



## Myrlen "Keith" Atkinson

April 13, 1936 - August 3, 2023

Myrlen "Keith" Atkinson, 87 of Timnath, passed away on August 3, 2023. Born April 13, 1936 to Lyle and Edith Atkinson in Fargo, Oklahoma, he was the baby of 11 children. The family moved to Colorado when Keith was 2 years old on a trailer pulled by a John Deere tractor that the family still owns today. The family settled in Rye but soon moved to Pueblo, where Keith and the younger siblings attended school and he met Beverly Bratun. He and Beverly were married August 8, 1957. They immediately moved to Falcon, where he had been working on a ranch. In 1958 they moved to Pueblo where they built their first home and started a dairy. He also worked for Cortese Sheet Metal and Triplex during this time. While in Pueblo, they had two children, Vicki (1959) and Dale (1961). In 1966 they moved to Sugar City to join his brother Leon and his mother and father. Monty, his third child, was born in 1967. Keith and his brother leased and farmed around 1000 acres for the next several years. At this time he also helped his brother Bud, building and roofing houses in Pueblo. His construction skills served him well as he and Beverly remodeled the farm house in Sugar City several times. During this time, he and his family traveled extensively going on road trips mostly to visit friends or relatives. His siblings and their spouses were notorious for playing pitch until all hours of the morning anytime they got together. Keith started rodeoing in the late 1950's and the family traveled to rodeos near and far during the 1960s and 1970s. Keith participated in steer roping, bulldogging and calf roping. He met and remained friends with many rodeo families.

In 1986, Keith and Beverly divorced and he soon moved back to Falcon to work on the ranch again. In 2001, he married Jane Green and dedicated the next 19 years to her and their home in Fountain. It was at this time that he started building storage sheds and continued up until the present time completing, selling and delivering over 220 buildings all over the state. Upon her passing he moved to Timnath where he resided with his youngest son, Monty, Beverly, Ryder and Tayten for the next 2 ½ years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and all 10 of his siblings: Lyle Atkinson (Father) 1889-1970, Edith Atkinson (Mother) 1892-1987, Reva Arlene Latta (Sister) 1911-2005, Katherine May Latta (Sister) 1913-2009, Loren Russell "Buster" Atkinson (Brother) 1914-2006, Thelma Jewel Flock (Sister) 1915-2002, Alma "Lucille" Wisner Champ (Sister) 1916-2020, Ronald Ernest "Bud" Atkinson (Brother) 1920-2012, Mary Margaret Van Camp (Sister) 1922-1992, Wanda "Faye" Purvis (Sister) 1926-2023, Betty Jean Martin (Sister) 1930-2013, Elmer "Leon" Atkinson (Brother) 1932-2008.

He is survived by his three children Vicki Powell of Ordway, Dale (Julie) Atkinson of Elizabeth and Monty (Beverly) Atkinson of Timnath. Grandchildren Cameron (Tracey) Salzbrenner of La Junta, Chelsea Powell of Ordway, Chase Atkinson of Elizabeth, and Ryder and Tayten Atkinson of Timnath. Great-grandchildren Carter and Cash Salzbrenner of La Junta. Also a multitude of nieces and nephews scattered all across the United States.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

AUG 12. 10:30 AM (MT)

Roselawn Funeral Home  
1706 Roselawn Rd.  
Pueblo, CO

# Tribute Wall

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“ We grow up with Keith and family over a lot. My dad liked to play jokes on Keith and one summer as I was making cream pies dad said don't make one thick for when Keith comes. That summer a couple times a week I made coconut cream pies and as requested I made one runnier than it should have been. Keith never complained but after several he said Sus you're gonna have to serving these with straws. My dad would laugh watching Keith try and eat them with a fork. Mom always wondered why Keith knew when she made cabbage rolls it was because Keith would stop in around 10:30 to talk with dad and if she had bread started he knew to be back by at 5:30. Dad and Keith debated religion all the time with him passing now they will both know what they didn't before.

Susie Flint - August 12, 2023 at 11:23 AM

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Verbal Correction: Grew up with and serve these. Sorry I didn't have my glasses on. Lol

Susie Flint - August 12, 2023 at 11:47 AM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Myrlen "Keith" Atkinson.



August 11, 2023 at 12:59 PM

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“ My memory of Keith was the day he showed up pulling a trailer with a shed on it. We had seen it parked out the far end of Purcell. I called about it. I told the builder (no name given) that we may be interested in it. I wanted him to come look at the concrete pad on our yard before we decided. He said he would come by the next day. Well he did pulling a trailer with the shed on it. After talking and looking we decided to buy it and so he pulled into our backyard on a dually wheeled pickup with the shed on the trailer. He certainly knew how to handle the truck. He got it centered over our concrete slab and set the trailer lifts down. Then he started pulling the trailer out from under the shed. He probably had less than ten feet to move the truck so he could the trailer out. Well he did it perfectly. Then he came into the house so I could pay him. He said his name was Keith Atkinson and I nearly fainted. I told him I was Barbara Beeman and it was his turn to be shocked. He asked me it was Emma's daughter and I told him yes. It was old home week for a few minutes. We talked about his dad and my Uncle Charles hunting in St. Charles River and other joint memories. I reminded him that I knew Beverly and her sister, Shirley when I was a kid.

Seeing Keith's funeral notice on Facebook tonight certainly brought lots of memories of the Beeman and Atkinson family connections during the years.

I am saying hi to Beverly and her kids. I would also like her to say hi from me to Shirley.

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**Barbara Bernard** - August 10, 2023 at 10:03 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Myrlen "Keith" Atkinson.



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August 09, 2023 at 09:59 PM



“ *All of us at Schuman Co & SC Rentals purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Myrlen "Keith" Atkinson.*



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**All of us at Schuman Co & SC Rentals** - August 09, 2023 at 10:18 AM



“ *All of us at Schuman Co & SC Rentals planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Myrlen "Keith" Atkinson.*

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**All of us at Schuman Co & SC Rentals** - August 09, 2023 at 10:18 AM