



## George B. Atkins Jr.

February 25, 1963 - November 4, 2020

George B. Atkins, Jr. passed away on Wednesday, November 4, 2020. George was born in Memphis, Tennessee on February 25, 1963. He graduated from Lakeview Highschool in Battle Creek, Michigan then attended Southwest Texas State University graduating with a degree in Communications. George began his career in Midland/Odessa, Texas in 1986 as a news photojournalist, while there, he covered the “Baby Jessica” McClure story. In 1992, he moved to San Antonio, Texas where he continued working as a photojournalist at KABB FOX 29 News and News 4 San Antonio. George was happiest behind the camera covering a range of news stories from the weather and politics to human interest stories and daily events featured on the early-morning show Fox News First. For 28 years, George especially loved working with his colleagues whom he considered friends as well as family.

George was an avid fan of Formula 1 racing and the Tennessee Titans. He was devoted to his family and he loved spending time with them during trips as well as the holidays.

He was preceded in death by his parents George B. Atkins, Sr. and Wylodean “Dean” Atkins. He is survived by his sister Jo Anne (Jim) Retzloff, niece Shelly (John) Bynum, and nephew Timothy (Francisco) Chagolla Retzloff. His great nieces include Brooklyn and Reagan and nephew Daniel Bynum.

The family appreciates the outpouring of sympathy and tributes from friends, family, and relatives. In George’s memory, donations would be appreciated to

the San Antonio Food Bank and Hope Lutheran Church.

A private graveside service will be held with a memorial service to come at a later date.

# Cemetery Details

## **Mission Burial Park North**

20900 I.H. 10  
West San Antonio, TX 78230

# Tribute Wall

SL

“ I knew him while at SWT. He was a great guy, and I enjoyed the times we had there and as he started his career. I never saw him happier than when he was behind the camera. RIP my sweet friend.

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**Sigrid Lee** - December 23, 2020 at 09:17 PM

JP

“ I never met a happier man who approached his work with a smile and positive attitude. George is one in a million. We'll miss ya George; safe travels on your way home!

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**Jerry Paonessa** - November 14, 2020 at 10:18 PM

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“ George and I met in Junior High School when his family moved from Texas to Battle Creek, even back then he knew he would move back to Texas. It was in his blood so as soon as he was done with high school off he went to Texas. In Junior High we rode the bus together everyday with David Ayer they would always save me a place in line as we waited for our bus in Junior High until I moved out from the country to the suburbs. In high school we studied different things and we did not see each other day to day, but when ever we did run into each other it was as if no time had passed between us. We had a lot of fun seeing each other at our 20th high school reunion and as usual his happiness and light hearted warmth and wit were ever present. Since then I have only been able to connect very occasionally on FB. George you will be missed and I will miss you my long time friend.

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**Dawn Yopez** - November 14, 2020 at 01:26 PM

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“ George and I met in High School and our lives continued on a common path. We both spent our careers behind a camera. We shared a quirky sense of humor and an appreciation for things musical. I will so miss seeing his Facebook posts that often made me laugh out loud. If more people behaved like George, the world would be a far better place.

Patrick Gault - November 14, 2020 at 08:24 AM

GE

“ When I think of my years at SWT, you always come to mind. You were my friend and classmate and you never hesitated to help me with my radio editing and TV editing projects. I always enjoyed our talks when you'd give me a ride to San Antonio in Betsy. You died way too soon and know that you were loved by so many people. Your memory will be a forever blessing. Bye George.....Rest in Peace.

Gina Galaviz Eisenberg - November 12, 2020 at 01:10 PM

AD

“ George was our neighbor ,a very friendly man, he would wave at everybody that pass by. He's going to be missed by the people he touched. Rest in peace my friend. God bless



Andrew Dominguez - November 12, 2020 at 11:14 AM

MC

“ George was a Great guy who never took himself too seriously, and always treated everyone in front of and behind the camera with respect. He will be missed. Rest in peace George.



Michael Campion - November 10, 2020 at 03:11 PM

PS

“ Paul Sanchez lit a candle in memory of George B. Atkins Jr.



Paul Sanchez - November 09, 2020 at 04:50 PM

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“ RIP my friend. You were an awesome person with the sweetest and kindest soul for all of us to enjoy especially working on our crazy morning shift. I will miss you and your stories. Till we meet again. Go Titans!! Love, Carlos "CROD" Rodriguez

Carlos Rodriguez - November 09, 2020 at 04:39 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of George B. Atkins Jr..



November 09, 2020 at 04:32 PM