



Melvin "Mel" J. Atkins, Jr.

December 30, 1960 - March 1, 2017

Melvin "Mel" J. Atkins, Jr., 56 of Zanesville, died, Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at Genesis Hospital Emergency Department following a sudden illness. He was born Friday, December 30, 1960 in Zanesville, the son of Melvin L. "Boots" Atkins, Sr. and Martha "Jane" (Barr) Atkins. He married Lori (Roberts) Atkins on Friday, May 13, 1988.

Mel was employed with Campbells Foodland for over 38 years, starting when he was 15. He was an avid golfer, enjoyed following The Ohio State Buckeyes and loved all sports. He was a loving and caring husband, father and grandfather, but was most proud of being a grandfather.

In addition to his mother, Mel is survived by his wife Lori of the home; four children: Courtney Letts of Fredericktown; Curtis (Elyse) Atkins of Zanesville, Logan (Heidi) Atkins of Zanesville and Morgan (Zach) Ferguson of Zanesville; eight grandchildren: Sailor, Ty & Dawson Atkins, Kadin, Lexi & Ella Atkins and Gavin & Casen Ferguson; siblings: Cindy (Bill) James of Florida, Steve (Leigh Ann) Atkins of Zanesville and Mindy (Darin) DeLong; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to his father, Mel was preceded in death by a son-in-law: Robert Letts and his mother & father-in-law: Gerald & Jenilee Roberts.

Friends may call from 2:00 to 4:00 & 6:00 to 8:00 PM, Sunday, March 5, 2017 at the Hillis, Combs & Nestor Funeral Home, 935 Forest Avenue, Zanesville where funeral services will be held 11:00 AM, Monday, March 6, 2017 with Pastor Nehemiah Gaiters officiating. Burial will follow in Zanesville Memorial Park. To sign the online register book or to send a personal condolence note please visit www.hilliscombsnestor.com

Cemetery Details

Zanesville Memorial Park

1475 Military Road
Zanesville, OH 43701

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 5. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Hillis Combs Funeral Home
935 Forest Avenue
Zanesville, OH 43701
(740) 452-5494
directors@hilliscombsnestor.com
<https://www.hilliscombsnestor.com>

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Melvin "Mel" J. Atkins, Jr.*

October 06, 2023 at 04:22 AM



“ *Dave Burns lit a candle in memory of Melvin "Mel" J. Atkins, Jr.*



Dave Burns - March 02, 2019 at 07:16 AM



“ *Sue Randles lit a candle in memory of Melvin "Mel" J. Atkins, Jr.*



Sue Randles - March 06, 2017 at 01:04 PM



My Deepest sympathy & PRAYERS for my Cousin Lori & Family..My Heart is with u though this & he will be missed deeply..

Sue Randles - March 06, 2017 at 01:07 PM

KS

“ OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH THE FAMILY DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME, WE ARE SO SORRY LANCE & KIMBERLY SPRING



KIMBERLY SPRING - March 06, 2017 at 05:45 AM

BM

“ So sorry to hear about Mel. I had him and Steve in little league. Thoughts and prayers to his family and friends.

Bill & Cindy Mount

Bill Mount - March 05, 2017 at 01:52 PM



“ 133 files added to the album LifeTributes



Hillis Combs Funeral Home - March 05, 2017 at 09:55 AM

SW

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Our sympathy to Sailor, Ty & Dawson and the whole family.

Love,

Sherry Wilkins & Kaci Tyo

Sherry Wilkins - March 04, 2017 at 09:20 PM



“ So Sorry to Lori and family. Mel was a great friend of my dad (Dave Armstrong). He was always a great dad to his kids. I will always remember him waving back to me as I drove by the old neighborhood!

Laura Cooper - March 04, 2017 at 04:41 PM

TK

“ Sending love and light to all of Melvin "Mel" Atkins, Jr. family and friends. I am saddened to learn of his passing. May you find comfort, peace and joy in the loving memories you have of him.



