



## Louis James Atherton

April 20, 1934 - September 18, 2012

LOUIS JAMES ATHERTON, 78, Shawnee, KS passed away Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2012 at the KC Hospice House. Family will greet friends on Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2012 starting at 10:00am with a memorial service to follow at 11:00am at Maple Hill Funeral Home, 3300 Shawnee Dr., Kansas City, KS 66106. Private family inurnment at a later date. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions are suggested to Kansas City Hospice.

Louis was born in Kansas City, KS on April 20, 1934 to Harry and Lola Atherton, who preceded him in death. Louis graduated from Shawnee Mission High School in 1952 and from Kansas State University in 1960. He spent 35 years working in economic development and chamber of commerce leadership activities, encompassing the private and public sectors. Activities outside of work included involvement in Boy Scouts of America, Heart of America Soccer Association, Kansas Cavalry, Kansas Girls Chorus, Roeland Park City Councilman, but his favorite time was spent with family.

He married Ruby Patterson on May 26, 1956; she survives of the home.

Together they raised 4 children: Sheryl (Steve) Swank, David (Pamela) Atherton, Nancy Atherton, Susan (Vince) Gould. He also leaves his grandchildren Christina (Chris), Alex, Maggie, Emily, Derek, Erin, Jeremy, and a great-grandson Gabriel. He is survived by a sister, Doris Ranck, a special cousin, Barbara Messer, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. The family wants to express their gratitude to Dr. Galen Custer, Dr. James Koster, Hospice Nurse Anne, and the caregivers at the KC Hospice House. Fond

memories and condolences for the family may be left at [www.maplehillfuneralhome.com](http://www.maplehillfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Maple Hill Cemetery

2301 S 34th St  
Kansas City, KS 66106  
(913) 262-6610  
info@maplehillfuneralhome.com

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **25**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery created a Tribute Video in memory of Louis James Atherton*



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**Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery** - September 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Louis James Atherton*

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October 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ *Louis James Atherton*

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September 17, 2022 at 08:24 PM



“ *I hope Louis knows that he was very helpful and encouraging when it came to family genealogy. I know my parents have fond memories of his visits with them as well as with my mother's parents.*

*To his family and friends, I give my condolences. It sounds like he was a special friend to everyone.*

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**Lisa (Benedict) Massaar** - September 28, 2012 at 09:12 PM

KK

“ I was fortunate to work with Lou at the Ottawa Chamber of Commerce in the early 90's. He was a great leader and good friend. I'm so sorry for your loss.  
*Kathy Elliott Kempen, Hartford, WI*

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**Kathy Elliott Kempen** - September 26, 2012 at 01:27 PM

SL

“ We were so sorry to hear of Lou's passing! We were not aware he was ailing. Lou was a great asset to Ottawa, Kansas, and a good friend to everyone he met there. He will be greatly missed by all that knew him and considered him a friend. Deepest sympathy to Ruby and the family, please know we are thinking of you.  
*Sandy and John Lovgren*

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**Sandra Lovgren** - September 24, 2012 at 12:06 PM

MW

“ I was lucky to get to work with Louis at the Johnson County Library. He was one of the nicest men I have known. He was smart and hard working. I will really miss seeing him and talking to him. Merry Waldrip

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**Merry Waldrip** - September 24, 2012 at 10:25 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Louis James Atherton.



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September 24, 2012 at 08:53 AM

MK

“ I had the privilege of working with Louis at the Johnson County Library and I so enjoyed seeing him in the mornings when I came to work. He always had a smile for me and I looked forward to talking with him. I have thought of him often and will truly miss him.  
Sincerely, Melody Kinnamon

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**Melody Kinnamon** - September 23, 2012 at 12:56 PM