

### Elul 3 By Maxine Atkins

My late husband, Bill Atkins (of blessed memory), spent all his working life in the field of Education. After receiving his EdD at Harvard, he answered President Kennedy's call for service and joined the Job Corp moving his young family to Iowa. After that he served in many different capacities - most notably Superintendent of Schools in Rutland, Vermont and with various responsibilities in the Five Towns area. He was a Professor of Education at Hofstra University and later Assistant to the President at Nassau Community College. His life's work was gathering and sharing learning.



His legacy to his children and grandchildren can be summed up in a few words. Wherever his office was, you could see his motto hanging in a prominent place. "ALWAYS BE A TEACHER AND A LEARNER".

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