



Thomas R. Atkinson

January 5, 2011

Thomas R. Atkinson, age 64, of Columbus, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday January 5, 2011 at his residence. Tom retired after 31 years of service as a professor of Hotel and Restaurant management at Columbus State Community College. He earned his Bachelors of Science Degree at Denver University and his Masters of Science of Administration from Central Michigan University. Since retiring Tom has consulted with universities and business owners regarding the food and beverage industry. Tom was an avid sports fan and would find time to watch as many games as possible on the TV each day. He was even known to place a wager on his favorite teams after carefully and strategically calculation the projected outcome. He was known for his unique presents a Christmastime that required many hours of thought just finding that special gift for someone. he loved planting and harvesting his vegetables every summer and enjoyed sharing them with others even if the yield consisted of only a few green beans. Tom recently purchased his dream vehicle – a 4-door pickup truck but also built a little red sports car many years ago with his father. Preceded in death by father, Donald T. Atkinson, who died just three months ago. Survived by his loving mother, Betty Atkinson; step-mother, Helen Atkinson both of Columbus; sister, Kay Ball (Dan Flynn) of Lewis Center; nephews, Christopher (Kristen) Ball of Westerville and Trevor Ball of Lewis Center; great-nieces and nephew, Cassidy, Katie, Abby and Zach; many lifelong friends, Kristal Moore among them. Friends may call 3-6 PM Sunday January 9, 2011 at Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home, 515 High

Street, Worthington, where Funeral Service will be held 1 PM Monday. Rev. David Roberson officiating. Interment Walnut Grove Cemetery. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to any charity benefitting the homeless in Tom's memory. Please visit www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com to send on-line condolences.

Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas R. Atkinson*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Aunt Betty and Kay, I am so sorry to hear of Tom's passing. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you both during this difficult time. With love, Julia.*

Julia Parton Rosas - January 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Kay & Family, My thoughts and prayers are with you as you remember Tommy. The video tribute is beautiful. Love, Mary Rogers*

Mary Rogers - January 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am just now reading Tom's obit in the WHS newsletter, and am so sorry. I would run into him from time to time and he was always so pleasant and friendly. His sense of humor was indeed unique! With sincere condolences on his passing. Linda S VanFleet*

Linda Shufflebarger VanFleet - January 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Tom was my instructor for a class at CTI in 1985. He made the material so interesting by relating to real-life situations in the food and beverage industry. My sincere sympathy to his family; you lost him much too soon.*

Shirley Quail (Harlow) - January 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ So sorry to hear the sad news about Tom. Our thoughts and sympathy from New Zealand are with you at this time. May the celebration of his life shared with friends and family Help lift the heaviness from your hearts and bring some hapiness to you over the coming days.

Murray and Carolyn Mclvor and family - January 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ I was surprised to see the passing of Tom. I was a student of his at CTI, the old columbus State during the 70's. He was a great person and good teacher who knew how to make learning fun. I will always remember a trip we took to visit the National Restaurant Show in Chicago. Mike Williams, AS, Food Services Management, Columbus Technical Institute, 1976.

Michael Williams - January 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ Dear Atkinson Family, I am so saddened to read of your loss of Tom so soon after the loss of Don. I knew Don as a member of the Muskingum County Genealogical Society. Don was a great guy and so proud of his family of whom he spoke of so often. Again, my condolences to all of you in your time of sorrow.

Ms. L. D. Lynch - January 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Kay,Dan,and family, We were sorry to hear about the passing of your brother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Kay and Tom

Kay McNeal - January 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ As a student Columbus State in the early 70's I had the pleasure of Tom's instruction in several food service management classes. T.A. as we called him, was very close in age to many of his students and as such related to us on a very practical level. I lost contact over the years but remain grateful for the lessons learned from Tom at Columbus State. I regret that I am unable to express my sincere sympathy in person. Your family will be in my prayers. Warm regards, John Roach, Columbia MD

John Roach - January 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AE

“ Kay and family, The loss of a brother/son/best friend is a profound experience when you love him with all your heart. The hurt will be comforted by the Lord, who loves His children. Because He knows our every need, He will provide the strength required. Praying for you and your loved ones in the days and weeks ahead. Your friend in Christ, Amy

Amy Evans - January 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ DEAREST BETTY, KAY,DAN AND FAMILY, OUR HEARTS HURT FOR ALL OF YOU. KNOWING TOM WAS A PLEASURE FOR THE SOUL. HE ACCOMPLISHED SO MUCH AGAINST SO MANY CHALLENGES. THE WORLD WAS A BETTER PLACE BECAUSE OF HIM AND HE'LL BE TRULY MISSED. OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU. LOVE, JIM AND JUDY

JIM AND JUDY PARTON - January 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Betty and Kay, I am so sorry for your loss and pray for you both to have strength and peace during this difficult time.

Jan Hansen - January 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM