



Jerry Donnelly Atkinson

December 5, 1951 - February 15, 2014

Jerry Donnelly Atkinson, age 62, of Coopertown, died Saturday, February 15, 2014 at his home. A celebration of Mr. Atkinson's life will be held Saturday, March 1, 2014 at 1pm in the Martins Chapel United Methodist Church with Brother Van Johnson officiating. Mr. Atkinson's son, Michael Buehring will give the eulogy. Visitation will be held at the church on Saturday from 11am until the hour of service.

Mr. Atkinson was born December 5, 1951 in Logan County, Kentucky, to the late Ray Turner and Elizabeth Donnelly Atkinson. He owned Woodard Hardware for several years, worked at Memorial Gardens and was a member of the Martin's Chapel United Methodist Church. Besides his family, Jerry loved raising chickens, cooking and growing flowers.

Mr. Atkinson is survived by his wife of 20 years, Cherie Trathen Atkinson; sons, Michael (Amy) Buehring of White House, Nicholas (Tiffani) Buehring of White House, Chris (Angela) Buehring of Baytown, TX, David (Christi) Buehring of Houston, TX and Joey Buehring of Hawaii; daughters, Megan Atkinson of White House and Audrey (Matt) Hondo of Mercersburg, PA; sister, Gayla (Mike) Riddell of Springfield; 16 wonderful grandchildren; nephews, Zach Riddell and Quinton Riddell, both of Springfield; and various close relatives.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to the Jerry Atkinson Memorial Fund and may be sent in c/o Austin & Bell.

Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Springfield is in charge of these arrangements.

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