Teresa (Hall) King - March 04, 2017 at 12:18 PM

MT

“ So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during your time of sorrow---Marty and Lisa Tobias

Marty and Lisa Tobias - March 04, 2017 at 11:29 AM

MT

“ *Marty And Lisa Tobias lit a candle in memory of Melvin "Mel" J. Atkins, Jr.*



Marty and Lisa Tobias - March 04, 2017 at 11:27 AM

BA

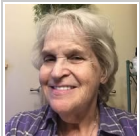
“ *My heart felt prayers going up for Mel's family and friends in this time of such great loss.. RIPrardise Mel.....*

Barbara Apon - March 04, 2017 at 10:39 AM

JO

“ *I was very saddened to hear of Mel's passing. He was a very kind and gentle man.*

Jim Tolin Louisville, Ohio - March 04, 2017 at 10:21 AM



“ *I was so shocked to hear of Mel's passing...he was one of the kindest souls I ever knew, and I will miss him greatly. My thoughts and prayers are with you all, long distance, as we mourn the passing of a truly wonderful man.*
Jodi O'Connell



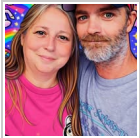
Jodi O'Connell - March 03, 2017 at 10:40 PM

LH

“ We were so sorry to hear about Mel. He will be missed by so many people, and especially his family. No matter what kind of day it was or what was going on, he always had a smile on his face and a kind word for everyone. Your family is in our prayers.
Lee and Becky Hannold



Lee and Becky Hannold - March 03, 2017 at 12:32 PM



“ Charlene Kay lit a candle in memory of Melvin "Mel" J. Atkins, Jr.



Charlene Kay - March 03, 2017 at 10:19 AM

FG

“ Lori, Morgan and family, so very sorry to hear of Mel's passing, loving thoughts and prayers go out to you all at this difficult time.

Fran, Bill and Torie Gray ❤️



Fran, Bill and Torie Gray - March 03, 2017 at 08:44 AM

KG

“ Country so sad and sorry to hear of your Dads passing ,, May God be with your family in this sadden time ,Hugssss

Kay, Brandy Groves grandma - March 03, 2017 at 08:26 AM



“ *Charlene Mcnerney lit a candle in memory of Melvin "Mel" J. Atkins, Jr.*



Charlene Mcnerney - March 03, 2017 at 07:14 AM



“ *Gary & Barbara Woodward lit a candle in memory of Melvin "Mel" J. Atkins, Jr.*



Gary & Barbara Woodward - March 03, 2017 at 06:39 AM



“ *I still cannot believe this my son and husband worked with Mel and I saw him all the time shopping at Campbell's. In the words of my son" I miss him he never had a bad thing to say about anyone he was always happy". You know he was well loved and loved well. Rest In Peace Mel may you fly high with the angels until we all meet again*

Helen Brooks - March 03, 2017 at 05:52 AM



“ *Lori and family, we were so sorry to hear of Mel's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Roger and Linda Russell, Sebring, FL.*

Roger & Linda Russell - March 03, 2017 at 05:22 AM

CF

“ Courtney, I'm so sorry for your loss. Sending thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Love ya girl.

Crystal Freeman - March 03, 2017 at 04:01 AM

BJ

“ Brenda Justice lit a candle in memory of Melvin "Mel" J. Atkins, Jr.



Brenda Justice - March 02, 2017 at 10:56 PM

BJ

So sorry for your loss. You and your family will sure be in my thoughts and prayers. Hugs ❤️

Brenda Justice - March 02, 2017 at 10:57 PM

TP

“ Lori, Morgan, and family, my heart stopped when I read the news about Mel. I can't tell you how sad I am for you all. Prayers for healing and comfort and here if you need anything. Just ask! I love you all.

Tammy Pickens - March 02, 2017 at 10:23 PM

Terri Birkhimer

“ Terri Birkhimer lit a candle in memory of Melvin "Mel" J. Atkins, Jr.



Terri Birkhimer - March 02, 2017 at 10:10 PM



So very sorry for the passing of Mel. Thoughts and Prayers to all of the family.

