

## **John Oscar Adkins**

**November 13, 1929 – October 15, 2012**

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Having lived a wonderful life, the Rev. John Oscar Atkins, 82, of Palm Coast, Fla., passed away peacefully on October 15, 2012, surrounded by the love and support of his family.

He was born on November 13, 1929, in Hinton, W.Va., the son of the late Rev. John F. and Tula Rose Givens Atkins.

John's ministry in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) began as a teenager as his father's pastoral assistant and organist at the Community Christian Church in Hinton, W.Va.

Following graduation from Hinton High School in 1947 and Bethany College in 1951, he received his Bachelor of Divinity degree from Lexington Theological Seminary, Lexington, Ky., in 1954.

Throughout his life, John served congregations in Louisville, Ky., Pulaski and Roanoke, Va., and in Bluefield and Charleston, W.Va. In his retirement he served as an interim minister in Macon and Valdosta, Ga. He was also responsible for the laborious task of managing the "Atkins Farm", a 500 acre beef-cattle operation, in Sinks Grove, W.Va., where his quote, "I'll fix it so it will work or so it will never work" was coined and used daily.

On August 4, 1954 he married the former Joan Elynor Morris, of Roanoke. With their shared love of God, music, and education, they together creatively ministered to congregations while raising the "four J's": Jan, Joy, Jena and John W. Atkins. Joan passed in July of 1992. In 1994, he was reunited with Bethany College sweetheart, the former Anne Brown, of Palm Coast, Fla.; they married on July 7, 1996. During their sixteen year marriage, their talents, whether his as a minister or hers as an accomplished organist and pianist, have been greatly appreciated by congregations in Georgia and Florida.

Anne's son, Bruce Mulhollen, predeceased him.

A Funeral service will commence at 11 a.m. on Saturday October 27, 2012, at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Palm Coast, Fla. A Service of Christian Burial will take place at the convenience of the family at Fairview Christian Church, Keenan, W.Va.

In John's memory please consider a special donation to a house of worship or charity of your choice .