



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Norman H. Atkins was born in July 1934 in Watsonville, California and raised and educated there, graduating from Monte Vista Christian High School in 1952. He attended two years at Monterey Peninsula Community College in Monterey, and then spent four years in the U.S. Air Force stationed two of those years in downtown Tokyo and at bases in Denver and San Antonio.



After the tour of duty in the Air Force he worked for a period of time for Standard Oil of California in San Francisco and for Eastern Airlines in Washington at National Airport. He finally settled in Santa Barbara, California in 1960 where he went to work for Southern Counties Gas Company. That eventually became Southern California Gas Company, from which he retired to live in Visalia, California after 33 years of service as a Planning Technician.

He married Sharon Lee Loucks in 1969 in Mt. View, California and divorced in 1988 in Visalia. The marriage produced a daughter, Joanna L. Atkins, born in 1976.

Beside his life-long interest in family history, he has always enjoyed reading history and studying the arts, especially music. He plays piano, organ and electronic keyboard, mostly by ear, and has an extensive collection of old LP recordings of classical music and opera.