



Joseph Edward Watson

December 25, 1937 - August 1, 2022

Joseph Edward Watson was born December 25, 1937 and died August 1, 2022.

He was predeceased by his parents, Thomas L. Watson and Gladys Montgomery Watson of Laurel, MS and his wife, Yvonne Busby Watson. A son also preceded him, Thomas Edward Watson; three brothers, Charles T. Watson, Robert N. Watson, and Pat L. Watson; and one nephew, Michael Walters.

He is survived by a daughter, Marilyn Gaye Klaus (John); sister, Betty W. Henderson; three grandsons, Thomas P. Watson (Karen), Zackary Klaus (Samantha), and Tyler Klaus (Madison); one step granddaughter, Leslie Klaus; three great granddaughters, Paisley Klaus, Macie Klaus, and Riley Klaus; three nieces, Judy H. Roberts, Candace W. Morrison, and Jennifer W. Stroud; and one nephew, Charles T. Watson, Jr.

He was a life-long educator with the Laurel City Schools, an outstanding multi-sport athlete, and a referee for high school sports for many years. He was a member of the Gideons and minister of music at Plainway Baptist Church for many years. He was also a member and deacon of West Laurel Baptist Church. After his retirement with the Laurel City Schools, he was headmaster of Laurel Christian Schools for about nine years. He was an avid golfer and

was life-long friends with Dot and Jim Parrish.

Services will be held at Memory Chapel Funeral Home on Thursday, August 4, 2022 with visitation beginning at 9:00 a.m. and the service following at 10:00 a.m. Interment will be at Hickory Grove Cemetery in Laurel. Brother Steve Jackson will officiate.

Pallbearers will be Greg Parrish, Charlie Bryant, Robby Laypath, Kevin Shaw, Matt Hanna, and Hank Shaw.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.memorychapellaurel.com.

Cemetery Details

Hickory Grove Cemetery

Intersection of 15th Street and Old Bay
Springs Rd
Laurel, MS 39440

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 4. 9:00 AM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home
3100 Audubon Drive
P. O. Box 674
Laurel, MS 39440
(601) 428-5235
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Tribute Wall

KK

“ I had the privilege of knowing him and his family in the school system, church we attended. and as a neighbor their was none finer than Mr. Watson. He was truly a great Christian man and lived what he preached. Prayers for his family.

Kathryn Vick Kelton - August 05, 2022 at 06:04 PM

ER

“ So sorry for your loss. Jolene Rahaim

Eddie Rahaim - August 04, 2022 at 03:46 PM

EH

“ Mr. Watson was my 7th grade principal. I then had the privilege of working with him off and on through the years and he always had a smile on his face! He was always cheerful and so kind to everyone. Heaven gained a wonderful and cheerful angel!

Elizabeth Henson - August 04, 2022 at 09:31 AM

LP

“ Deepest Sympathy Extended to the Family of Joe Watson.
Prayers for Comfort and Peace.
A Fine Christian Man.

Linda Patterson

Linda Patterson - August 03, 2022 at 11:42 PM

DS

“ Since I am a new-comer to this part of the world, it has been my privilege to know Joe as a Sunday school teacher and friend. Even when I ceased to be in his class and the church we attended together, he continued to be a caring friend for us as my wife was in failing health, then her passing, Joe continued to check on us and then continued checking on me. May that kind of person inspire others to go and do likewise. I will miss him very much!

Don Smith

Don Smith - August 03, 2022 at 10:36 PM

TW

I was so sorry to hear of Joe's passing. We spent many years in school together. I was glad to see him at our last Gardiner HS reunion this past October. We shared a table with friends and enjoyed great conversations of years past. I know he will be missed by all who knew him. Rest In Peace Joe.

*Tommie Jean (Dixon) Weathers
Class of 1954*

Tommie Jean Weathers - August 05, 2022 at 03:17 PM

PH

“ *I was very sad to hear of your father's passing. He was always very kind to me. May the Good Lord send peace to and the family.*

Paula Holifield - August 03, 2022 at 10:57 AM

AW

“ *So sorry for your loss of such a good man. He was always such a delightful person to be around. Praying for God's peace and comfort during these days.*

Amy Williams - August 03, 2022 at 09:59 AM

WH

“ So sorry to hear of Joe's passing. He was certainly a man to be respected and a great leader among his fellow co workers and students. Was always a man who could be looked up to.

Wm Horne - August 03, 2022 at 08:48 AM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Joseph Edward Watson.



August 02, 2022 at 10:01 PM



“ I am so saddened to hear of Mr. Watson's passing. He was always so kind to me as a student at PCS and years later a his librarian. It was my pleasure to be of service to him. My deepest condolences to his family and loved ones.

Sarah Rice - August 02, 2022 at 08:56 PM

CW

“ Joe,
We will miss your excellent historical perspective of the family at the reunions. We will see each other again in the Heavenly reunion.
Cliff Watson. Jr.

Clifford Watson - August 02, 2022 at 08:11 PM

SE

So sorry to see that Joe has passed! He was a fine man, loved by many and will be greatly missed! Prayers for Betty, his family and all who loved him.

Sarah Entrekin

Sarah Entrekin - August 03, 2022 at 12:28 PM

VH

“*Joe was a stand up kinda man. He was someone to look up to growing up. He was also my 7th grade Principal! I wish I had been able to see him again, but I'm grateful he is reunited with Yvonne. I loved them both. My heartfelt condolences for the family. ❤️*

Valerie Hix - August 02, 2022 at 06:02 PM

CD

Charlmaine Dillon

Charles and I are saddened to hear of the passing of a wonderful man. He was my teacher and he also sang at our wedding. Charles loved talking football referee talk with him. We are wishing the family God's grace and comfort during the hard days ahead. Joe was a Godly man so we know he and Yvonne are together again in heaven.

Charlmaine Dillon - August 03, 2022 at 03:46 PM