



## Mr. Garry Atkinson

June 19, 1959 - January 10, 2025

Garry Atkinson, 65, of Durham, NC passed away at Duke University Hospital in Durham after a healing journey from illness on January 10, 2025. He was born June 19, 1959 to Dorothy Cooper and raised by Reverend Mannie Cooper.

He is survived by his wife, Alma Atkinson; four children, Ayesha Sanders, LaKela (Mitchell) Atkinson Webson, Garry (Ayana) Atkinson, and Hakeem Atkinson; three grandchildren, Ayesha Sanders, Jr., Davis Atkinson, and Rose Atkinson; his mother, Dorothy Cooper; three siblings, Sarah Atkinson, Johnny Ray Atkinson, and Valerie Atkinson; one aunt, Lillie Mae Coley; two brothers-in-law, Keith (Lula Mae) Raynor and Roger Raynor; and two sisters-in-law, Claudia (Isaac) Brown and Katrina Raynor; and a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives. He was predeceased by his sister, Vicky; grandparents Patsy "Ma Ma" and Rufus "Buh Buh" Hatch; great aunt, Sudie Coley Best; great uncle, Andrew "Buddy" (Geneva) Coley; a special great aunt, Pauline "Tiny" (Leman) Parker; stepfather, Reverend Mannie Cooper; and aunt, Josephine Coley.

A celebration of life memorial service will be held at 1pm on Wednesday, January 23, 2025 at Watts Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, located at 3703 Tryon Rd in Raleigh, NC.



# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JAN 23. 1:00 PM (ET)

Watts Chapel Missionary Baptist Church  
3703 Tryon Road  
Raleigh, NC 27606

# Tribute Wall

SR

“ *Shaena Ryan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Garry Atkinson*



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**Shaena Ryan** - January 23, 2025 at 01:20 PM

DC

“ *Delma Chambers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Garry Atkinson*



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**Delma Chambers** - January 22, 2025 at 10:37 PM

WF

“ *Wanda Frederick lit a candle in memory of Mr. Garry Atkinson*



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**Wanda Frederick** - January 21, 2025 at 01:16 PM

MJ

“ On behalf of the Goldsboro High School Class of 1977, we send our condolences to the family our classmate Garry on his passing. May the grace of God be with you. God bless you.

*Reverend Dr. Michael Johnson  
Class Chaplain*

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**Michael Johnson** - January 21, 2025 at 10:16 AM

RJ

“ *"Alma, may you find strength in the love of family and friends, and peace in the cherished memories you hold close of Garry. Our hearts and prayers are with you, dear friend and classmate. With love and prayers,  
Kino & Renee H. Jones, GHS Class of 1981"*



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**Renee Jones** - January 20, 2025 at 09:30 PM

BN

*To Alma and family, you have my sincerest condolences. I will always remember Garry as one of the nicest guys in my high school class. He was kind, and friendly, and always showed respect for others. He was one of the good guys. RIP Garry. Bernice Summers-Kendall "GHS Class of 1977"*

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**Bernice Kendall, Raleigh, NC** - January 21, 2025 at 10:06 AM

CH

*Dr. Webson and family. So sorry to hear of your loss but just know that your dad has gone to be with the Lord. You are in my thoughts and prayers. With my love ❤️🙏*

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**Christine Harris** - January 21, 2025 at 08:45 PM