



Robert Haywood Atkins

February 20, 2009

Robert Haywood Atkins, Sr., 77, loving husband, dad and granddaddy passed away on Friday February 20, 2009. He was a retired Captain with the Norfolk Naval Shipyard Fire Department. After his retirement he went to work for Rodman's Barbecue. Haywood was a member of Churchland Masonic Lodge #276, the Clown Unit of the Khedive Shrine Temple, Portsmouth Scottish Rite Bodies and the Tall Cedars of Lebanon.

Haywood was predeceased by his parents Alice Bennett Atkins and Jessie Bernard Atkins, Sr. and a brother, J. B. "Bud" Atkins, Jr. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Nancy C. Atkins; 2 daughters, Margie A. Boggs and husband, Terry and Carol A. Johnson; son, Robert Haywood "Bobby" Atkins, Jr.; 2 grandchildren Gary M. Johnson and fiancée, Audra and Jaime Weston Petty; 3 great-grandchildren, Kenneth Petty, Olivia Petty and Aiden Johnson; 2 sisters, Martha Morris and husband, Jack, and Louise Smith, a sister-in-law Molly Atkins and several nieces and nephews.

Haywood lived every day of his life helping others.

A funeral service with Masonic Rites will be held at 10:00 a.m. Monday in Loving Funeral Home, Churchland Chapel by Rev. W. Thomas Wood with burial in Olive Branch Cemetery. The family will receive friends in the funeral home one hour prior to the funeral service. The family suggests memorial contributions to the Shriners' Crippled Children's Hospital.

Tribute Wall



“ I worked with Haywood @ the Fire Dept.NNSY . He was a wonderful true friend and will be missed. You are in my thoughts and prayers J.C.Whitley##imported-begin##JC Whitley##imported-end##

February 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ i known haywood for many years thru my dad joe register! my condolences to you and your family! he truly will be missed!##imported-begin##natasha mccarty##imported-end##

February 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ WE ARE SO VERY SORRY OF YOUR LOSS OF A WONDERFUL FATHER AND FRIEND TO SO MANY PEOPLE. WE WILL REALLY MISS HIM.##imported-begin##HENRY & ANN STAFFORD##imported-end##

February 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ To let you know you all are in our thoughts and prayers. We have many wonderful memories of Haywood..a true, wonderful friend..always there for you. He will always be remembered with affection.##imported-begin##Jerry and Barb Bell##imported-end##

February 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Haywood was such a good neighbor and friend to me. He was here about a minute after the ambulance when Wayne died. I don't know what I would have done without him. He has mowed my lawn for over 20 years out of the goodness of his heart - even when fighting cancer.##imported-begin##Karen Smith##imported-end##

February 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Bobby and family,

I am so sorry to hear about your father's death. If there is anything I can do, please let me know. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers!##imported-begin##Staci Bailey##imported-end##

February 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Linda and I are so very sorry to hear about Haywood. I saw him just this summer at the Shrine Picnic and enjoyed talking to him after not seeing him for a few years. During my years in the Clown Unit I considered Haywood a good friend and fellow Shriner. We will keep your family in our thoughts and prayers. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Steve Dail##imported-end##

February 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to the family. Haywood always had a smile and something nice to say. A real gentleman and a great guy. I will greatly miss him as will many.##imported-begin##Stuart Wells##imported-end##

February 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ We are very sorry to hear of your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.##imported-begin##Greg Bell##imported-end##

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