



## Deacon Ricky Lembia Atkins Sr.

December 5, 1955 - December 31, 2022

### Legacy of Life

An angel from heaven quietly slipped into Ricky Lembia Atkins, Sr.'s room on December 31, 2022, at McGuire Veteran Hospital, Richmond, Virginia, and called him home to receive his crown. He was born December 5, 1955, in Emporia, Virginia to the late Annie I. Harrison Atkins and George E. Atkins, Sr.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents Annie and Fears Lembia Harrison and paternal grandparents Estell and Henry Atkins, Sr.; mother, Annie I. Harrison Atkins; father George E. Atkins, Sr.; son, Tenell Atkins; sisters, Barbara Byrdsong, Diane Piper; brothers George, Jr., and Clarence Atkins; aunts, Frances H. Malone, Christine H. Ervin, Louise Williams, Doretha Atkins, Annie Mae Atkins, Belvin Thomas; uncles, John Lee Harrison, William Harrison, Sr., Alvin Cornell Harrison, Henry Atkins II, Coley Atkins, Larry Thomas; and nephew, Corey Atkins.

Ricky was a devoted and dedicated member of the Fairfield Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia where he served in the Deacon Ministry, Trustee Ministry, Highsmith Male Chorus, Sanctuary Choir, Church Sexton, and Grounds Keeper, he even drove the church van for a while. He loved the Lord and gave freely of his time, tithes, and talents.

He received his formal education in the Richmond Public School System and graduated from Highland Springs High School, Highland Springs, Virginia. Ricky worked in many capacities for Henrico Department of Public Utilities, Henrico County, Virginia and retired from the position of Engineer Aide 2. He was a true Miami Dolphins fan as demonstrated by the decals on his van affectionately called the Papa Wagon.

Ricky enlisted in the United States Army September 3, 1975, and served his country proudly receiving the Good Conduct Medal, Expert Grenade and Rifle Marksman. He completed his tour of service and received an honorable discharge, August 28, 1981.

Ricky was a kind, loving man of God with a sense of humor. Hobbies included riding his bike, landscaping, traveling with his big sister, and listening and singing gospel music. His favorite song was "Winning" by Charles Jenkins. His grandchildren were his heart, he enjoyed visiting them and taking them on vacations.

Ricky leaves to cherish his memories: three sons, Ricky Atkins, Jr., Richard Phipps, and Derrick Atkins; one daughter, Ve'lita Ahyoung; three sisters, Thelma Atkins-Riley, Lynda Demery (Coley), and Janet Atkins; five brothers, Earnest D. Atkins, Alvin Russell Powell (Patricia), Jerry Atkins (Mary), Robert M. Atkins (Stacey), and Robert Jerome Morris (Alberta); six aunts, Vickie Easter, Mary Harrison, Virginia Harrison, Pearly Harrison, Carolyn Harrison, and Nadine Doyle; one uncle, Charles Harrison (Annette); 12 grandchildren, Fantagia, Derrica, Deandre, Daija, Devonte, Lalani, Sade', Ricky III, Ari, Kali Atkins, Seven and Nova Easter El; one great-grandson Te'mari; two sisters-in-law, Sabrina Atkins, and Diane Burt; nieces, nephews, cousins, devoted daughter-in-love, Shalanda Scott, other relatives and friends.

## Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### **Memorial Service with live streaming**

JAN 14. 2:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Ave.  
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.  
Richmond, VA 23222

# Tribute Wall



“ *March Funeral Homes created a To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Deacon Ricky Lembia Atkins, Sr., Please Click the Link below. in memory of Deacon Ricky Lembia Atkins Sr.*



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**March Funeral Homes** - January 04, 2023 at 03:33 PM

RP

*I love you dad gonna miss talking football with you lol about your Miami Dolphins and everything period our relationship got stronger as I got older gonna miss you*

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**Richard phipps** - January 11, 2023 at 04:20 PM

GP

*He Will ALWAYS Be With us in Our HEARTS*

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**Gloria Pemberton** - January 11, 2023 at 06:02 PM

EA

“ *Thelma sorry I wasn't able to attend today but we lost a nephew today went in on Monday and gone today again my sincere condolences EVERT*

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**Evert Allen** - January 17, 2023 at 09:43 PM

YO

“ *Deepest condolences and prayers during the loss of your loved one Ricky. He will truly be missed at Fairfield Baptist Church.  
The Holmes Family*

Yolanda - January 14, 2023 at 10:17 AM

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“ *REST IN PEACE MY BROTHER. I WILL MISS YOU VERY MUCH.  
YOU HAVE ALWAYS BEEN A ROCK TO ME. LOVE YOU.*

