



Charles "Chuck" Atkinson

July 15, 1927 - June 12, 2011

Charles (Chuck) Edgar Atkinson, age 83 of Wenatchee, died Sunday, June 12 at Central Washington Hospital. He passed peacefully, confident of his eternal home with Jesus.

He was born July 15, 1927, in Webster City, Iowa to the late Charles Edgar Atkinson II and Martha Ermels Atkinson. He graduated from Webster City High School and went on to serve in the US Army (1945-1947) as Company Clerk in the 1120th Engineer Combat Group with the Army of Occupation in Germany.

In 1950 Chuck began a career with Guy F Atkinson Construction Company that would run until 1985. Chuck moved to Wenatchee, WA in 1951 to work at Rock Island Dam. There he met Berniece Wise. They married on December 27, 1952.

Through the rest of the 1950s Chuck and Berniece lived up and down the west coast with Chuck working at various heavy construction projects. In 1960 he took a position in the main office in South San Francisco, California. His real passion was serving as the business manager on a major project. There were additional transfers to Mica Creek, British Columbia, Sonora, Calif., Charleston, S.C., and East Chicago, Ind. He concluded his career back in the main office working in the insurance department.

He and Berniece moved to the Portland/Vancouver metro area in 1985. He did some consulting and then worked in part time administrative capacity for Young Life for several years. In 2000 Chuck and Berniece returned to where they first met—Wenatchee.

Faith and his relationship with Jesus played a central role in Chuck's life and the life of his family. He drew strength from God as he endured a life plagued with near constant back pain and various medical issues. Nonetheless, family and friends will always remember him for his quick wit and enduring sense of humor. He was an early adopter when it came to personal computers and may well have been one of the few octogenarians to own an iPad.

Chuck and Berniece Atkinson made nine trips back to New Windsor, Md., to volunteer with SERRV. He served for a number years on the board at the Continental Condominiums, known to his kids and grandkids as the Del Boca Vista. He was a member of the Wenatchee Free Methodist Church where he anchored the fifth pew from the front on the right hand side of the sanctuary.

He is survived by his wife Berniece, a sister Martha Evans of Omaha, Neb., five children Charlie Atkinson (Brenda) Wenatchee, Joan Browning (David) Portland, Ore., Mark Atkinson (Janell) Portland, Ore., Steve Atkinson (Nancy) Portland, Ore., and Bill Atkinson, Boise, Idaho; 14 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and sister Anna Blanche Greig.

A memorial service for Chuck Atkinson will be held at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, June 18 at Wenatchee Free Methodist Church, 1601 Fifth Street. In lieu of flowers, memorial funds have been established in his name with North Central Washington Young Life and the Hospitality House family housing project in

Wenatchee.

We would like to thank the doctors and staff that cared for Chuck at Central Washington Hospital in his last days as well as all of his providers and staff at Wenatchee Valley Medical Center.

Please express your thoughts and memories on the online guestbook at jonesjonesbetts.com. Arrangements are by Jones & Jones ~ Betts Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Service

JUN 18. 1:00 PM (PT)

Wenatchee Free Methodist
1601 5th Street
Wenatchee, WA 98801

Tribute Wall

PJ

“ Dear Bernice & Family,

We wanted so much to be with you at Chuck's funeral and in fact made plans to come, but at the last moment, decided we were not able to make the trip.

You and Chuck were a special part of our Christian Friendship Circle in Vancouver. Chuck was a true friend to me and we had so many good times together. He used to go with me on my gumball route after I had retired from Frito-Lay, Inc. and eat up the cookies I had stashed in my truck for snacks.??? (I promised him I would not tell you Bernice..). And eat tacos at Taco Bell , boy could we put away the Tacos. But most all he was a fellow believer and a great encourger to me. Always upbeat with a ready laugh to cheer me up. He was a real MAN who loved his family, his country and his GOD. I will miss him , but for a short time only...

"And GOD will wipe away every tear from their eyes: and there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying: and there shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." (Rev. 21:4)
Paul & Helen Johnson

Paul & Helen Johnson - June 25, 2011 at 06:23 PM

JP

“ Dear Berniece and family,
You are in my prayers as you deal with losing a man who lived his life for Christ. I have very fond memories of Chuck and Berniece from church in Vancouver days and also the times they were able to serve with Nehemiah Servants. I know Chuck and Larry are now sharing many memories of projects done together. Praise God, we will see them both again!
With my love,
Judy Prewitt

Judy Prewitt - June 19, 2011 at 09:09 PM

BG

“ We are sorry that we can't make the trip to Wenatchee this weekend, but Tracy and I want to express our sympathy to the entire Atkinson clan. From Chuck and Berniece on down, your lives made a significant impact on ours, as you modeled for us how to think, act and live as followers of Christ. Despite the miles and the years since we left Portland, our love for your family continues. Chuck was a wonderful man, his combination of humor and wisdom were so appealing to everyone he met. And his legacy on Earth lives on through the rest of you.

We share your sense of loss together with your joy in eternal peace and salvation for Chuck!

Love from Colorado,

Bill & Tracy Gouger

Bill & Tracy Gouger - June 17, 2011 at 03:16 PM



“ *Jill Davis lit a candle in memory of Charles "Chuck" Atkinson*



jill davis - June 16, 2011 at 09:01 AM



“ *to Aunty Bea, Uncle Mark, Bill, Joan and the rest of the family, i am very sorry for your loss. Uncle Chuck was a great man who will be missed by all who knew and loved him. I am sorry i cannot be there for the memorial service but please know my heart and thought are with you all at this time as you were all there for me when I lost my dad. Though we have not always kept in touch like i would have liked, you guys have always held a place in my heart. please know i am thinking of you all at this time.*

Love you all very much

Jillian Davis

xoxox

jill davis - June 16, 2011 at 09:01 AM