



Billy Joe (Bill) Watkins

June 4, 1932 - April 22, 2024

Billy Joe (Bill) Watkins
Dacusville, South Carolina

Billy Joe (Bill) Watkins, 91, loving husband to Jane Looper Hipp, passed away on April 22, 2024, at The Gables on Pelham Assisted Living in Greenville.

Born June 4, 1932, in Seneca, South Carolina, Bill was the son of the late Clem B. Watkins, Sr. and Bertha Lee Watkins. A 1950 graduate of Berea High School, he furthered his education at Greenville Tech, Furman, and Clemson Universities. Mr. Watkins retired from the U.S. Postal Service. He was a U.S. Army veteran and an avid reader.

Survivors include his wife, Jane Looper Hipp; children, Mark Watkins, Chris Watkins, Tom Hipp (Susan), and Beverly H. Dickson; grandchildren, Josh Watkins (Chii-Wey), Kayla Watkins, and Christian Watkins; and great-grandchildren, Wyatt, Cole, Blaine, Hunter, Kash, and Landon.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Watkins was predeceased by two brothers, Clem B. Watkins, Jr., and Harold Odell Watkins.

Visitation will be held on Friday, April 26, 2024, from 1:00 PM until 2:00 PM in the sanctuary of Cross Roads Baptist Church in Easley with funeral services

to follow at 2:00 PM. Burial will follow the service in Cross Roads Baptist Church Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Tom Hipp, Tony Robinson, Jimmy Looper, John Finley, Michael Scruggs, Josh Watkins, and Christian Watkins, and honorary pallbearers will be the Emory Jones Sunday school class.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Bill's honor may be made to the American Heart Association by mailing PO Box 840692, Dallas, TX 75284-0692 or by visiting their website at <https://www.heart.org/>.

Mountain View Funeral Home – Pickens Chapel is serving the Watkins family.

Cemetery Details

Cross Roads Baptist Church Cemetery

160 Cross Roads Church Road
Easley, SC 29640

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 26. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Cross Roads Baptist Church
160 Cross Roads Church Rd
Easley, SC 29640

Funeral Service

APR 26. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Burial

APR 26 (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *The church will miss him, our community will miss him, and we will miss his ready smile and his kindness!*

Dennis&Amanda Bauknight - April 26, 2024 at 01:23 PM

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“ *I remember my uncle Bill getting up in the morning milking the cows an straining the milk through cheese cloth done this before he'd drive to Greenville post office to work every morning. I spent a lot of week ends an slot of weeks on Silverbell farm with my uncle Bill an playing ill miss him very much. I love you Uncle Bill
Warren*

James Watkins - April 24, 2024 at 04:27 PM



“ *MY Uncle Bill. I know a lot of you call him this but I was the first. He treated me like a daughter because he had Mark and Chris. He was such a blessing to my family and me. I hate to see him go. I will always remember his big smile and saying “hey Deb” when I saw him or visited him! ❤️ He was very special! I know he is now in heaven and without pain 🙏 we can all rejoice and thank God for sharing this man with us for so many years!! 🙏❤️ I will always love you uncle Bill 💕 Debby Scruggs Durham*

Debby Durham - April 24, 2024 at 12:20 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Billy Joe (Bill) Watkins.*



April 24, 2024 at 09:01 AM