



## Johnny Wayne Watkins

November 26, 1944 - January 30, 2025

Johnny Wayne Watkins of Laurel, MS, passed away peacefully at Jasper County Nursing Home, surrounded by family on Thursday, January 30, 2025. Throughout the years, Johnny enjoyed working on his farm, riding his tractor, bailing hay, and working in his chicken houses with his bride, Elaine. He was always willing to drop everything he was doing to help his neighbors, friends, and family. He was a longtime member of Springhill Baptist Church, where he was always fixing, building, and working on something during the years he was able. He leaves a legacy of love and faithfulness to God, his family, and his friends. He was loved beyond measure and will be missed by all.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years Elaine W. Watkins; children - Angie Watkins, Chris Watkins, Billy Watkins (Selesa), Susan Ainsworth (Thomas), and Sherry Bynum (Kenneth); Siblings - Steve Watkins, Jean Jones and Dorothy Taylor; and a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father Singleton Montgomery Watkins, mother Bessie Rawls Watkins, and sisters - Joyce Smith, Marita Waldrup, and Mary Nell Dennis.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to everyone that helped take care of Pop before entering the nursing facility and to all staff at Jasper

County Nursing Home who cared for our Pop and loved him like family.

The pallbearers will be Ronnie Gavin, Seth Harrison, Heath Fall, Nathan Adams, Thomas Ainsworth, Trevor Watkins, and Tracy Adams.

Visitation will be Sunday, February 2, 2025, at Springhill Baptist Church, 548 Springhill Road, Laurel, MS 39443 from 12:30 p.m. until graveside service at 2:00 p.m. at Springhill Cemetery. Services will be officiated by Rev. Steve Clark.

To sign the online guest book, visit [www.memorychapellaurel.com](http://www.memorychapellaurel.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Springhill Cemetery

548 Springhill Rd  
Laurel, MS 39443

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 2. 12:30 PM (CT)

Springhill Baptist Church  
548 Springhill Rd  
Laurel, MS 39443

## Graveside Service

FEB 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Death of my cousin, Johnny  
Wayne Watkins.*

*When I was growing up among our forty first cousins in Gitano, we were never alone in the the dairy barn, the fields, the front porches, or the kitchens. And most of us found our ways to the churches and to the store. And we graduated from Gitano or Soso in groups. In 1955, as I remember, Jerry, Lucille, Nelda, and Shirley all graduated together from Soso High School, and some of us started to JCJC together. From there we went on to find our sometimes separate lives. I became a high school teacher and married Walter Everett from Ellisville. We have one daughter and two grandsons. Today I join you in saying goodbye to Johnny. But we keep in our hearts the good starts we got in Gitano and Soso. Love to all,  
Shirley Watkins Everett*

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**Shirley Watkins Everett** - February 03, 2025 at 09:17 PM

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“ *Prayers for all his family .*

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**Martha Goodwin Holloway** - February 03, 2025 at 01:49 PM

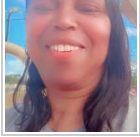
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“ *Mr Johnny was a good man and neighbor we done some horse trading over the years he will be missed 🥹🙏🙏 for Ms Elaine and family*



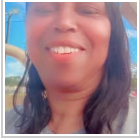
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**Brian Jordan** - February 01, 2025 at 10:59 PM



“ *Sending prayers and condolences to the family, I was his first night CNA love Mo and Pop.* ”

Linda Jefferson - February 01, 2025 at 04:14 AM



“ *Linda Jefferson lit a candle in memory of Johnny Wayne Watkins* ”



Linda Jefferson - February 01, 2025 at 04:12 AM



“ *Love, Patrick and Teresa Carson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Johnny Wayne Watkins.* ”



Love, Patrick and Teresa Carson - January 31, 2025 at 08:38 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Johnny Wayne Watkins.* ”



January 31, 2025 at 07:57 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Johnny Wayne Watkins.

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January 31, 2025 at 07:57 PM