



Friel Millard Atkins Jr.

January 6, 1927 - March 29, 2020

Friel Millard Atkins, Jr. age 93, of Greensboro, NC passed away at N.H.C. Healthcare of Bristol while surrounded by his family on Sunday, March 29, 2020.

He was born on January 6, 1927 in Clearwater, FL to the late Friel M and Ester Lakey Atkins.

Friel was also preceded in death by his wife, Margaret Fowler Atkins; sisters, Louise Clayton and Dot Lohr, and brothers, Jack, Bobby, Larry and George Atkins.

Survivors include his daughters, Frieda Souther and husband, Dan, and Gloria Blankenship and husband, Ed; his son, Scott Atkins and grandchildren: Jack Atkins, Amy Buckles, Kristen Blankenship, Stephanie Allen and Todd Souther and great-grandchildren: Lauren and Brooke Allen and Heidi Souther.

Friel was a lifelong resident of Greensboro, NC where he owned and operated Atkins TV for over 50 years. He was a World War II veteran proudly serving his county and a member of Sedgefield Country Club where he enjoyed his true passion, golf. He also enjoyed working in his yard. He loved talking to his friends and he always made a lasting impression with anyone he met.

The family would like to offer a special thank you to the staff of N.H. C Healthcare of Bristol for their excellent care and loving support during his final days.

There will be no formal service due to the current health situation in the county. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. A private family burial will be held Thursday, April 2, 2020 at Guilford Memorial Park in Greensboro, NC with Rev. Tom Barton officiating.

Condolences and memories may be left for the family at akardfuneralhome.com
Akard Funeral Home, (423) 989-4800 is serving the Atkins family.

Comments



“ Jackie Pugh lit a candle in memory of Friel Millard Atkins Jr.



Jackie Pugh - April 02 at 01:49 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all on the loss of Friel. I grew up on Pinecroft Road just down the street from Friel and his family and would see him in recent years when I was out walking in the neighborhood. He was always so friendly and I enjoyed stopping and talking with him. His skills with electronics always kept our old tv's working much longer than they were designed for. I also had the pleasure of playing golf with him on occasion and enjoyed his company and the friendly competition. Good memories.

Rick Hodgjin - April 01 at 01:29 PM



“ I worked for Friel when I was in high school and even some after school. I have many fond memories of your dad. He was one of a kind!!! One memory is how he would charge a capacitor up and leave it laying near by with leads exposed then he would ask a friend to hand it to him. When the friend touched it it would create a small shock on the person and send the rest of us laughing.

Know that time will ease your loss and sadness but the fond memories will always be there.

Randy Snyder

Randy Snyder - April 01 at 10:31 AM



“ Bless you all,he was a kind man.Carry your lives as he did.

Gene moore - April 01 at 04:23 AM



“ Ken Sumner lit a candle in memory of Friel Millard Atkins Jr.



Ken Sumner - March 31 at 02:30 PM