



Dr. Michael Patrick Atkins

February 22, 1932 - May 19, 2018

Dr. Michael Patrick Atkins, 86, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, May 19th, 2018 surrounded by his loving wife of 36 years, Donna Golding Atkins, and his cherished daughter, Ashley Keating after fighting a courageous battle with Lewy Body Dementia for over 13 years.

He was the son of Professor Henry St. J. Atkins and Dr. Elizabeth Agnes (O'Regan) Atkins.

He will be fondly remembered for his kindness, patience, never ending love for his family and friends, and his Irish sense of humor, limericks and stories. He was an avid golfer and tennis player.

He was born in Dublin, Ireland on February, 22, 1932 and moved to Cork, Ireland in 1936. He graduated from University College Cork (1951-1957), interned at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, NY (1957-1958), did his fellowship at Kingston Hospital in London, England (1958-1959), and residency at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford, CT (1961-1964).

He opened his own OB/GYN practice in Rockville, CT (1964-1980). He was the Director of the OB/GYN clinic at Cape Cod Hospital for 14 years until he retired due to illness in 1998. He was a member of the Maternal Mortality Committee State of CT (1970-1980) and a Fellow in the American College of OB/GYN since 1971. He loved his job and was devoted to all his patients and

was proud of the 18,000+ babies he brought into this world.

He had a very special bond with his sister, Dr. Una English, who lives in Monkstown, Co.Cork, Ireland and his many nieces and nephews in England and Ireland.

In addition to his daughter Ashley Keating (Matthew), he also leaves his children from a previous marriage, Heather Yow (Jim), Sheila Steer (Bob), Linda Barry (Dave), and Michael Atkins (Andrea) and he was predeceased by his beloved son, Henry Atkins.

He was a loving grandfather to 10 grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the Alvin A. Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center, 12468 Brantley Commons Court, Fort Myers, Florida, 33907.

Burial will be private in his beloved home of Ireland.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home Family Owned Since 1978.

Tribute Wall

MS

“ I enjoyed the times with Dr. Atkins and his family when they lived in Vernon, CT near Route 83. I know my Dad (Joe Shinn) enjoyed playing tennis with him. I especially enjoyed the time my father took me deep sea fishing with Dr. Atkins, Michael and Henry. I learned to put melted butter on my fries from Dr. Atkins one time when our families went to a restaurant together. Originally I was looking for Dr. Atkins phone number to call him to thank him for the time he took a blood sample for a lab test. He came to my father's dental office. When I was young I had a fear of needles and my parents thought having someone I knew would be better than going to a doctor's office. I cried. I was going to call him and tell him I was less scared because it was him and sorry that I made such a fuss. Then I was going to tell him about the time some nurses came to my Army Aviation unit to give us vaccines. I asked if I could give it to myself and she let me. It reminded me of Dr. Atkins.

Mark Shinn - December 01, 2024 at 12:17 AM



“ Dr. Michael Patrick Atkins

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ I am years late in finding this page & hearing of Dr. Atkins passing. He delivered 5 of my 8 before his retirement and I was sad to have to find a new OBGYN. From my first at 16, he was full of grace & humor, never judged me for being a teen mom, a Dr., that can make you laugh during a cervical biopsy is a treasure indeed! The ones he delivered for me are now 35, 32, 30, 28 and 27. My deepest, belated sympathies to the family.

Dee Sorgi - September 21, 2023 at 04:36 PM

SA

“ Donna, sending you love and peace, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. We remember Mike with such fondness, with that beautiful smile and always a twinkle in his eye. xox

Sarah, Ray and Adriana - May 27, 2018 at 04:15 PM

AE

“ After i gave birth in cape cod hospital a nun came in and visited excited I was from ireland... we talked about this and that and about mike and she said no one will never know the good that man does...i think mikes mercy generosity and truly kind and gentle nature will see him released into the new life with open arms with all his ancestors most precious and his beloved son henry and friends and all that he held most dear in his beloved spiritual home of ireland.

Anne english - May 26, 2018 at 07:55 AM

AE

“ Uncle mike and donna stepped in to gave me a safe place to carry my baby to term from ireland...when I was in the hospital a nun visited me after i had given birth we talked about this and that and then she said of mike no one will ever know the good that man does ... his life journey made him humble generous merciful and infinitely aware of the broken and poor. He shaped me and brought me and my son new life . I miss him and i will miss him.. he was as a gentle and kind a man as there is may he rest in peace with his beloved son parents grandparents and all that ireland held for him as home

Anne english - May 26, 2018 at 03:05 AM

KL

“ Donna, I am so very sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. 💕💕
Karen Lareau



Karen Lareau - May 23, 2018 at 08:04 PM

SN

“ We remember Mike for his Irish limericks and wonderful sense of humor. He had a great smile for anyone he met. We are glad he is at peace now with his maker. We wish the best to Donna and family. Our prayers and thoughts are with you.

Dan & Jan Snyder

Snyder's - May 22, 2018 at 05:04 PM

VH

“ Dr. Mike was a fine gentleman. He was handsome, dapper and always with a special smile when you met. Mike was a good friend to us and many at his home in Breckenridge. To Donna and Ashley, you will always have a special place in our hearts.

Vance and Joann

Vance and Joann Hazzard - May 22, 2018 at 06:05 AM

JT

“ Donna, Mike was a true Irish gentleman with a brilliant mind and awesome sense of humor. Everybody who knew him, loved him. He didn't deserve to suffer the way he did and now I am certain he is welcomed in Heaven. Love and prayers are sent to you and Ashley, Skip and Jane Trethewey

jane trethewey - May 21, 2018 at 06:40 PM

PC

“ Donna, it was a privilege to minister to Dr. Mike these past three years. I was at Autumn Leaves today and heard the Lord called him home. We will remember him in prayer this weekend at all of our Masses. God bless.

*Peg Carroll,
Our Lady of Light Catholic Community*

Peg Carroll - May 21, 2018 at 01:44 PM