



JOHNNY L. WATSON

April 16, 1933 - March 11, 2012

Johnny L. Watson, 78, of Kankakee, died Sunday, March 11, 2012 at Provena St. Mary's Hospital. Visitation will be Friday, March 16, 2012 from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. at Lax Mortuary and again on Saturday, March 17, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. until time of funeral services at 10:00 a.m. at Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church. Reverend C. RamfÂ³nt Morris will officiate. Burial will be in Mound Grove Gardens of Memory. Memorials may be made to the SWAGG Ministries of Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church.

Johnny L. Watson was born April 16, 1933 in Edwards, Mississippi to Johnny L. Watson and Annie Lue Jefferson.

He was baptized at an early age into the Baptist faith and was a member of Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church where he sang in the male chorus, participated in the male ministries and for years served as a deacon.

Mr. Watson completed his primary education in the south and acquired wisdom thru the ages and became a very intelligent and wise man among men.

He was united in holy matrimony to Josie Bell Dixon in July of 1954. She preceded him in death.

He worked for the Kankakee Steel Mills and for many years worked for Azzarelli Construction Company, Laborers International Union of North America Local 751.

On December 18, 1999 he was united in holy matrimony to the former Bernice Clark.

A resident of the area for more than 50 years, Mr. Watson was a man's man, who was very honored in his community. He enjoyed healthy dialog about serious community issues. An avid sports enthusiast, he loved the quality of the athlete more than the preference for the team.

He leaves to cherish his memory and celebrate his homegoing, his devoted wife, Bernice Watson of Kankakee, IL; daughters and son-in-law, Willie Bell Daniel, Johnnie Delinda Watson and Sybil Watson all of Kankakee, IL, Kathlyn Watson of Peoria, IL, and Constance and Terrence Malone of Jonesboro, GA; sons and daughters-in-law, Jimmie Lee and Nancy Dixon of Minneapolis, MN and Aaron and Pamela Clark of Kankakee, IL; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Harvey Clark, Barbara Sykes and Jeffery Clark all of Kankakee, IL, Patricia Allen of Bourbonnais, IL and Jimmie and Gracie Staples of Duluth, GA; 33 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren; three nieces, Albertstine and Joe Willis Walker, Annie Hibbler and Catherine and Greg Travis, all of Jackson, Mississippi and a host of other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife, Josie Watson and a sister, Annie Mae Hibbler Cook.

Tribute Wall

ET

“ To the Watson family. I was recently made aware of your loss and couldn't help but remember the kindness and wisdom that your father showed when we were in High School. May the Lord continue to strengthen you all. Keep singing and trustin in HIM. Love

Elder Norvell Thomas - May 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ With heartfelt sympathy. You are in my prayers.

Elayne Coffie - March 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

OJ

“ We were deeply saddened to hear of your husband's transition. You and your family are in our prayers. May God be your comforter and bring you peace.

Odie & Diane Jordan - March 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Please know that our hearts and thoughts are with you in your time of sorrow.

Taylor Family - March 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ MAY GOD BE WITH YOUR FAMILY IN YOUR TIME OF NEED

cheryl wilson - March 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family, may you find comfort in the Lord during this time of your loss. Rest in peace Uncle Johnnie.*

DeDe Mays, Florine Dixon and family - March 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *GOD bless u all*

minnie brewer brewster - March 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *To Delinda and the Watson family, I am sorry for your lost..May God continue to keep you strong through these difficult times...My prayers are with you and the family.*

Claudine Brooks-Thompson - March 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ *Ms. Bernice I am sorry about the loss of your husband. May God bless and keep you in perfect peace. And I know Mr. Watson will have heaven jumping with that wonderful voice.*

Tan Thompson-Spearmon - March 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ *JOHNNY L. WATSON*

Wilkes and Johnson family - March 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ To the Watson and Dixon families, God has chosen, once again to call home one of his anointed soldiers. May you be at peace knowing that your loved one truly loved the Lord and gave of himself in service for the Christian cause. As much as you, Deacon Wa

Patricia Jamison - March 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ To Delinda, Sybil and the rest of the Dixon Family: We are praying for you. We love you very much.

the Ellison Family - March 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ JOHNNY L. WATSON

ROBERT WASHINGTON - March 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ A special prayer is said for your family. May God keep you all in perfect peace during this time.

Dorothy L. Riley - March 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM