

*Floral Bearers*

*Friends of the Family*

*Pall Bearers*

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*Acknowledgements*

*The family of Antonio Dale Atkinson express our sincere thanks and appreciation for all acts of kindness and love shown during the death of our loved one. Your prayers and thoughtfulness have been a great source of support for our family and will remain in our hearts forever. May God continue to bless and keep each of you.*

*~The Atkinson Family*

*Always a smile, never a frown ~ Always a hand when someone was down.*

*Happiness you gave to everyone you knew, no better could anyone do.*

*Your presence brought joy to everyone's heart, laughter and cheerfulness right from the start*

*God gave us a gift then took it away, but your beautiful memory is here to stay.*

*Only those who have lost can tell, the pain of parting without farewell.*

*Sleep on Tony, and take your rest. We loved you, but God knows best.*

*Sorrowfully submitted, The Family*

**To the Family**

*It appears that nothing surpasses*

*All your grief and despair*

*But God is a mighty refuge*

*And your loved one is in His care*

**Carrons Funeral Home Staff**



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*In Loving Memory*  
*of*  
**Antonio Dale Atkinson**



**April 7, 1971 ~ March 2, 2022**

**Saturday ~ March 19, 2022**

**1:00 P.M.**

**Robert King, Sr. Memorial Chapel**

**Carrons Funeral Home**

**726 Tarboro Street, SW**

**Wilson, North Carolina**

**Apostle Beverly Hamm, Eulogist**

**Carrons Funeral Home, Directing**

# *The Order of Service*

*Elder Crystal Davis, Presider*

*Processional*

*Musical Selection*

**Mr. Kenneth Taylor**

*Scripture Readings*

*Old & New Testaments*

**Elder Crystal Davis**

*Prayer of Comfort*

**Apostle Beverly Hamm**

*Musical Selection*

**Mr. Kenneth Taylor**

*Acknowledgements*

*Obituary*

**(Read Silently)**

*Musical Selection*

**Mr. Kenneth Taylor**

*Words of Comfort*

**Apostle Beverly Hamm**

**Destiny Ministries Inc. ~ Fremont, NC**

*Funeral Director's Brief*

*Recessional*

**Interment**

*Rest Haven Cemetery*

*1717 Bishop L.N. Forbes Street*

*Wilson, North Carolina*

# *The Obituary*

*Antonio Dale Atkinson, the only son of Terry Lynn Atkinson, was born April 7, 1971 in Wilson County, North Carolina. God in His infinite wisdom and unfailing power called him to eternal rest on Wednesday, March 2, 2022. Affectionately called Tony, he was reared by his grandmother, Lillie R. Atkinson. Antonio was the apple of her eye, he gave her so much joy and was always dear to her heart. He was reared in a home where the love of family, religion and work ethics were of the utmost importance. He received his formative education from the Wilson County Public School System, graduating from Ralph L. Fike High School in the class of 1989. Athletically inclined and agile, he loved to play table tennis, of which he became a master. He traveled to various states and arenas playing in tournaments where he won several awards.*

*Misfortune came to Antonio in the year 2002 as he encountered a life changing event. A car accident left him a quadriplegic, which would have caused many to drift into uncontrollable despair. He lost his ability to walk, but God allowed him to triumph, he kept his zeal and zest for life and his love for people. With a vibrant personality, Antonio had a spirit of devotion and kindness. He delighted in his special times spent with family and friends and never met a stranger. Even though he was going through, he would always have a smile on his face and would make sure that you had one as well. A dear beloved heart is now at rest, to always be remembered with love and adoration. He was preceded in death by his mother, Terry Lynn Atkinson; his beloved grandmother, Lillie R. Atkinson; and two special uncles, Troy Reid and Reginald D. Atkinson.*

*Loving and lasting memories are forever cherished by two aunts, Ida Lavon Ellis and Joyce A. Merritt and her husband John of Wilson, NC; two uncles, Freddie Atkinson and his wife Tameka and Michael A. Atkinson and his wife Roselyn of Wilson, NC; two cousins reared as sisters, Laura Benita Ellis and Wanda G. Ellis of Wilson, NC; two special cousins, Andre Wilkins and Randy Shockley of Washington, DC; as well as a host of other relatives and friends.*