



Nelson Atkinson Jr.

June 14, 2017

Nelson Atkinson, age 87, of Pinehurst, Texas passed away June 14, 2017. The thoughts and prayers of the owners and staff of Magnolia Funeral Home are with the family in this difficult time.

Nelson Rodney Atkinson Jr., 87, of Pinehurst, Texas, passed away June 14, 2017, surrounded by his loving family after a brief battle with pancreatic cancer.

Mr. Atkinson was born Oct. 2, 1929, in Summit, Mississippi, the son of Nelson R. Atkinson Sr. and Virginia Egger Atkinson.

He attended Summit High School, Southwest Mississippi Community College and the University of Southern Mississippi. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1951 as a cryptographer and upon completion of his service, he took his skills to work for the Central Intelligence Agency.

Nelson was an American patriot who served in the Korean War and later went to work in government service with the CIA during the height of the Cold War. He was a communications officer tasked with encoding and decoding messages from field officers deep within the Soviet Union and across the globe.

Upon retiring from the CIA, Nelson went on to serve his hometown of Summit as its town clerk and mayor. Under his watch, a number of infrastructure projects were implemented, making Summit a safer place to live.

Nelson left Summit in 2003 to be near two of his six grandchildren in Tomball,

Texas.

He was a devoted lifelong Christian and a member of Tomball United Methodist Church.

Nelson was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and patriot. He will be eternally missed, but his spirit lives on in those he left to follow.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Denilee; his sons, Thomas Dale Atkinson (Patty) and William Rodney Atkinson (Anne); a daughter Ann Atkinson Waywell (Tim); and his grandchildren, Ryan Rodney Atkinson, Leon Rodney Lam, Nicole Atkinson Rhodus, Shelby Ann Lam, Rachel Elizabeth Atkinson and Robert Micah Atkinson; two brothers, Paul and Rosalie Atkinson of Jersey Village, Texas, and Ashley Atkinson and wife Gaye of Summit; and many nieces and nephews.

Tribute Wall

PK

“ So sorry to hear the news about Nelson. He and Denilee were our neighbors in Croughton, England. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family during this difficult time.

Paul & Kathy Kodosky - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ Paul & Kathy Kodosky lit a candle in memory of Nelson Atkinson Jr.



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JT

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GJ

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