



Dennis S. Atkinson

April 16, 1933 - February 7, 2026

Dennis Seymour Atkinson, 92, of Welcome, Maryland, passed on Saturday, February 7, 2026 at the MedStar Southern Maryland Hospital in Clinton.

Born on April 16, 1933 in Washington, DC, he was the son of the late Finley Dennis Atkinson and Julia Estelle Atkinson. Dennis grew up in College Park, then finally making his home in Charles County. He served in the U. S. Army during the Korean War until he was Honorably Discharged in 1955 at the rank of Corporal. Dennis worked hard as a Farrier/Blacksmith (Specialized in Equine Hoof Care) and Hay Farmer for most of his adult life. He enjoyed being around horses, trail riding, boating, fishing, hunting, target practice shooting, camping, and spending time with family and friends. Dennis was a Christian and attended New Life Church in La Plata.

In addition to his parents, Dennis was preceded in death by his wife of 47 years, Lorraine Helen Atkinson; grandson Michael Andrew (Mikey) DeMarr; great granddaughter Mikayla Jane Gibson; brothers John Paul (Jack) Atkinson, William Henry (Bill) Atkinson, Ronald Allen (Ronnie) Atkinson, and Kenneth Gene Atkinson.

Dennis is survived by his children Dennis Mark (Chubby) Atkinson, Sheryl Ann (Sherry) Atkinson, Thomas Allen (Tommy) Atkinson, and Bruce Lee Atkinson; siblings Shirley Ann Bull and Daniel Robert (Danny) Atkinson; 11 grandchildren and 31 great grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews, other

relatives and friends.

A visitation will be held on Monday, March 30, 2026 from 2PM to 4PM and from 6PM to 8PM at the Raymond Funeral Service, P.A., 5635 Washington Avenue, La Plata, Maryland 20646 where Funeral Services will be held on Tuesday, March 31, 2026 at 11:30AM.

Interment to follow services at Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery, 11301 Crain Highway, Cheltenham, Maryland 20623. Pallbearers are Dennis Mark Atkinson, Thomas Allen Atkinson, Bruce Lee Atkinson, William Leroy Atkinson, Robert Warren Atkinson, Bruce Scott Atkinson. Honorary Pallbearer will be Donald Anthony Parrella.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Dennis' name to Wreaths Across America, P. O. BOX 249, Columbia Falls, ME 04623 / <https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org> or to Days End Farm Horse Rescue P.O. Box 309 Lisbon, MD 21765 / <https://defhr.org>.

Cemetery Details

Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery

11301 Crain Hwy
Cheltenham, MD 20623

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 30. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Service , P.A.
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La Plata, MD 20646

Visitation

MAR 30. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

MAR 31. 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

EF

“ I remember celebrating his 90th birthday with his family and the smile he had on his face when a little grandson was running around on a small tractor. My deepest condolences to Bruce, Tommy, Chubby& Sherry he was definitely one of a kind!

Evelyn Fisher - March 30 at 06:06 PM

JC

“ Joann Copsey purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dennis S. Atkinson.



Joann Copsey - March 30 at 02:45 PM

JB

“ Jimbo and Jeannie Boarman purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dennis S. Atkinson.

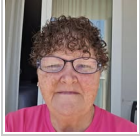


Jimbo and Jeannie Boarman - March 28 at 01:33 PM

JB

“ Jimbo and Jeannie Boarman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis S. Atkinson.

Jimbo and Jeannie Boarman - March 28 at 01:33 PM



“ I remember when I was younger, there were a couple things that stick out. When everyone would be visiting over at grandma's, I would hop on my bike and ride down to the gas station. I'd load up on free travel maps and ride on back to Delaware St. Once there, I would star selling the maps to my uncle's for .10/PC. Uncle Dennis would tell me I was going to be an entrepreneur!! Lol I went left when I should have went right somewhere along the way. I never made it to Forbes 500 Magazine 😊😊😊. Also, for as long as I can remember, I have always given hugs to people. When Uncle Dennis would see me coming, he'd say "Here comes the Hugger! Watch out!" I loved my uncle Dennis.

Aleia Andrews - March 26 at 07:09 PM

SA

Awe, what special memories Aleia. Your Mom once said that we are a huggin family. And it's true. They are firm, long heart felt hugs that are sincere. It was so comforting to receive so many of them during Dad's services. I love you cousin. :)

Sherry Atkinson - April 02 at 10:37 PM

SR

“ Smith and Roberts purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Dennis S. Atkinson.



Smith and Roberts - March 26 at 05:21 PM

SR

“ Smith and Roberts planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis S. Atkinson.

Smith and Roberts - March 26 at 05:21 PM

AL

“ I met Dennis when I needed a farrier to shoe my first horse. From that point forward, Dennis trimmed and shod all of my horses, including my mom's, while she lived in Maryland. Over the years, I enjoyed Dennis's stories: about trail riding, boat adventures, his kids, grandkids, and great-grandkids, including his tale of riding into Jimmy's Paddock on horse/mule back. I remember his favorite expression of "durn" when he found something that he found funny or surprising. He was always willing to help or provide advice: he spent 30 minutes patiently teaching me how to back up a tag-along trailer during one visit when I was buying hay from him. I feel fortunate to have known Dennis.

To Dennis's family: Dennis was a wonderful man, and he lives on in the memories of all fortunate to have known him.

Angela Larson - March 13 at 01:52 PM

SA

Thank you Angie. Dad valued your friendship truly felt his customers were like family. I enjoyed hearing the stories about them as well. :)

Sherry Atkinson - April 02 at 10:44 PM

CP

“ Dear family, he will be truly missed. He was welcomed home by many. Hugs to you all.



