



## Richard Atkinson Sr.

November 24, 1948 - October 19, 2017

Richard Atkinson Sr., 68, died Thursday October 19, 2017 at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital in Plano following complications from health issues.

He is survived by his wife Melissa, his son Richard Atkinson Jr from his previous marriage to Minnie Atkinson, and step-children Katrina Groom and Adam Vance, five grandchildren; Tiffany Atkinson, Jessica Manning, Caitlyn Atkinson, Kalli Haight, and Alison Groom, four great grandchildren and his brother Reverend Jack Atkinson.

He was born November 24, 1948 to Ralph and Harriett Atkinson in Enid Oklahoma and preceded in death by his parents and six brothers; Bruce, Jim, Jerry, Leonard, Don and Bob.

Richard graduated from Enid High in 1966. After high school he served in the Air Force for eight years. He retired from Vance Air Force Base in 2014 after 35 years as an aircraft mechanic. Upon retirement he and his wife Melissa moved to Frisco Texas in 2014. He loved woodworking, art, golfing, coaching girls softball, and restoring old cars. He had a wonderful sense of humor and will be greatly missed.

A memorial service will be held at Anderson-Burriss Funeral Home at 2:00 pm on Saturday October 28, 2017.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Frances Scott

*Dear Jack, I am so sorry to hear of your (baby) brother's passing and I send my sincere condolences to the entire family. I never met Melissa, Minnie or Richard Jr. but had a very pleasant reunion several times with Richard at Vance AFB, in the 90's, when I was John Felt's (Supt. of Transportation) secretary and issued all of the Flight Line and Special Purpose Vehicle Licenses and he came in for renewals. Before that, I had not seen him since he was a baby and Bruce and I were first married. When we re-met he commented that he guessed I remembered him as "Tinky Tom" and we both had a good laugh. He was such a pleasant person and we reminisced about a lot of things each time he came in. I told him I had pictures of your mom and dad and other family pictures that I would give him and I am so sorry I didn't get that done. My son is coming for Thanksgiving and we plan to go through old pictures while he is here and I will send them then, if you will send me your address. Again, I am so sorry for your loss.*

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**Frances Scott** - October 23, 2017 at 06:33 PM