



Jerome Andrew Atkins

August 12, 1946 - September 12, 2009

Jerome Andrew Atkins, "JAA El Bey" 63, affectionately known as "Papa J" of Richmond, VA., formerly of Cumberland County, departed this life on September 12, 2009. Jay was preceded in death by his parents, Harvey and Edith Atkins, brother Thomas and his twin brother, Randlee. Jerome graduated from High School and joined the military. He served 3 years in the U.S. Marine Corp. After being honorably discharged, he made his home in New York for 36 years, where he was baptized in Jesus Name at The Whole Truth Church of the Apostolic Faith under the Leadership of Elder Furst. Jay always knew he had to keep the Sabbath and was adamant to find the truth. He met a Jewish Rabbi who taught him the basics about keeping the Sabbath. In 2000 He moved back to VA. and met Brother Coolidge Lee. After sharing his desire to find a Sabbath keeping church, he was introduced to Bishop Elwood Coleman. Jay was unmovable when it came to keeping the 7th day Sabbath. Everywhere he went, he stood on his principles. He was a long distance truck driver for almost 40 years and retired for health reasons in 2003. On September 1, 2001, he entered a relationship with the love of his life, Linda Robinson. On September 1, 2002 they were united in Holy Matrimony. Jay and Linda enjoyed seven beautiful inseparable years. God joined Jay and Linda's family as one. He leaves to cherish his memory his loving and devoted wife, Linda M. Atkins; three daughters; Angela Atkins, Kimberly Eddings, Sherri Robinson; five sons; Karl (Patricia), Anthony (Kenya) Atkins, Dr. Joseph Jr. (Michelle), Gilbert (Lisa) Robinson and Peter Thomas; 17 grandchildren, one

great-grandchild;two sisters;Schullian Hill(Larry)and Renee Tillery;one brother;Kevin Caleb(Cynthia);his spiritual mother,Pastor Lillie Tyler;three great aunts;Lucille Washington of Philadelphia,PA.,Essie Norrell of Pittsburgh,PA.,Vera Miller of Richmond,VA.,many cousins and a host of other relatives and friends.

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“ Jerome Andrew Atkins

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“ I would like to express my condolences to the Atkins' family. When death separates us from our loved ones deep sorrow can result, that's why the Bible calls it the "last enemy." But, please be assured that God promises to do away with that enemy and all the pain it causes, according to 1Corinthians 15:26 and Revelation 21:4. Also, Daniel 12:2 encourages us with the resurrection hope, stating: "Many of those asleep in the ground of dust will wake up." Yes, these are the promises of God, who cannot lie.-Titus 1:2. May your cherished memories and God's Word of Truth comfort your heart.##imported-begin##Valerie Johnson##imported-end##

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“ I send my deep sympathy to the family at this time. Know that Jehovah, the God of all comfort, is with us to comfort us in his warm and tender love when we are grieving over the death of a loved one. One day he promises a world free of all sorrow, sickness, and death; a world free of all violence, a peaceful world of indescribable beauty. One day our loved ones will arise from their resting places to share in all the wonderful blessings that Jehovah God promises to us. During that time the bible promises at Daniel 12:2 that there will be many of those asleep in the ground of dust who will wake up." May you find much comfort and joy in Jehovah's wonderful promises.##imported-begin##R Johnson##imported-end##

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“ My sympathy sincerely goes out to the Atkins family. When we face hard times like these we can rely and trust in Jehovah and his word the bible in Rev. 21:3,4 it shows that soon all these things such as pain and death will be done away with. That is a comforting thought, may you as family continue to trust in God and rely on him.
Derek###imported-begin###D. Farmer###imported-end###

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“ We love Papa Jay and all he brought to our family. He made Momma so very happy. For that we were grateful. Papa Jay was so willing to help us with our problems and laugh during our happy times. He stepped in during a very difficult time in my(Lisa's) life. He made my situation really OK. We will always remember the man, the friend, and the person who made our mom whole.###imported-begin###Gilbert & Lisa###imported-end###

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“ When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure. - Author Unknown As you grieve know that we are remembering you and honoring the memory of Deacon Atkins. With deepest sympathy###imported-begin###Lillian Williams & Family###imported-end###

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“ To My Beloved Papa J, Missing you more than I can tell you! Thank you for being the perfect example of a Father-In-Love and a Man of God. Because of your love, I walk taller and straighter in this life and look forward to the glorious next one. See you in "Gooseland"! Loving you always, "Trouble"##imported-begin##Michelle Gillison-Robinson##imported-end##

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“ Just a note to say I am thinking of you and praying your strength in the Lord.##imported-begin##tonya##imported-end##

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“ Please accept my depest condolences for I too know the pain of losing someone you love. May you find comfort in knowing that our loving Heavenly Father Jehovah promises us that very soon, all those in the 'memorial tombs' will hear the voice of his son Christ Jesus and 'come out' by means of the resurrection (John 5:28,29). What a wonderful day that will be!##imported-begin##Kevin Jackson##imported-end##

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