Cynthia Pearson - February 24 at 01:53 PM

SA

Thanks Cyndy. I remember when you rode Dad's horse (Suzie) in a quarter mile race against a much bigger Quarter Horse and won. :) I'll never forget how excited you were. Dad used to say Suzie was, "A hell of a horse!" And she was. Can't wait to see you on the trail. :)

Sherry Atkinson - April 03 at 03:01 AM

CP

“ Dennis trimmed every horse I ever owned. One I bought from him . I loved the stories he would tell while trimming or shoeing. One time I was watching the entire Atkinson family ride they're horses down the middle of 301 to attend the County fair. That was the day I got hooked on horses. God rest your soul and your back. Love Cindy Pearson

Cynthia Pearson - February 24 at 01:49 PM



*“ My first love of riding horses started at age 13 thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson whom allowed me to come and trail ride on one of their ponies with their daughter Sheri. We were neighbors in White Plains. I was fortunate enough to see Mr. Atkinson again about two years ago when I purchased hay from him. As always, he was sweet and kind and he even remembered me 55 years later. I will always remember the family and the love they had for their horses and giving me the opportunity and the experience
Melinda Moody Burdin, Founder, Southern Maryland Equine Miracle Rescue*

Melinda Burdin - February 23 at 11:03 AM

SA

I have many fond memories of our Hope Acres family too. The 70s rocked. :)

Sherry Atkinson - April 03 at 03:19 AM

CT

“ Dennis was a great neighbor for more than 45 years and was one of the last ‘originals’ who remained in the Community Rest in Peace neighbor.

Cheryl Thomas - February 19 at 10:17 AM

SA

The feeling was mutual, as Dad always referred to you as a very nice person. :)

Sherry Atkinson - April 03 at 03:28 AM

PH

“ To Dennis’s family, you have my sincere sympathy for his passing. He lived a long good life. He was such a nice man. I couldn’t get over how he could get around so well shoeing horses, without an ache or pain. He could climb on and over equipment like it was nothing, plus work his hay fields and he was in his 80s! He absolutely amazed me. An exceptional human being with so many friends. He will definitely be missed.

Peggy Hoover - February 18 at 06:27 PM

SA

Thank you Peggy. Dad truly was amazing. I could tell when I came to your place with Dad that he enjoyed your friendship and taking care of your horses. He also had making hay in common with your husband Freddie. He liked comparing notes with him.

Sherry Atkinson - April 03 at 03:58 AM

VR

“ So many things can be said about Dennis S. Atkinson (uncle Dennis to me)....a stalwart man, a man of integrity, a man of faith, a kind man, a gentle man,, a loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, uncle, friend. A rock of a man who stood on a firm foundation. He never met a stranger, always a friend. A patriarch. A man of wisdom. He loved life, his God, his family and friends. He is now reunited with his loved ones who have gone before him and coming face to face with the One he followed and was faithful to. Needless to say, he is loved by many and will be missed greatly. May we take and learn something from his life and his wisdom and apply it to ours. He lives on in all those whose lives he touched. I will miss him.♥♥

Vicki Richardson - February 17 at 03:14 PM

SA

So beautifully written and true Vicki, thank you. I love you cousin.

Sherry Atkinson - April 03 at 04:04 AM

LF

“ Linder and Smith Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Dennis S. Atkinson.



Linder and Smith Family - February 17 at 10:56 AM

LF

“ Linder and Smith Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis S. Atkinson.

Linder and Smith Family - February 17 at 10:56 AM

NG

“ Dennis was my father in-law. He was a great man in my life. We had many good times horse back riding, boating, and working on his farm. Family cookouts were always great. God Bless you Granddad. Love Nicholas T Gibson 🍷🚗😭



Nicholas Thaddeus Gibson - February 16 at 07:50 PM

SA

Gone Too Soon. 💔

Sherry Atkinson - April 03 at 04:08 AM

BE

“ I met you about 40 years ago through your son Bruce. I loved you the minute I met you. You were so kind & funny. The world has lost a very good man.



Brenda Ervin - February 12 at 02:34 PM

JC

“ Dennis, you were a HUGE part of my life and I shall cherish all the memories forever. May you find peace, love and happiness and all your loved ones reunited. I will always love you. Dear Family, may your hearts be filled with all the love Dennis had for you. He talked a lot about all of you. with all my love, Joann Copsey

Joann Copsey - February 11 at 10:23 AM

SA

Thank you Joann. Your words touch my heart. He loved you too.

Sherry Atkinson - April 03 at 04:12 AM

LW

“ *Uncle Denny was a very special man and I will miss him terribly, knowing I can't call him anymore or go visit when I could. Taught me to swim when our families would get together for beach trips. I was a baby to him as he always told me, because he's 20 years older than me.*

Linda Knox Walker - February 10 at 04:51 PM

LW

Miss him terribly

Linda Knox Walker - February 10 at 04:52 PM

JM

I have fond memories of Dennis riding his mule, Wilbur, into the bar at Jimmies. We had a lot of fun back then. Got to know most of the family. May God Bless a good man, Jimmy

Jimmy Mills - February 21 at 02:14 PM

SA

Wow, I can't believe you remember Wilbur's name, as that was over 45 years ago. He also rode his horse Sioux (Suzie) in there. Dad let her eat peanuts off the bar. I once told Dad that maybe he shouldn't take the horses into a public building. He just said. "Well it's a paddock isn't it?" Then laughed that big laugh of his. Thanks for the memory Jimmy. Sherry :)

Sherry Atkinson - April 02 at 10:18 PM