



## Harvey Beal Atkinson Jr.

December 3, 1933 - July 3, 2019

Harvey Beal Atkinson, Jr., 85, passed away peacefully at home on July 3, 2019 surrounded by his family. He was a beloved husband and father, patriot, good neighbor, and community volunteer. He will be missed by the many people who liked and respected him.

Harvey was born on December 3, 1933 to Harvey Beal Atkinson and Elvina Gronlie Atkinson in Denver, Colorado. He came into the world with the work ethic of his grandfather Dennis Atkinson, the strength and love of his mother, and the creativity and talent of his father. Raised in Pueblo, Colorado, Harvey attended Centennial High School and completed a year of college at the University of Colorado, Boulder, before accepting an appointment to the United States Naval Academy in 1953. He graduated in 1957 and was assigned to the USS Hancock, US Pacific Fleet, as a surface warfare officer. He met and married Lt Jg (USN) Kathryn Wham in 1959. They had three children Lisa, James, and Leslie.

After leaving the Navy in 1961, Harvey worked as a sales engineer for Solar Turbines, a division of International Harvester. He continued advancing as a sales manager with Solar in Ft Lee, New Jersey until 1977. Harvey met and married the love of his life, Linda Rush, on November 25, 1977. They relocated to San Diego in December 1977 and bought their beloved home in Escondido, CA, remaining there for 33 years. Harvey had a career for over 38 years in sales in the electronics sector, retiring as Sales Manager for Westrep San Diego in 1999.

Harvey had many interests, including photography and a love of jazz. He was an avid volunteer in the Escondido area. He and Linda pursued a passion for sailing with their friends in the Mission Bay Sunfish fleet for over 20 years. He responded to a lifelong interest in aviation, volunteering 20 years with the Marine Corps Flying Leatherneck Historical Foundation's Aviation Museum at MCAS Miramar. Harvey also loved building and flying radio controlled airplanes with the Palomar RC Flyers He dedicated many years to the community, volunteering at the Escondido Public Library, Palomar Hospital, and at

the Interfaith Community Center.

Harvey is survived by his wife of 42 years, Linda R. Atkinson, his daughter Lisa C. Atkinson of Springfield, MO, his son James D. Atkinson, his daughter Leslie C. Burns, husband David Burns and grandson Daniel Burns of O'Fallon, Illinois. Harvey will be memorialized at Alhiser-Comer Mortuary, 225 S Broadway, Escondido, CA on August 6, 2019 at 10:00am, followed by interment at Miramar National Cemetery at 1:30pm. Guests at interment are requested to be at the cemetery by 1:00pm.

In lieu of flowers you may make a donation to:

The Flying Leatherneck Historical Foundation  
P.O. Box 45316  
San Diego, CA 92145

(Memo on check or other note: In memory of Harvey Atkinson)

# Events

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**AUG** **Memorial Service** 10:00AM

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Alhiser-Comer Mortuary

225 South Broadway, Escondido, CA, US, 92025

**AUG** **Military Honors** 01:30PM

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Miramar National Cemetery

5795 Nobel Drive, San Diego, CA, US, 92122

# Comments

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“ Harvey was my boss for 10 years and a friend of mine for the rest of his life 30 plus years. I loved this man like a father. He had a calm and gentle way about him..always there to lend a hand or offer great advice. We always exchanged birthday calls in December...when there was no call in December my heart sank. The world needs more people like this man.

**Diane Silverstein** - June 02, 2020 at 02:13 PM

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“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Harvey Beal Atkinson Jr..



August 05, 2019 at 12:42 PM

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“ Harvey was a fellow Friend of the Escondido Library where he worked in The Book Shop for many years. He was always such a gentleman with a very kind smile for everyone. I will think of him often and I know he will be missed by all the Friends volunteers as well as many regular patrons of the Shop.

Sincere sympathy to his loving wife Linda and to all his family.

Linda Faulkner

**Linda Faulkner** - August 02, 2019 at 12:33 PM

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“ I am so sorry that I will be out of town on August 6. I would have liked to attend Harvey's service.

Harvey was a dedicated volunteer in the museum store. I've been a manager there for 2 and 1/2 years. Although I didn't see Harvey a lot because he worked on a day I had off, when I did see him, he was always gracious, friendly and eager to help. He even volunteered for extra hours when we were short-staffed.

We miss him here and I will especially miss him on the occasional Fridays I came in to work at the store. I enjoyed spending time with him.

My sincere condolences to his family.

Ginger Raaka

Ginger Raaka - July 24, 2019 at 12:21 PM

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“ Harv was a beloved member of the Palomar R/C Flyers, the largest Radio Control model aircraft and helicopter club in Southern California. His participation, in our many events held over the years, helped our club grow strong. Through most of that time, he served as treasurer, His dedication and love for the hobby and the club was unwavering. Smooth skies Harv...you are missed!

George Dawe

President Emeritus

Palomar R/C Flyers, Inc.

George Dawe - July 16, 2019 at 01:46 PM

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“ Sorry for your loss. I have flown many years with Harvey at Palomar rc he will be missed

Robin Solomon

Robin Solomon - July 16, 2019 at 10:05 AM