Terri Birkhimer - March 02, 2017 at 10:11 PM



“ *Terri Birkhimer lit a candle in memory of Melvin "Mel" J. Atkins, Jr.*



Terri Birkhimer - March 02, 2017 at 10:09 PM



“ *Susan Downey Smith lit a candle in memory of Melvin "Mel" J. Atkins, Jr.*



susan downey smith - March 02, 2017 at 09:31 PM



“ *Kevin Papageorge lit a candle in memory of Melvin "Mel" J. Atkins, Jr.*



Kevin Papageorge - March 02, 2017 at 08:46 PM

JE

“ So sorry for your loss Lori, thinking about you and your family. Jenny



jenny - March 02, 2017 at 08:24 PM

DC

“ Darren Chapman lit a candle in memory of Melvin "Mel" J. Atkins, Jr.



Darren Chapman - March 02, 2017 at 08:23 PM

BS

“ Curtis, So sorry for loss! You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers!
Bonnie Sims



Bonnie Sims - March 02, 2017 at 08:23 PM

EH


“ I remember Mel very well. He was a good guy. My sister Cindy and I would play cards with Mel, Steve, and Cindy at their house across the field nearly 50 years ago. There was a well worn path through that field. I hope to always remember those days.

Ed Hardin - March 02, 2017 at 08:21 PM

CR

True--we spent many hours with the Atkins kids. So sorry to hear this.

Cindy Rucker - March 02, 2017 at 09:18 PM

 Joyce Fisher

“ *So sorry to hear of your loss Lori. I surely will miss seeing him at the store as will so many other friends he had. Prayers to you and your family in the days ahead as you grieve. May God comfort each of you and guide you one day at a time. ❤️*

Joyce Fisher - March 02, 2017 at 08:17 PM

SB

“ *Sandy Chapman Bailey lit a candle in memory of Melvin "Mel" J. Atkins, Jr.*



Sandy Chapman Bailey - March 02, 2017 at 08:14 PM

SB

I was a class mate of Mel's plus I seen & chatted with him at Campbell's often .. I am so very sorry to hear this its so heart breaking . With a heavy heart I offer my Condolences all all

Sandy Chapman Bailey - March 02, 2017 at 08:17 PM

BH

So sorry to hear about your brother Steve. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Becky & Larry

Becky Hiles - March 02, 2017 at 08:23 PM

MF

“ I worked with Mel at Campbell's while in high school in the early 80's. He was a great guy!! My prayers are with all of you.

Michael Fye. Dublin, Ohio

Michael Fye - March 02, 2017 at 08:11 PM

KI

“ *Kimansel(arnold) lit a candle in memory of Melvin "Mel" J. Atkins, Jr.*



kimansel(arnold) - March 02, 2017 at 08:05 PM

J(

“ *Jerry And Sue White Burns (Crooksville) lit a candle in memory of Melvin "Mel" J. Atkins, Jr.*



Jerry and Sue White Burns (Crooksville) - March 02, 2017 at 07:52 PM

KG

“ *Courtney , so sorry for your loss , sending condolences , i didnt know your Dad but i loved you , and he has to be the best !! may God comfort you in this sad time ,*

Kay, Brandy's grandma - March 02, 2017 at 06:31 PM

BM

“ So very sorry to hear of Mel passing--keeping the family in thoughts and prayer

Brenda Mackall - March 02, 2017 at 06:22 PM

K(

“ I remember Mel we went to school together sorry for your loss

Kim Ansel (Arnold) - March 02, 2017 at 04:52 PM

BL

“ I worked with Mel few years back an since kept in contact with him through delivering to Campbell's. I will always remember Mel by him humming and always being in a good mood! Prayers to Morgan, Zack, and family.

Blake - March 02, 2017 at 04:15 PM

JD

“ Dear Lori and family: So shocked and sorry to hear of Mel's passing. His pleasant spirit will surely be missed at not only Campbells and South Zanesville, but by everyone he ever encountered. My sincere sympathy. May God comfort you. You are all in our prayers.

Jack and Gwen Curry Downing, Ft. Lauderdale

Jack and Gwen Curry Downing - March 02, 2017 at 03:40 PM

 Lonnie
Watts

“ My heart was broken when I heard the news about Mel I have known him since I was a young boy when he ran around with my cousins I will remember always playing softball against him and the church softball league condolences to the family may God have his hands of comfort wrapped around you at this time of your need

Lonnie Watts - March 02, 2017 at 03:09 PM

CI

“ My condolences to the family . A quote I read many years ago said that "tears are the safety valve that keeps the heart from breaking". Just try to remember all the good times you shared together, those can never be taken away from you and will keep him always in your heart. Love and prayers.