Ivan G. Thacker - January 14, 2023 at 09:38 AM

WR

“ *I met Ricky years ago when we both went to JS Reynolds. He was such a nice person and I eventually met his family. I'm so sorry to hear of his passing. To the family...you have my sincere sympathy.  
Wanda E Royal*

Wanda E Royal - January 13, 2023 at 07:23 PM

MW

“ *A wonderful person! A hard and faithful worker. Prayers for his son (Rick) and Family*

Mary Woodley - January 12, 2023 at 08:38 PM

FA

“ *My heartfelt condolences to the Atkins family. Rest in heavenly peace Ricky.  
Francene Anderson*

Francene Anderson - January 12, 2023 at 06:37 PM

Mitch Hill

“ I could not have asked for a better brother if I had one. Always there if I needed you. As a protector and the real meaning of brothers Keeper. I will miss you and I know you are at peace with the Lord. Until we meet again and I will know i have someone that has my back. Love you and miss you. mitch (geegee) hill.

Mitch Hill - January 12, 2023 at 05:25 PM

GB

“ Sorry the loss of your love one. Will keep your in my prayers. Gloria Brown

Gloria L Brown - January 12, 2023 at 02:45 PM

GP

“ Gloria Pemberton lit a candle in memory of Deacon Ricky Lembia Atkins Sr.



Gloria Pemberton - January 11, 2023 at 06:08 PM

RP

“ My dad loved his miami teams lol we talked about the season his dolphins are having he was excited I got to share one of my favorite sodas with him the cranberry sprite before thanksgiving he loved it I'm toasting one for you dad love you always

Richard phipps - January 11, 2023 at 04:30 PM

TP

*We love you so much daddy wish papa could have known us he would have loved us well I know he love us he is at peace RIP PAPA RICK YOU WILL BE MISSED LOVE ALWAYS TYLIQA TYLIRA LJ TYQUAN AND JUNIOR YOUR NAME WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN*

Tyliqa Phipps - January 15, 2023 at 01:31 AM

M(

“ *The Meme Thompson & Family sends our sincere thoughts and prayers to the Atkins Family.*

Myrashell Thompson (MeMe) - January 10, 2023 at 02:14 PM

HT

“ *This my cousin, have not seen him in years. The best thing about him he new Jesus. Matthew 5:4 BLESSED are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted. Love. Hazel Banks Talbert (Richmond. Va.*

Hazel Banks Talbert - January 10, 2023 at 01:15 PM

AC

“ *Rest In Peace from Bill and Arletha Cain in Emporia. 🙏*

Arletha Cain - January 09, 2023 at 10:41 PM

TD

“ *Family  
Please accept our deepest condolences.  
Know that Rickey will always be in our hearts.  
He was one of the best friend- cousins ever!  
Better known to us as “Pretty Ricky”, fun,  
fabulous, and funny, he will never be forgotten!  
We love you all,  
The Dungee, Simms and Howard families*



Tammy Dungee - January 08, 2023 at 07:56 AM

LP

“ *To the family  
Sending prayers of comfort during this difficult time. May you find  
some comfort in knowing that he is with God.  
He will live in our hearts always.  
Lorraine Darrell Sheritta and Angela*

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**Lorraine Price-Gibbs** - January 06, 2023 at 04:46 PM

AC

“ *The Wiggins-Cook Family sends our sincere  
thoughts to the Atkins Family*



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**Audrey Jean Cook** - January 05, 2023 at 12:42 PM

JF

“ *Truly feeling this loss hard. Ricky was like a uncle and a dad in a  
way. We grew up knowing his family and kids as if they were ours.  
My condolences to the whole Atkins Family. He will forever be  
missed.*

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**Janine Caudle/Brandon Family** - January 05, 2023 at 10:48 AM

PA

“ *Sending my love and my prayers of comfort to the Family of the  
Late Ricky Atkins Sr. Ricky was my friend but most of all my family.  
Thanks "Cuz" for everything you will always be in my heart. Patty  
Atkins*

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**Patty Atkins** - January 04, 2023 at 10:23 PM

DA

“ Love you papa ❤️ Best friends forever



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**Daija Atkins** - January 04, 2023 at 12:58 PM

DA

“ Papa girl's ❤️



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**Daija Atkins** - January 04, 2023 at 12:56 PM

SS

“ We love you papa!! Forever and ever I will also remember what you taught me love your daughter -Shalanda



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**Shalanda Scott** - January 04, 2023 at 12:42 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

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**March Funeral Homes** - January 04, 2023 at 11:55 AM