



Thomas Langdon Atkins Sr.

August 13, 1946 - September 25, 2025

Thomas Langdon Atkins, Sr. entered into rest Thursday morning September 25, 2025. Thomas was born on August 13, 1946 in Augusta, Georgia, the second son of Joseph Emmitt Atkins and Rhoda Eugenia Avret Atkins. He is preceded in death by his parents and by his brother Joseph E. Atkins, Jr., by his sister Mary Atkins Harris, and by Marieta B. Hobbs, the mother of his children. He is survived by his sister, Nancy Carolyn Holman Brown, and his three younger brothers – Harris Atkins (and his wife Lynn), James Atkins (and his wife Elaine) and Allen Atkins (and his wife Janet) and their children and families – and by his children – Thomas Langdon Atkins, Jr., Stacy Atkins (and Leslie), Jason Atkins (and Tammy), and Jonathan Atkins (and Amy) – his three stepchildren – Tommy Lee, Jenny Odom (her husband Bruce), and Zachary Badger (and his wife Ashley) – and also by his twenty-eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Thomas was a lifelong resident of Richmond County and a member of the second graduating class of George P. Butler High School in 1964. He joined the United States Air Force in 1964, serving in Oklahoma and in Guam as a chaplain until he was honorably discharged in 1968. Somewhere along the way, he picked up the nickname “Ringo” because of his resemblance to the Beatles drummer. Thomas married the daughter of his commanding officer and, after his service, moved her to Augusta and had four children between 1971-1978. He later remarried in the 1990s, adding three stepchildren to his family.

Thomas graduated from Augusta College after his service and worked at BellSouth from his initial hiring climbing telephone poles in 1964 until retiring as an engineer in 2001. He then joined the engineering department with Richmond County until 2010. Thomas served on the Richmond County School Board in the 1980s, was a member of several local civic and social organizations throughout his life, and he was a member and former pastor of Berlin Methodist Church.

Visitation will be held at 2pm Monday Sept. 29 at Chance & Hydrick Funeral Home, followed by a service at 3pm. All are welcome.

Burial at the Atkins-Winter family cemetery in Hephzibah will follow the service.

In lieu of flowers, Thomas would appreciate any donations in his memory be made to the Hephzibah Agricultural Club or to Berlin Methodist Church.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **29**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Service

SEP **29**. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Chance & Hydrick Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas Langdon Atkins Sr.*

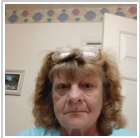


Chance & Hydrick Funeral Directors - September 29, 2025 at 09:10 AM

CB

“ *Sorry to learn of Thomas passing away. Spoke to him at the Henpecked Club just a few months ago in Hephzibah. Sympathy to his family during this time. Another from the early years at Butler High now gone.*

Charles Byrd - October 04, 2025 at 07:29 PM



“ *Hi Cousin Thomas and Atkins Family,
Sorry I couldn't make down but my heart hurts with sorrow. I want to thank you for all the memories you shared with about my Mother and all the Atkins Family Tree and when we visited you took us to when my mommy lived and the family plot and introduced me to so many relatives. O my there were too many to keep track of. LOL*

Grace Horner - September 29, 2025 at 05:48 PM

JA

“ James A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Langdon Atkins Sr..

James A. - September 29, 2025 at 10:11 AM



“ 22 files added to the album Life Tributes



Chance & Hydrick Funeral Directors - September 29, 2025 at 09:05 AM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Thomas Langdon Atkins Sr..



September 29, 2025 at 09:03 AM



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SC

“ My condolences to the family and wish them peace and happy memories in the days ahead. Thomas "Ringo" was a special man who brought joy to those around him at the Telephone Company. He will be missed by all.

Sam Corley
Appling, GA

Sam Corley - September 29, 2025 at 08:05 AM

RA

“ Tom has been my friend over 50 years. I will greatly miss our meetings when he would stop in Conyers ga. Great visit and dinner. While he was in Guam he would patch me thru from Thailand to my mom.he loved our southern gospel singing and has had us to many of his homecomings. The only man I have know to make sure he got it right ordained as Methodist and Baptist. I bet he knows who was right now. Probably both. Rest in Peace my dear friend until we meet again. Ray Amerson

Ray Amerson - September 27, 2025 at 06:46 PM

N.

After reading my thoughts were Mr. Atkins has lived a good life. Full of love and obedience to the Word of God. May you rest in heavenly peace and joy amongst Father God, Jesus and the Saints in Heaven.

N.Auguusta,S.C. - September 28, 2025 at 02:50 PM

RL

“ So sorry for your loss, our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this sad time !Sincerely Ronnie and Janis Long

Ronnie Long - September 27, 2025 at 03:05 PM