



## Kay Atkinson

July 19, 1941 - August 9, 2017

Kay Atkinson, 76, a beloved and cherished resident of Monrovia, passed away, on Wednesday, August 9, 2017, in Plainfield Health Care, after a diligent battle with Alzheimer's disease. She was born on July 19, 1941, in Bloomington, to the late Louis and Cora (Murphy) Henson.

Kay was raised in Monroe county, where she attended Harrodsburg Elementary and Smithville High School. She was united in marriage with her husband and confidant, Bruce Atkinson on May 29, 1959. The Atkinson family of four moved to Monrovia on Christmas day of 1964. Kay and Bruce were quickly acclimated with the community, where they worked as custodians at the school in the evenings together for many years. In 36 years of devoted custodial service to the Monroe-Gregg Schools, Kay deservedly retired after caring for and watching over three generations of students.

The ultimate people person, she was full of kindness and greeted everyone with a warm smile, tight hug and "I love you." In addition to kids and animals, Kay was crazy about Elvis and the Monrovia Bulldogs. She was an avid collector of teddy bears, angels and antiques. She enjoyed traveling, touring and attending various steam shows all over the country with Bruce. They would travel along with hundreds of other Model T's; trailering their trucks to different parts of the United States. Some places they visited include the New England States, Northern Michigan, the Gulf Shores in Alabama, north rim of

the Grand Canyon, Toronto, Canada and even got to climb Pikes Peak in Colorado. Claiming several awards and trophies, they have been in competition at the annual Newport Hill Climb for 50 years. Monrovia's past grand marshals, Kay and Bruce have ran in every single Monrovia Festival and Martinsville Fall Foliage parade since the 1960s. Her memberships included the Model T Club of America, Model T Ford International, Noken T's of Northern Kentucky, Indy 500 Model T Club and West Central Indiana Model T'ers. A positive, outgoing, rocking and a rolling, Monrovia Street Walker...the town of Monrovia will never be the same without her. To know Kay Atkinson was to love her.

Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Donnie Dean Henson.

Survivors include her husband, Bruce Atkinson of Monrovia; sons, Harold Atkinson (wife, Becky) and Bruce Atkinson, Jr. both of Mooresville; sister, Katherine Hennings of Bloomington; grandchildren, Whitney Cooper of Indianapolis and Tony (wife, Stevie) of Mooresville; great granddaughter, Branna Cooper of Mooresville; and beloved boxer, Teddy Bear.

Visitation will be held from 1-5pm, on Saturday, August 12, 2017, at Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel in Monrovia. A Celebration of Life Service will begin at 2pm, on Sunday, August 13, 2017, at the funeral home with additional calling held an hour prior. Immediately following services, Bruce and Kay will take their last ride together in the 1926 Model T Ford Ton Truck; leading the funeral procession to burial in Bethesda Cemetery. In honor of the kindness and generosity that Kay shared over the years at school, memorial contributions may be made to the Monrovia Cafeteria to provide lunches for students who forget to bring their money to school. To share a favorite story, upload a picture, send an online condolence to the family or light a candle in her memory visit [www.lightmemorial.com](http://www.lightmemorial.com).



# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **12**. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel  
585 East Main Street  
Monrovia, IN 46157  
(317) 996-2101  
<https://www.lightmemorial.com>

## Additional Visitation

AUG **13**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel  
585 East Main Street  
Monrovia, IN 46157  
(317) 996-2101  
<https://www.lightmemorial.com>

## Celebration of Life

AUG **13**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel  
585 East Main Street  
Monrovia, IN 46157  
(317) 996-2101  
<https://www.lightmemorial.com>

# Tribute Wall

TR

“ Sorry to hear that Kay left us we will be missing her smiling face never said a bad word about anyone. Sorry Bruce love to you and all your family

Terry and Dorothy Ryan - August 25, 2017 at 10:04 AM

BS

“ 3 files added to the album Life Tributes



Barb Smith - August 12, 2017 at 08:39 PM

MW

“ Mike And Katen Wagner lit a candle in memory of Kay Atkinson



Mike and Katen Wagner - August 12, 2017 at 11:26 AM

JS

“ Jeannie McCloud Stephens



Jeannie McCloud Stephens - August 12, 2017 at 08:00 AM

DG

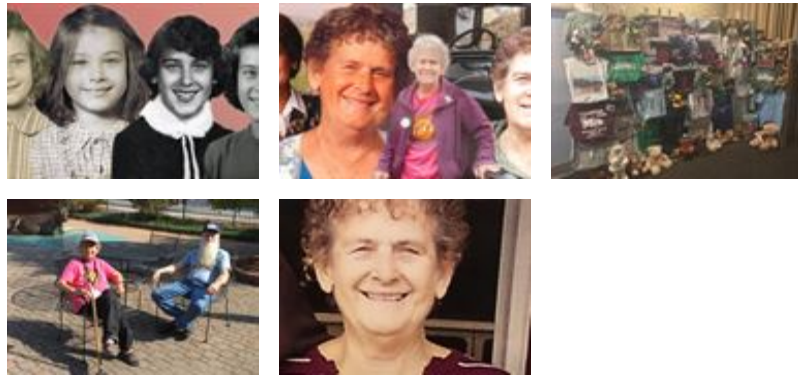
“ *Dee Galyan lit a candle in memory of Kay Atkinson*



Dee Galyan - August 11, 2017 at 10:33 PM



“ *5 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel - August 11, 2017 at 10:28 PM

RW

“ *Rhonda Watson lit a candle in memory of Kay Atkinson*



Rhonda Watson - August 11, 2017 at 07:44 PM

RW

*Your love of life and people will greatly be missed. I will miss hearing you saying how much you loved me and to hang in there. This is a very sad time.*

Rhonda Watson - August 11, 2017 at 07:49 PM

JP

“ Kay was always so positive. She will be greatly missed. Prayers to you, Bruce, and your family.

*Rich and Janet*

Janet Peterson - August 11, 2017 at 04:36 PM

RC

“ Rosemary Curry lit a candle in memory of Kay Atkinson



Rosemary Curry - August 11, 2017 at 02:12 PM

RC

*She was a sweet and loving lady💕 She will be missed 🌸*

Rosemary Curry - August 11, 2017 at 02:15 PM

DA

*lot of model t tours with bruce and kay you will be missed Dewayne and Joanie Atkinson*

Dewayne and Joanie Atkinson - August 21, 2017 at 07:38 PM



“ Kay always hugged me now matter where we ran into each other!! Her smile will be greatly missed, Festivas has lost a true Pillar of our Community 😞

Tracy Tomlinson - August 11, 2017 at 12:57 PM

MB

“ Molly Britt lit a candle in memory of Kay Atkinson



Molly Britt - August 11, 2017 at 12:41 PM

MB

Bruce and Kay were a HUGE part of my life in Monrovia Schools. Kay bought me, my first gift when I graduated nursing school. I still have the present today. Such a privilege to have known this wonderful lady. I will always remember her smiles.

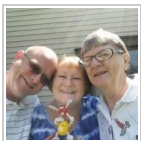
Molly Britt - August 11, 2017 at 12:43 PM



“ Heather Ambrose lit a candle in memory of Kay Atkinson



Heather Ambrose - August 11, 2017 at 10:44 AM



“ Michael Fisher lit a candle in memory of Kay Atkinson



Michael Fisher - August 11, 2017 at 10:15 AM

DY

“ *Debra Young lit a candle in memory of Kay Atkinson*



Debra Young - August 11, 2017 at 08:38 AM

BH

“ *Barb Taylor Huntrods lit a candle in memory of Kay Atkinson*



Barb Taylor Huntrods - August 11, 2017 at 07:45 AM

LS

“ *I've known Kay for 33 years & enjoyed her big smile & hugs every time we were together. Such a great lady & always happy. Kay will be missed so much by many people!*



Lisa Spray - August 11, 2017 at 07:45 AM

  
Rebecca  
Everett

“ *Rebecca Everett lit a candle in memory of Kay Atkinson*



Rebecca Everett - August 11, 2017 at 07:26 AM



Rebecca  
Everett

*She is such a sweet angel and will be missed, her smile, walking around town, sitting on the bench waving as I would toot my horn at her, and her most wonderful hugs, rest in peace sweet Kay.*

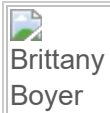
Rebecca Everett - August 11, 2017 at 07:29 AM



“ *Darin Dunham lit a candle in memory of Kay Atkinson*



Darin Dunham - August 11, 2017 at 06:25 AM



Brittany  
Boyer

“ *I have known Kay since I was born through the tractor clubs. She was always the sweetest lady and always had to find me for a hug. She always had a smile on her face and was so loving. We lost a wonderful woman. I'm so sorry Bruce I wasn't able to make it. I'm in Dallas visiting family but I'll be there in spirit. ❤️*

Brittany Boyer - August 11, 2017 at 12:01 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Kay Atkinson.*



August 10, 2017 at 11:20 PM



“ I've known Kay for only a short 5 yrs when living in Monrovia...But got to know Kay and Bruce so well..She was always walking by and the kids would just run up and give her a hug...She will be Dearly Missed by the Grafe Family. She was always telling people She loved them no matter if she knew u or not. Im glad i can say i got to know a sweetest lady on the Earth...We love and will Miss U Kay.  
*RIP Kay*

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**Russell Grafe** - August 10, 2017 at 08:59 PM

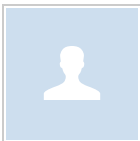


“ *Friendliest couple in Monrovia - always gave a wave to us when we passed in the convertible. She will leave a void in town, but a lot of warm memories.*

*Chuck and Kelly McNeil, Courtney, Katie, & Meghan*

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**Charles McNeil** - August 10, 2017 at 08:14 PM



“ *Love Everlasting Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kay Atkinson.*



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August 10, 2017 at 07:50 PM



“ 113 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel** - August 10, 2017 at 04:10 PM

JR

“ Jackie Royal lit a candle in memory of Kay Atkinson



**Jackie Royal** - August 10, 2017 at 01:09 PM

JR

*She wS a great loving lady !!! She was always smiling and concerned about how I was doing! She will be missed !!*

**Jackie Royal** - August 10, 2017 at 01:11 PM

SH

“ *She was a wonderful woman. The QUEEN of Monrovia. She cared so deeply about everyone she knew...family, friends and strangers. She loved all. And everyone she touched is a better person because they knew her. My thoughts are with the family during this time.*

**Shelley** - August 10, 2017 at 11:53 AM

MW

*One very special lady. Kay never knew a stranger, always had a special hug for everyone. She will be missed! Love and kisses in heaven Miss Kay!*

**Mike and Katen Wagner** - August 12, 2017 at 11:31 AM

DO

*May everyone's friend, Kay Atkinson, RIP! Never quite met such an extreme people person!*

**Dianne Olleman** - August 13, 2017 at 08:24 AM