



Dana John Atkinson

December 5, 1945 - January 14, 2025

Dana John Atkinson died peacefully with his devoted wife Melba at his side in his home on January 14th 2025 in Mt Olive, AL at the age of 79.

Dana is survived by wife, Melba: Children Kelly Chapman (Chris) of Homewood, David Atkinson of Birmingham, Jeff Tanner (Kim) of Corner; grandchildren Kathryn Suttle, Rachel Suttle, Emilee Cassidy (Drew), Reid Tanner, Aiden Atkinson, Chace Atkinson, and Malin Atkinson and a great granddaughter Olive. He is preceded in death by his parents Mary and John Atkinson of Hemet, CA and son Christopher Atkinson of Smokerise, AL.

Dana was born on December 5th 1945, in Walla Walla Washington to John and Mary. He graduated from Cleveland State University in 1968 with a degree in Marketing. He married his beloved wife Melba in 1993, Dana retired from Wheeling Steel. His children remember him as a kind father who valued their creativity and encouraged them to pursue their goals.

Dana often indulged in travel photography with his wife Melba. After retirement, he focused on traveling all over the country with his wife Melba and their Shih Tzu Lola in their motorhome. He was

talented in the art of photography. Examples of his work are displayed in the homes of his family and friends. He was a member of the Alabama Master Gardeners Society.

The funeral is scheduled for January 25th 2025 at 2pm at Gardendale Heritage Funeral Home with guest reception starting at 1pm. Jerry Spurrell will officiate the ceremony. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Dana's life. The family would like to thank Dana's caregivers for their help, care and thoughtfulness. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to ACG Hospice at 651 Main Street, Suite 159, Gardendale, AL 35071.

Cemetery Details

Crestview Memorial Gardens

5250 Veterans Memorial Dr
Adamsville, AL 35005

Previous Events

Family will receive guests

JAN 25. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Celebration of Life

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