



## Judy Irene Atkinson

September 27, 1954 - June 20, 2025

Judy Irene Atkinson passed away Friday, June 20, 2025 at Tallahassee Memorial Healthcare surrounded by her daughter, her sister, and several close friends. She left a legacy of love for family and friends, kindness for all she knew, and a love for God that surpassed most others.

Judy was born on September 27, 1954 in Thomasville, GA. to James Nolan Atkinson and Mae Atkinson. Her family moved to Clermont, FL in 1964 and she graduated from Clermont High School in 1972. She graduated from Toccoa Falls College in 1977 with a bachelor's degree in Christian education. She moved to Tallahassee in 1978 where she taught at North Florida Christian School until 1991. After leaving the teaching profession she worked at ERSGroup for the next 30 years.

Judy loved traveling and was ready to go whenever the opportunity arose. She was the absolute best at staying connected with friends, whether she had known them for her entire life or just a short while. She loved friends and family unconditionally.

Judy is survived by her beloved daughter, Carlei Atkinson, her sister Shirley Hall of Davenport, FL, brother Ricky Atkinson of Lady Lakes, FL, sister-in-law Jewel Atkinson of Thomasville, GA, many nieces and nephews, and her grand-dog Paisley. Also, surviving her is friend and roommate, Kaye Hall, and

her daughter Kelsey Hall. Her lifelong friend Carrol Caples and his wife Tina have long been an important part of Judy's life, also. She is preceded in death by her mother and father, as well as, brothers Jerry Atkinson of Thomasville, GA and Charles Atkinson of Clermont, FL. Grand-dog Shadow also preceded her.

Her family will receive guests for a visitation at 10:00 am Friday, June 27, 2025 with the funeral service following at 11:00 am at the First Baptist Church of Havana. Burial will follow at Woodland Cemetery, Havana, FL. Dr. Eric Erskine, Sr Pastor will be officiating.

Flowers should be delivered to Bevis Funeral Home. Donations may be made to the First Baptist Church of Havana. Todd Wahlquist is assisting the family with their arrangements (850-385-2193, [www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com)).

# Cemetery Details

## Woodland Cemetery

West 4th St.  
Havana, FL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Havana  
116 E 6th Ave.  
Havana, FL 32333

## Funeral Service

JUN 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

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116 E 6th Ave.  
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# Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Judy Irene Atkinson.

July 03, 2025 at 09:17 AM



“ Jia Zhu and Cindy Wang purchased the Purple Open Rose with White Mums (Silk Cemetery Flowers) for the family of Judy Irene Atkinson.



Jia Zhu and Cindy Wang - June 30, 2025 at 02:03 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Judy Irene Atkinson.



June 26, 2025 at 12:17 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Judy Irene Atkinson.

June 26, 2025 at 12:17 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Judy Irene Atkinson.*



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June 25, 2025 at 06:58 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Judy Irene Atkinson.

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June 25, 2025 at 06:58 PM



“ *Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Judy Irene Atkinson.*



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June 24, 2025 at 11:59 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Judy Irene Atkinson.

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June 24, 2025 at 11:59 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Judy Irene Atkinson.*



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June 24, 2025 at 10:15 PM

CS

“ Most of my memories of Judy stretch all the way back to the 60s when we both attended Minneola Alliance. One day during my senior year, Judy had walked over to my house after school. She told me that she was serious about following Jesus. We went into my bedroom, knelt down by the bed, and prayed together. It is such a a sweet memory. We ended up at TFC for one year and after I graduated we lost contact for a good while. When we reconnected in Toccoa, we picked right up where we left off. She was a uniquely kind and gentle Spirit led woman. Can't wait to see her again!

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**Carole Shust** - June 24, 2025 at 03:31 PM

JA

“ Aunt Judy, I can't thank you enough how special you were and are to me. You always gave me advice based upon the Lord. You were a great witness of God's love to so many.



Fondest memories was when you came home with your precious daughter Carlei. The bond you to have is inseparable. You love her before you even held her. When you got her picture, you fell in love. "Yup, thats my baby girl" you said and was so happy. Tears of joy. You two become not only wonderful mother daughter duo but best of friends . A bond I could only pray mother and daughters around the world are building and have.

Also your love for God, sharing it anytime you could with others. You've touched so many people. Many people love you and will miss you and your laugh, smile and presence. I know I sure do already. It doesn't seem real. But knowing you are with our Heavenly Father, no more pain, I rejoice in that and knowing we will see each other again gives me peace. I love you and miss you. Keep your brothers out of trouble and rejoice in seeing all who have gone before you. Enjoy that big beautiful mansion you will have. And sing joyful to zhim as even through the pain down here, He is always worthy to be praised.

Carlei will be ok. She has a lot of people who care and love her and will be watching her, helping her day by day. And she's a strong, smart young lady who will miss you everyday. But will know youre always watching over her! I love you my aunt. Rest Easy with our Heavenly Father. Until we see one another again, (we may rent a patoon boat sometime) lol 😊 Love, your niece, Jackie.

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Jacqueline Atkinson - June 24, 2025 at 02:31 PM

JA

Sorry for spelling and grammer mistakes.

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Jacqueline Atkinson - June 24, 2025 at 02:39 PM

LW

*We will truly miss Judy. I have so many beautiful memories with her we made together at Toccoa Falls College. I am so happy we saw each other last Nov at Toccoa Falls College's Homecoming after more than 40 years. We were so blessed by her life,. Gone but never forgotten.*

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**Lou Ann Woerner** - June 24, 2025 at 08:53 PM

SH

*I will miss my baby sister Judy forever & a day until I see her again... She was my mentor & best friend in this world.. She was kind, sweet, caring, giving & Loved the Lord...I have so many memories of her it would take a while to write them all down but they we're all good ones..She never cared about earthly things, only serving the Lord in any way she could. She was my rock, when I needed to talk to her she was always there for me & never once did she say didn't have the time .I never heard her say an unkind word about anyone or anything, she was a very positive person.I'm having a hard time with her gone but I know she is watching over me.She talked to me about getting more involved in church & I have, Sis I am trying.You inspired so many people & are loved by lots & lots of folks. You touched so many people's lives Judy , you are an amazing person & I am so very glad that I can call you my sister.You are in my heart forever & I promise to look out for that amazing daughter Carlei if she needs me. So until we meet again I will keep the faith... Love You to the Moon & Back....  
Shirley*

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**shirley hall** - October 02, 2025 at 07:18 PM