



W.M. Watkins

July 22, 1930 - May 13, 2017

W. M. Watkins, 86, a loving father, grandfather, friend, and precious soul departed this life on Saturday May 13, 2017.

Funeral will be held at Memory Chapel on Tuesday May 16, 2017 at 11:00 a.m., placed in parlor before at 9:30 a.m. Visitation will be Monday May 15, 2017 from 5-7 p.m. Rev. Matt Olson will officiate.

W. M. was born in Jasper County in 1930 to Bennie L. and Bertie Kelly Watkins. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Sharon and a veteran of the US Army, serving in the Signal Corps during the Korean Conflict. After distinguished service to his country, W.M. worked as an electrician for both Purdum Electric and Chesley Pruet Drilling Company. In retirement, he was an avid gardener who passed along his wit, wisdom, and enthusiasm to friends and family alike.

W.M. was preceded in death by his wife, Bennie Elizabeth Smith Watkins; son, Daniel Edwin Watkins; daughter-in-law, Chanda Colletti Watkins, and siblings Tony Watkins, Frances LeFevre, and Nelda Watkins. W. M. is survived by a son, David Watkins of Brandon; daughter and son-in-law, Dianne & Randy Wall; grandchildren Liza (Paul) Downey, Abby Watkins, and Will Watkins; great-grandchildren Ariel Philley, Mason Doby, Daniel Downey, and Elizabeth Downey. He is further survived by sisters Nora Downard, Marie

Warren, and Bennie Mae Craft.

The family would like to thank the wonderful employees of Comfort Care Nursing Center, especially the ladies of Hall 6.

Pallbearers will be Ricky Adams, Johnny Brewer, Johnny Burnett, Paul Downey, James Jolly, Sonny Ruff, and Harvey Saul.

Memorial may be made First Baptist Church of Sharon. 4375 Sharon Rd. Laurel, MS 39443.

To view and sign the online guestbook, go to www.memorychapellaurel.com.

Cemetery Details

Lake Park Cemetery

1303 Old Bay Springs Rd
Laurel, MS 39440

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 15. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home
3100 Audubon Drive
P. O. Box 674
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Service

MAY 16. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Susan Holmes lit a candle in memory of W.M. Watkins



Susan Holmes - May 20, 2017 at 07:09 PM

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“ Rev. Tim and Melanie Hubbard send our love and prayers to the family.

melanie hubbard - May 16, 2017 at 05:48 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of W.M. Watkins.



May 16, 2017 at 10:37 AM

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“ We are so sorry for your loss. Prayers and comfort to you all at this time. I use to see and speak with your Father all the time when visiting my Mother, up until April last year. They were on the same hall. The Family of Faye Hamilton. (Joan) God Bless



Joan Maglitto - May 16, 2017 at 12:10 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of W.M. Watkins.* ”



May 15, 2017 at 02:16 PM