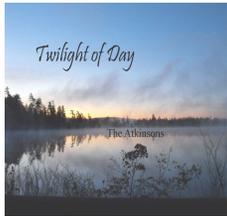


The Atkinson Family was signed for a short time with the Master Shield Corporation out of Bridgewater, Virginia. The recording with Master Shield, "**Angels Rejoice**", was released in March of 2008.

"Every few years a song comes along that just sends you reeling because of its message, poignancy and delivery. *Friday* is such a song. It's brilliantly written, the tune matches perfectly and you all have arranged and sing the piece with a knock-out punch. The tune is a masterpiece and is destined to become a gospel classic." **Dave Higgs, Nashville Public Radio, Bluegrass Breakdown**



Released in June 2011, "**Twilight Of Day**", honors Dick's late father. This recording features Shelene and Liza on both guitar and vocals, Laura Atkinson on bass and vocals, Dick on banjo and vocals, and Dave Bevins on dobro. Guests Nick Piccininni and Perry Cleveland make an appearance on mandolin. Original songs, including the title track penned by patriarch Dick Atkinson, along with others written by Adirondack singer songwriter Roy Hurd and Joe LaMay of Somerset, KY, round out this favorite of Atkinson Family fans.

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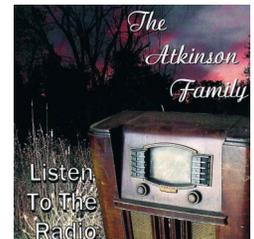
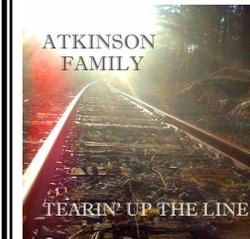
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Honed in the iron-laden foothills of the Adirondack's Western reaches, the Atkinson Family Band has a sound reverberating with the traditions of Bill Monroe's music, while at the same time incorporating new grooves and new tones. This band swings and drives through Stanley Brothers-style mountain songs about life in the rural country, bitter bluegrass hollers about lost love and betrayal, gospel songs lamenting lost souls and spooky minor key murder ballads. In addition to performing a range of bluegrass standards and contemporary tunes from Del McCoury, Gillian Welch, Iris Dement and the Grateful Dead, the band churns straight ahead with its freight train rhythm pulse on a host of original songs. Many of these original songs are featured on their CDs, "**Tearin Up the Line,**" released in 2004 (**Read reviews in BU and Sing Out Magazines**) and "**Listen to the Radio,**" released in 2005.



Meet the Band



The Atkinson Family patriarch is banjo lynchpin Dick Atkinson. He learned to love the banjo at an early age, listening to the sounds of bluegrass played on an old RCA record player. He has his own three fingered style, with a bit of Scruggs and Stanley.

Shelene Atkinson, the matriarch of the family, plays rhythm guitar and sings lead and harmony. She finds her roots with the early sounds of Emmy Lou Harris, Linda Ronstat and early country greats like Patsy Cline.



Liza Atkinson, Dick and Shelene's middle daughter, sings lead and harmony vocals and plays guitar and mandolin. Her voice has a pure sound like no other. Growing up in a musical family, she has been singing since she was a toddler but didn't learn guitar until college. Mandolin came later and her powerful chop drives the band's rhythm.



Sara Atkinson is the youngest of the Atkinson children. She joined the family band in 2016 playing bass and singing harmony vocals. Like her older siblings, there was music all around during her childhood. Having never played music on stage outside of high school, she stepped up and learned to play when the family needed a new bass player.

Dave Bevins, 2003 National Dobro Champion, from Chilson, NY, makes a well rounded sound. Dave has played with some of Nashville's finest musicians, the Country Gentleman, Dan Tyminski, John Cowan, to name a few. Dave is a tasteful, inventive back up and lead dobro player, always adding just the right sound. He has performed with the Atkinson's for the last 10 years.



The Atkinsons Honored

In August 2016, The Atkinson Family was honored by Mr. Bill Knowlton at his 44th Annual Bluegrass Ramble Picnic. Bill presented the band with the **Frank Saplin Award!!** Each year this award is given to a band or individual in recognition of their contribution to help keep local bluegrass music thriving.

What's Being Said About the Band

"I had the pleasure of hearing the Atkinsons. They possess a special vocal blend that deserves to be heard. They sing with power and conviction. I'm proud to call them neighbors."
Eric Gibson of the Gibson Brothers.

"The Atkinsons are a very traditional bluegrass band yet having their own original stamp to their music with vocals only achievable by a family group. They present a high energy stage show and a sound that is a joy to hear - a must see for the bluegrass enthusiast!" **Junior Barber, seven-time IBMA nominee for dobro player of the year.**

"It has been a tremendous pleasure working with you, and getting to know you and your family. You performed alongside and were compared with some of the finest bluegrass bands in the country and gave a stellar performance that was enjoyed by all. I am truly looking forward to having you return and play for us again." **Steve Palmer, Lake Champlain Bluegrass Festival, Alburg, VT**

"The Atkinson Family Bluegrass Band is about as real as it gets. They've taken their down-home style and packaged it into a powerful blend of sound and personality. Upfront vocals and sibling harmonies just ring out above their tight instrumentation and solid arrangements of original and traditional songs. In a genre of sound-alike cookie-cutter bands, the Atkinson Family stands out like a diamond in the rough." **Joe LaMay and Sherri Reese, Songwriters/Performers, Somerset, KY**