Carol Ice-Foote - March 02, 2017 at 02:49 PM

VM

“ Courtney, so sorry for your loss.

Bruce and Vicki McConnell and family

Vicki McConnell - March 02, 2017 at 01:47 PM

DS

“ Lori and family, I am so so sorry to hear of Mel. My prayers and thoughts are with everyone in this time of sorrow.
Deb (Nezbeth) Starrett

Deb (Nezbeth) Starrett - March 02, 2017 at 12:20 PM

SL

“ *Death is always unexpected and the loss can never be measured. I will pray for comfort and peace for you and your family, Lori, to get you through the time to come.*

Samantha Lanning - March 02, 2017 at 11:52 AM

MK

“ *Lori, Morgan and family,
We are so sorry for your loss, our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Mollye Kennedy and family

Mollye Kennedy - March 02, 2017 at 10:58 AM

WW

“ *I'm very sorry for your loss. I worked with Mel for 2 years here at campbells and he was a great guy always full of life always and humming, it will never be the same without him. May he forever Rest In Peace.*

Warren A Wooley - March 02, 2017 at 10:44 AM

AH

“ *So sorry for your loss, Lori. We are all thinking of you. Amy*



amy hubbard - March 02, 2017 at 10:40 AM

ML

“ Courtney,

We so sorry to hear about your Dad, We are thinking of you and your family at this time. Sending prayers and good thoughts your way.

Love Mark Letts & Scott Price

mark Letts - March 02, 2017 at 09:43 AM

DB

“ *I was a classmate and I am so sorry to hear about his passing. Sending prayers.*



Dee Dee Bryan - March 02, 2017 at 09:02 AM

AB

“ *So sorry for your loss. I went to school with Mel and have nothing but good memories of him. I'm sure he will be greatly missed by many.*

Annette (Mangin) Boykin - March 02, 2017 at 08:31 AM

MH

“ *Courtney I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers to you during your time of grief.*

Mary B Hudson - March 02, 2017 at 07:05 AM



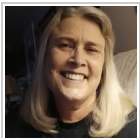
“ Thinking of you Lori and Morgan and family. So sorry for your loss. Prayers for comfort. Love you guys. Sandy Eltringham

Sandy Eltringham - March 02, 2017 at 06:12 AM



“ We are so very sorry! you are all in our thoughts and prayers!! 🙏🙏

Debbie, Ralph and Jackie Lacey - March 02, 2017 at 06:11 AM



“ My heart goes out to the family of Mel Atkins....may he rest in peace and comforting thoughts and prayers too you all.. Sincerely, Mary Dusenbery Stemm



Mary Dusenbery Stemm - March 02, 2017 at 06:01 AM



“ So very very sorry to hear of Mel's passing. All my sympathy and love to Lori and their family.

mary farus - March 01, 2017 at 10:22 PM



“ Sorry to hear of Mel passing, he was such a sweet person and will be missed by many. May the Lord watch over his family and friends. RIP Mel ...



Jill Gamble/Thompson - March 01, 2017 at 09:43 PM

JH

I'm so very sorry to hear this. Mel was such a very nice guy to everyone. Blessed prayers to his wife and family Julie Huffman

julie huffman - March 01, 2017 at 10:15 PM

SJ

“ *We are very sad to learn of Mel's passing. Always thought a lot of him. Great guy. We will be thinking of his entire family. Skip and Sherrie Johnson*

Sherrie Johnson - March 01, 2017 at 09:17 PM

MW

“ *So very sorry for your loss...Mel always had a kind word and a smile...Prayers for comfort and peace of mind.*

Misty Wisecarver - March 01, 2017 at 08:29 PM

ML

“ *So sad to hear of Mel's passing, what a great guy. Prayers to the family...*
Michelle Kappel Levering

Michelle Levering - March 01, 2017 at 08:18 PM