted:

There are teachers along the way that leave their imprint on student's hearts. Mrs. Atkinson certainly falls into that elite group. Wishing your family peace & strength during your time of grief. Susan Whitfield - former student

May 13 at 12:47 PM

GF

Gloria Flowers lit a candle in honor of Joan.



May 13 at 11:15 AM

AH

Anita Griswold Hamilton sent a virtual gift in honor of Joan.



May 13 at 10:46 AM



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MM

Myra Mitchell lit a candle in honor of Joan.

May 13 at 10:40 AM



KO

Kamal Outlaw lit a candle in honor of Joan.

Hey mom, this is one of the hardest things I've ever had to deal with other than the passing of my grandmother. I came to you and dad 5 years ago and ask for your daughter hand in marriage. I must admit, I was truly scared but once u gave me your blessing, my heart was at ease. But to make a long story short, we bonded from day one. You accepted me as one of your own and we grew closer over the years. We shared alot of things that we both promised to stay between each other. But don't worry, I'ma do what we talked about before your health declined on you. I got you mom. I love you with everything in me and going miss you like crazy. And thanks for giving me the greatest gift a man could ask for (Rayvetta). Until we meet again my Queen. Take your throne. You and grandma Oray continue to watch over us like I know you will. Rest up dear! And one more promise from me to you, "I GOT US" ❤️❤️😭

May 13 at 8:31 AM



KO

Kamal Outlaw posted:

With love

May 13 at 8:19 AM

DG

Dolphus, Priscilla, Jay, Elaine, Nancy And Grace sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Atkinson family.

May 13 at 8:08 AM



JE

Jason Eddy lit a candle in honor of Joan.

Mrs. Atkinson treated all of her kids friends like family. Almost to the point like they were her own. I guess the reason why my mom and her were so close. She will be greatly missed.

May 13 at 7:50 AM





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CH

Christina lit a candle in honor of Joan.

May 13 at 7:22 AM



LC

Lena Chadwick lit a candle in honor of Joan.

May 13 at 6:22 AM



MD

Marjie Dozier lit a candle in honor of Joan.

June and family... The Lord bless you, keep you and give you peace. A wonderful, kind, sweet spirit has gone to eternal rest with Jesus...

May 13 at 5:49 AM



RD

Regina Dawkins lit a candle in honor of Joan.

Sorry to hear of Mrs. Atkinson passing my condolences to the family.

May 13 at 5:06 AM



TR

Thelma C. Reid sent a virtual gift in honor of Joan.

May 13 at 4:25 AM



LM

Linda Mathis lit a candle in honor of Joan.

May 13 at 4:17 AM





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KG

Karen A Garris posted:

My heart is hurting for all of you. Joan was such a beautiful person inside and out. You could always count on her to lift you up and let you know she loved you. I met her when she taught both of my children and there was not a better person around. I know when she got to those Pearly Gates St. Peter was filled with joy and threw them wide open. We are all blessed to have known her. Thoughts and prayers for all as you make this difficult journey. Karen and Don Garris and family

May 13 at 2:56 AM

DD

Douglas Davis posted:

It was with great sadness that I learned of Joan's passing. My deepest condolences on your loss. I taught with Joan for many years at EWMS. She was an inspiration to me and a model of who a teacher should be. I cannot begin to tell how much I learned from her. One often hears about people who shine with the light of Christ. Of anyone I've ever known, Joan shined Christ's light like a beacon in everything she did. Please find comfort knowing that Joan was much loved by so many. With prayers and love, Doug Davis

May 13 at 2:13 AM

SH

Sharon Harrison posted:

Dear family, we are saddened by your loss but know she is in the hands of the Almighty God. With Love & Prayers, Miss Sandra, E.C., Edward, Phil, Sharon, Clara, & PT.

May 12 at 6:59 PM

HJ

Hiawatha Jones shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I will miss you my friend

May 12 at 6:45 PM



HJ

Hiawatha Jones May 12 at 6:46 PM

I will miss you dearly my friend!



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JB

Jeannette Barnes lit a candle in honor of Joan.



May 12 at 6:23 PM

JB

Jeannette Barnes May 12 at 6:25 PM

A wonderful person and my 6th grade teacher, Miss Joan Mack! ❤️ her!

DC

Deborah Copeland lit a candle in honor of Joan.



May 12 at 5:12 PM

CW

Carmen Williams lit a candle in honor of Joan.

So sorry to hear of the passing of Mrs. Atkinson. She was certainly a Jewel and a wonderful educator. She was my teacher in middle school and was also a family friend. We loved her very much. 🙏❤️ Carmen Williams and Family



May 12 at 5:01 PM

LF

Larry Newton & Phyllis Wilson And Family sent a Sweet Tranquility Basket to the Atkinson family.



May 12 at 4:31 PM

HH

Helen C. Harris sent a virtual gift in honor of Joan.



May 12 at 3:56 PM



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SW

Sykina Wooten lit a candle in honor of Joan.

May 12 at 3:36 PM



TD

Teresa Davis lit a candle in honor of Joan.

She will be missed .A very sweet beautiful lady!! remember going to her home on several occassion with Cynthia Gerald.She would welcome you with open arms and smile.Did we loves the crablegs.I am so sad to hear of her passing.Rest easy Mrs. Atkinson.I loved you.Praying for the Family for strength and comforted.

