



Darwyn Atkins

September 6, 1936 - November 28, 2016

Darwyn "Doc" Atkins, 80, of Tea, SD, died Monday morning, Nov. 28, 2016 at his home. Darwyn Dean "Doc" Atkins was born on September 6, 1936, to Carroll and Ann Atkins, in Lennox, SD. He was raised in rural Tea and graduated from Lennox High School in 1955. Doc joined the SD Army National Guard in 1954 and was a proud member of 6 years. He then worked for his father at the Tea Elevator and began a life long career of driving trucks. On November 29, 1957, he married Bonnie Schuck at Saint Nicholas Catholic Church in Tea, SD. This was the beginning of a loving Christian relationship that lasted one day short of 59 years. He worked for Mobile Oil from 1962 to 1977, when he and Bonnie purchased the Maverick Steak House in Worthing, SD. In 1985 he started Atkins Inc Mail Carriers and built it into a thriving trucking company. His son Brad joined the business in 1991 and continues his legacy today. Doc is a life long member of Saint Nicholas Catholic Church in Tea, SD. He was an avid golfer and spent many summer afternoons golfing with family and friends. They were devoted Minnesota twins fans. Doc and Bonnie loved to travel. They loved to take their boat and camper to many lakes and rivers to fish and relax. They spent 12 winters traveling to visit family and friends in Arizona and Texas. Doc loved his family more than anything, and he always made sure they knew how much he loved them. Grateful for having shared his life are his wife Bonnie, five children: Deb (Jim) Souvignier, Harrisburg, SD, Tami Veahman, Phoenix, AZ, Bret (Amy) Atkins, Dallas, TX, Kellye (Brian) Stroman, Canistota, SD and Brad (Lori) Atkins, Tea,

SD; ten grandchildren: Zach, Ben and Anna Souvignier, Ryan Atkins, Konnor and Grady Atkins, Jamie (Mike) Kooima, Jared (Chantel) Stroman, Ganeene (Brian) Dumdei and Josh Atkins; seven great-grandchildren with an 8th due in February; siblings: Dwayne (Jerene) Atkins, Tea, Ruth Atkins, Sioux Falls, Bonnie Wolthuis, Mary Cain and Ellen (Brian) Krell all of Tea, as well as many nieces, nephews, other relatives and a host of friends. Besides his parents, Doc was preceded in death by parents-in-law, John and Emma Schuck, son-in-law, Bill Veahman and great-grandchild, Skuyler Dumdei. Mass of Christian Burial will begin at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 2, at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, Tea with a lunch to immediately follow, then burial at the Mount Olivet Cemetery, Lennox.. Visitation, also at St. Nicholas Catholic Church will begin at 5:00 p.m. Thursday, with the family present, a Rosary at 6:30 p.m. and a Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m. Memorials may be directed to the Bishop Dudley House. Dindot-Klusmann Funeral Home, Lennox is assisting the family.

Tribute Wall

TR

“ Remembering Bonnie and the family this first Christmas without your beloved husband, father, brother, grandpa, uncle. I only knew him through sister Ruth. But I have been privileged to spend a few 'Sunday sweet rolls' with him and the family. Nice . Kind. Respectful man.

It was very very obvious that he was a loved man. I am honored to have met him and blessed to have enjoyed special family time with him.

What JOY it must be for him to sit with the King Jesus ...the King that we too are celebrating here on earth this very day.

Separated for a time...But never apart, for he will always live in our hearts.

Blessings to the family at this Christmas time. May your hearts be enriched with special memories of your beloved Doc.

Tricia - December 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LO

“ My sincere condolences to the Atkins family. The death of a loved one brings many tears and sadness. My hope is that your hearts be filled with wonderful memories of times spent together and that you may find comfort in God's promise of a new world where death will be no more(Revelation21:3 & 4). My deepest sympathy to you all.

Lora - December 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ *Bret, Amy, Konnor, Grady... Truly sorry for your loss. No matter the age, always hard to say goodbye to the physical being. The sun will shine again, and the pain now will eventually retreat to fond memories and smiles and laughs as you think about your dad and grandpa. Love ya guys. Mary G (the WildGrube side)*

Mary G - December 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TO

“ *Bonnie thinking of you and your family at this time, remember all the good times you had together.*

Tom & Ethel Oxtoby - December 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *Bonnie and family, I am very sorry for your loss. Doc was a part of my childhood and I have many memories of him as I was growing up. He will be missed.*
Linda (Luden) Schippers

Linda Schippers - December 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ *Bonnie & Family: You have our deepest sympathy. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Always enjoyed being around Doc.*

Royal & Ruth Kramer - November 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ *I am sad to read of the passing of Darwyn. My mother, Mary Murrell Manning, was his cousin. I got to met him at her house here in Arkadelphia, At a few years ago. My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time.*

Peggy Manning White - November 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ Dear Bonnie & family. My deepest condolences, you are in my prayers. I wish I lived closer to speak to you in person. May God be with you all. Peace.

Gay Berube - November 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ My Greatest sympathy on the passing of Doc. An extraordinary man who raised a quality family. May he rest in peace and God Bless to all of you.

Brian Lind - November 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ My condolences to the family, Darwyn will be missed by all who knew him.

Steve Reichelt - November 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ Bonnie, I am so sorry to hear of Doc's passing. Doc was a great guy, husband, father and friend.
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Phyllis Keating Gross - November 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM