



## Donald Watkins

October 18, 1942 - April 30, 2016

Don Watkins, our most loving husband, father, and grandfather passed away at home with his loved ones on April 30, 2016 at seventy-three years old. He accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior many years ago, and was a faithful member of New Market Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by parents, Hugh and Julia Watkins, brother, Pfc. John Watkins; sister, Vernice Newman; foster-brother, Floyd Breeden; brother-in-law, Raymond McCarter; aunt, Nellie Burke; and father-in-law, Shelby Vinyard.

He is survived by wife of forty-six years, Shelby; daughter, Robin (Tony) Willis; son, Johnny (Lisa) Watkins; daughter, Jayna (Tadd) Minton; most wonderful granddaughter, Lyndsey; mother-in-law, Hazel Vinyard; brothers and sisters, Bernard (Kathleen) Watkins, Virgie and niece Sharon McCarter, Glenda (Junior) Nichols; brother-in-law, Jimmy (Brenda) Newman; and beloved dog, Ella; as well as several nieces and nephews; and a host of special friends and neighbors. He passed on his love of animals to his oldest daughter, Robin; his love of old school things, techniques and values to his only son, Johnny; and his love of adventure and travel to his youngest daughter, Jayna.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Amedysis home health, therapy, and hospice for their gentle, loving care, especially Joann and Garret. As a family, we have been carried through the past year by the prayers of hundreds of caring people You have supported us by visits, cards, calls, food, and hugs. All of these acts of love lifted us up and made us feel most

cherished. You provided a living tribute both to him and to us that warmed our hearts daily. To sum it up- you did it all.

Therefore, we have chosen to say goodbye to our dear loved one in private. No formal services are planned.

If you wish to honor his memory, memorial donations may be made to New Market Baptist Church men's Sunday school class benevolence fund at 921 Churchview St., New Market, TN, 37820, or to Friends of Hospice, Serenity House, at 400 West Main Street, Morristown, TN 37814.

"The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and He delighteth in his way." -Psalm 37:23

# Tribute Wall

SB

“ *Susie Breeden Bullock lit a candle in memory of Donald Watkins*



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**Susie Breeden Bullock** - May 11, 2016 at 08:19 PM

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*Thoughts and Prayers are with Don family.*

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**Susie Breeden Bullock** - May 11, 2016 at 08:22 PM

DE

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with your entire family. Don was a truly special person and will be missed terribly. I know how much he loved all of you. We love your family very much and will be praying for you.*

*John & Debbie Estes & Family*

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**Debbie Estes** - May 02, 2016 at 10:27 AM

GS

“ *Gary And Judy Smiddy lit a candle in memory of Donald Watkins*



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**Gary and Judy Smiddy** - May 01, 2016 at 11:41 AM

FH

“ *Faye & Jerry Hackler lit a candle in memory of Donald Watkins*



Faye & Jerry Hackler - May 01, 2016 at 09:15 AM

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GLEND A NICHOLS - May 01, 2016 at 01:50 AM

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GLEND A NICHOLS - May 01, 2016 at 01:48 AM

Glenda  
Watkins  
Nichols

“ My brother, Don Watkins, was the closest in age to me after the death of our brother, PFC John W. Watkins in 1966. We shared a home life together with our parents Hugh and Julia Watkins and our brother Floyd (Fletch) for the first 17 years of my life. Don loved his parents and siblings very much. He loved a clean house too which when I look back on was very funny. He expected the house to be clean by the time he came home from work when he worked for Magnavox. So Mama and I would really get going as fast as we could to get the house cleaned up before he came in. When I was younger Don would take me to visit my girl friends and he would take me to get them to come over to our house and then we would take them back home. Then when I got older Don and I got to double date together many times. When I got my drivers license he bought a straight shift which made me so mad. He tried to teach me on it but both our patience soon ran out on that deal. I always said he traded cars just so I wouldn't be borrowing his car. He was a fun brother and a very loving brother. He will FOREVER be missed on this earth. But I can rest assured that he is now having a glorious family reunion with Daddy, Mama, John, Vernice, Fletch, and many other loved ones in Heaven. So although I miss you dearly Don ... I am a bit jealous now that you are with our family in Heaven. Tell them I can't wait until I can be there so we can all be together again. I love you Don ... yesterday ... today ... and forever ...



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Glenda Watkins Nichols - April 30, 2016 at 10:50 PM