May 12 at 3:09 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Atkinson family.

May 12 at 2:55 PM



EH

Earl And Reese Hargrove lit a candle in honor of Joan.

May 12 at 2:09 PM



JW

Jean Williams lit a candle in honor of Joan.

May 12 at 2:08 PM



Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Atkinson family.

May 12 at 1:03 PM





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Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Atkinson family.

May 12 at 12:29 PM



Millie Anita Sampson lit a candle in honor of Joan.

May 12 at 10:49 AM



Marie Gavin posted:

I had the pleasure of working with Mrs. Joan at School Street School and Carver Heights Elementary School. She was a fine, sweet, loving and caring woman that loved her students and she loved the Lord. There are so many adjectives to describe Mrs. Joan. I am so grateful to God that I had the opportunity to know her and become one of her friends. My sincere condolences to the family.

May 12 at 10:37 AM



Kathy Larson posted:

I am so sorry to hear of Mrs. Joan's passing. I didn't know her very long, just the last few years of going to church at Generation, being in a few Bible studies together, but she made such an impact on my spiritual life, even in that short time. This was a woman of constant prayer and deep faith and she had such an incredible laugh and twinkle in her eye. She just brought joy into every room she was ever in. I will never forget her. Love, Kathy Larson and family

May 12 at 10:19 AM



Mary Ford lit a candle in honor of Joan.

May 12 at 10:18 AM





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WT

Walter And Linda Thompson lit a candle in honor of Joan.



May 12 at 10:13 AM

WT

Walter And Linda Thompson May 12 at 10:16 AM

Our friend is now in the arms of our lord and savior jesus Christ and I know she's happy in her new home but she will truly be missed RIP my friend

SJ

Shiril Jackson lit a candle in honor of Joan.



May 12 at 9:41 AM

OL

Ollie Lofton sent a virtual gift in honor of Joan.



May 12 at 9:33 AM

JB

Janet D. Barnes lit a candle in honor of Joan.



May 12 at 8:14 AM



Anonymous sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Atkinson family.



May 12 at 7:48 AM



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ES

Ella Wallace Stanley lit a candle in honor of Joan.

I am so sorry to hear of Mrs. Atkinson's passing. She was a beautiful lady from the inside to the outside, and being in her presence was always a joy. Her spirit in this world will surely be missed, but she leaves a beautiful legacy of love in her family, especially her daughter. I pray God brings you comfort today in knowing that Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal. With Much Love,

May 12 at 7:34 AM



CD

Crystal Daniels lit a candle in honor of Joan.

I was adopted into the Atkinson family over 20 years ago by way of my sister and forever friend Rayvetta. It was an absolute honor to be considered as one of Mrs. Atkinson's children. Her love and support for me and my son was to be rivaled with that of my relatives. As a new teacher and young mother I learned so much that has carried me throughout my career as an educator. Her discipline, humor, love and support were unmatched. She was a jewel that touched so many lives to include my own. Continue to take your rest Mrs. Atkinson. Your work here on Earth is done!!

May 12 at 6:13 AM



SH

Shonette posted:

Blessings of Comfort to the Atkinson family. May God truly Bless and keep you during this time. Mrs. Atkinson will always be remembered for her distinctive voice and vibrant personality. I can recall so many days seeing her walk the halls of EWJRHS, and being in the Central Heights area. Precious memories.

May 12 at 4:42 AM

JB

Johnnie & Vicky Bryant sent a virtual gift in honor of Joan.

Johnnie Vicky Bryant & Family ,Our deepest heart felt sympathy go out to Mrs. Joan Mack Atkinson & Family

May 12 at 4:06 AM





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FW

Frances Ashford Whitfield lit a candle in honor of Joan.

Praying for the Atkinson family.my teacher has taken her wings too teach in Heaven.

May 12 at 3:32 AM



CJ

Clarissa Coley Jacobs lit a candle in honor of Joan.

May 12 at 3:22 AM



KH

Kimberly Hayes posted:

Mrs. Atkinson was a gifted educator, a mentor, and a mother figure to many. As her former student, she challenged me to always be at my best. As a friend of her daughter's, she welcomed me into their home and treated me like her own. I think I speak for ALL of her former students when I say that if you were in her presence (even for a few minutes) you learned something. I appreciated and admired her; and she will be sorely missed. I love you all and pray that our Heavenly Father will comfort you during this season."With Love";Kimberly (Stanley) Hayes

May 11 at 6:20 PM

BS

Betty Jo Walker (Former Student) posted:

Mrs.Joan was one of the finest teacher there was. Her postive attitude and sweet personality would light up the room. RIP sweet lady

May 11 at 5:49 PM

TW

Tye Williams posted:

This Lady was indeed a trailblazer. I've never felt so loved by anyone outside of my family like I felt being her student. She lived a life that makes this day a joyous one. She's finally home ❤️

May 11 at 5:36 PM



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Janice Isler lit a candle in honor of Joan.



May 11 at 4:45 PM



Cathy Fonvielle posted:

I taught with Joan at Eastern Wayne Junior High. When I first started teaching in 1973, she was always so supportive and always had a smile on her face. Prayers for the entire family. She will surely be missed by all. So sorry that I'll not be able to attend the service. Cathy Fonvielle

May 11 at 1:46 PM



Media

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Hiawatha Jones shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

May 12 at 6:45 PM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Joan by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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