



## Pamela Atkins

October 9, 1926 - November 25, 2021

Pamela Atkins, 95 of West Orange, NJ, passed away surrounded by her loving family on November 25, 2021. Pamela is survived by her beloved daughter Cathy Ann Wilcox (David) Madairy of Charlotte, North Carolina and her two sons, John Michael (Lauren) Bingham of Depoe Bay, Oregon and Robert Conover (Shirlene) Wilcox of Hamden, Connecticut, four grandchildren Mala Bingham (Casey) Champion, Abigail Deborah Wilcox, David Wilcox Madairy and Steven James Brydie, great-grandson Caden James Champion and great-granddaughter Zaria Charlotte Brydie. Pamela was predeceased by her husband Carl Edward Atkins and parents Donald and Janet Parsons of Montclair, NJ. She was also predeceased by her husbands James A. Bingham and Richard Conover Wilcox and her long-time companion Robert G. Champney. Before retiring, Pamela worked as an Administrative Assistant for Ernst & Young in New York City for 21 years. Pamela was actively involved with St James Church in Upper Montclair, singing in the choir for 47 years until the age of 87 and served as a lector and on various committees, including Outreach and Membership. Over the years she enjoyed all things musical, singing at the Berkshire Choral Festival, going to concerts, Broadway musicals or the opera. Pamela also loved painting and was involved with the Montclair Art Museum and Bloomfield Art League. She loved traveling and swimming. She lived life with her whole heart and appreciated every little aspect of life, like walking on the beach or the smell of honeysuckle. She found joy in everything around her and would light up with a smile. She was

so happy to have reached her 95th birthday and to have her family with her to celebrate. Pamela graduated from Gould Academy in Bethel, Maine in 1945 and attended Syracuse University and Columbia Presbyterian School of Nursing. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the St James Music Fund, St James Episcopal Church, Upper Montclair, NJ. Visitation will be Thursday, December 2, 2021 from 4:00pm-8:00pm at Van Tassel Funeral Home, 337 Belleville Ave, Bloomfield, NJ 07003. Funeral Service, December 3, 10:00 AM, St. James Episcopal Church, Upper Montclair, NJ. followed by Interment at Mt. Hebron Cemetery, Montclair, NJ.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt Hebron Cemetery

851 Valley Road  
Montclair, NJ 07042

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 2. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Van Tassel Funeral Home  
337 Belleville Avenue  
Bloomfield, NJ 07003  
(973) 743-1234 or (973) 743-1761  
<https://www.vantasselfuneralhome.com>

## Visitation

DEC 3. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (ET)

Van Tassel Funeral Home  
337 Belleville Avenue  
Bloomfield, NJ 07003  
(973) 743-1234 or (973) 743-1761  
<https://www.vantasselfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

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DEC 3. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

St James' Episcopal Church  
581 Valley Rd  
Montclair, NJ 07043

## Graveside Service

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DEC 3. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Mt Hebron Cemetery  
851 Valley Road  
Montclair, NJ 07042

# Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Pamela Atkins.* ”



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December 01, 2021 at 08:50 AM



“ *Pam and my mother Dorothy were close friends for 10+ years, singing together in the St. James Choir and enjoying shows at the Papermill Playhouse theater. The whole Rodgers family loved having Pam over for dinner. Her funny stories and wonderful laugh still echo through the house. She will be missed by Dorothy and the whole Rodgers family.* ”

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**David Rodgers** - November 29, 2021 at 03:17 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Pamela Atkins.* ”



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November 29, 2021 at 02:09 PM

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“ Pam was always a bright light at St James. She always had a smile focus fellow parishioners, and truly loved being part of the choir. The Christmas season was always special, and she made it through the large afternoon service, and the traditional Midnight Service with candlelight. Deeply missed when I have the chance to usher. Rest easy Pam, we will try to follow in your footsteps.  
Pat & Bill Kopp

Pat & Bill Kopp - November 27, 2021 at 08:15 PM

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“ Pamela welcomed me into the family when I married her son. Robert. 20 years ago. We have many memories. Those that stand out are the morning of 9/11. We shared a cry of all that was happening. I spent a weekend alone with Gran and we had a great time including attending church. Rest Gran, your work is complete. Amen

Shirlene Wilcox - November 27, 2021 at 01:36 PM

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“ Penny Wilcox Kuzmeskus lit a candle in memory of Pamela Atkins



Penny Wilcox Kuzmeskus - November 27, 2021 at 01:36 PM



“ 3 files added to the album *Memories Album*



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**Van Tassel Funeral Home** - November 27, 2021 at 11:01 AM