



## Elder Aaron John Watkins

December 31, 1947 - April 10, 2018

WATKINS, Eld. Aaron John - Age 70 passed away Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at his residence. Family hour 10AM Monday, April 16, 2018 at Pentecostal Tabernacle C.O.G.I.C., 401 Carton Ave., with funeral service commencing at 11AM. Pastor Brian Grundy officiating, Pastor Henry Jamerson, Host Pastor. Interment Gracelawn Community Cemetery, 5710 N. Saginaw St., Flint, MI. Friends and Pallbearers will assemble at the Church 10AM Monday. Eld. Watkins will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be view 10AM-6PM Sunday.

Elder Aaron John Watkins was born December 31, 1947 in Grand Rapids, MI, the son of Henry and Selena Weekley Watkins. He accepted the Lord Jesus Christ many years ago. He grew up in Winchester, KY where he attended their public school, returning to Michigan and attended Whittier and Central Public Schools in Flint. He also attended college and Trade school. Elder Watkins worked as an Insurance Agent for many years. He served in the United States Army going to both Korea and Vietnam during War time. However, his greater love was serving in the Army of the Lord, a man of faith and determined to preach God's Word. He was a member of the Greater New Bethel COGIC under the leadership of his devoted Pastor Brian Grundy. Elder Watkins gave his evangelistic service to God and contributed to several ministries, including, Joy MBC of Flint, 1st Timothy Baptist of Flint, Jesus Christ Outreach Center, Fort Myers, FL, Living Word COGIC, of Forest Park, GA , Guiding Light COGIC, Pentecostal Tabernacle COGIC and St. Paul COGIC.

Elder Aaron Watkins leaves to cherish his memory the love of his life, wife Vickie (Buycks) Watkins, who he met in 1977 and has enjoyed 38 years of marriage together. To this union was born, Ian of Atlanta, GA, Eric "Rickie" Watkins of Okinawa, Japan, Aaron (Amelia) Watkins of Flint, MI; sons, Terrance (Tasha) Nichols of Aikens, SC, Michael Nichols of Flint, MI; daughter, Gemika Dunlap of Cleveland, OH; many grandchildren, great-grands, nieces and nephews; 3 brothers, Jimmy Watkins of Detroit, MI, Wayne Watkins of Ft. Myers, FL, Mitchell Watkins of Miami, FL; Uncle, Floyd Chenault; sisters-in-laws, Marsha Ross, Freda (Gene) Leverette and Arteshia Phipps, all of Flint and Judy Relerford; brothers-in-laws, Kevin (Stella) Buycks of Texas, Edward Nelson of Alabama; special friends Bishop Halsey Watkins of Ft. Myers, FL., Pastor John and Tamika Atkins of Flint and Cynthia Wells of Atlanta, GA.

Elder Watkins was preceded in death by; parents, Henry and Selena Watkins; daughter, Precious Watkins; sisters, Juanita Sparks, Wendy Strong and Henrietta Watkins; brother-in-law, Anthony Starks; grandparents, and parent-in-laws, Eddie and Roberta Buycks.

The Family would like to express special thanks to: Professional Nursing Staff, nephew, Clayton Relerford, Pastor Brian Grundy of Greater New Bethel Church of God In Christ and Pentecostal Tabernacle Church of God in Christ.

# Cemetery Details

## Gracelawn Cemetery

5710 N. Saginaw St.  
Flint, MI 48505

# Previous Events

## Viewing

APR **15**. 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint  
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.  
Flint, MI 48505  
(810) 789-MOON (6666)  
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com  
<http://www.lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

## Family hour

APR **16**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Pentecostal Tabernacle COGIC  
401 Carton St.  
Flint, MI 48505

## Service

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APR **16**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Pentecostal Tabernacle COGIC  
401 Carton St.  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Elder Aaron John Watkins*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Eld. Watkins was an awesome Man of God who knew and preached Gods word with knowledge and love. I loved being in Sunday School and hearing him expound in the Word of God. RIP Eld. Watkins 🙏*



Joycelyn Thompson - May 01, 2018 at 12:53 AM



“ *TAMERA WADE lit a candle in memory of Elder Aaron John Watkins*



TAMERA WADE - April 24, 2018 at 10:31 AM



“ *Iwoana Ford lit a candle in memory of Elder Aaron John Watkins*



Iwoana Ford - April 18, 2018 at 03:47 PM

LC

“ *L'Tanya Clegg lit a candle in memory of Elder Aaron John Watkins*



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**L'Tanya Clegg** - April 18, 2018 at 08:34 AM

LC

*All my love and prayers always!!! So very sorry for your loss!*

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**L'Tanya Clegg** - April 18, 2018 at 08:34 AM

AE

“ *Angel Evans lit a candle in memory of Elder Aaron John Watkins*



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**Angel Evans** - April 15, 2018 at 10:46 AM

DS

“ *District Missionary Bernice Sapp sent a virtual gift in memory of Elder Aaron John Watkins*



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**District Missionary Bernice Sapp** - April 15, 2018 at 08:44 AM

KA

“ *Cousin Vickie, Ian, Aaron & ERIC My prayers are with you and the entire Watkins Family. We serve an Awesome God. Those of us that knew John were Blessed by his spiritual talks humor and infectious laughter and smile. God Bless you all.*  
*Love KIM BUYCK-Akpabio*

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**Kimberly Buyck Akpabio** - April 13, 2018 at 11:49 PM

KP

“ *I am very grateful to God for allowing Elder Watkins to unite with the Living Word COGIC while he was in Georgia. Sister Paden and I appreciated his commitment to leadership. Sister Paden says that he was one of the nicest people that she had ever met and had a very humble spirit. There were times when I would call to check on him, he ended up ministering to me. He was a real man of God and will be greatly missed. Sister Watkins, our prayers are with you and your family. Pastor & Sister Kenneth Paden*

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**Kenneth Paden** - April 13, 2018 at 10:53 PM

PW

“ *Sis. Watkins you and your family have our deepest condolences. We will forever remember Elder Watkins and his words of wisdom(GoldenNuggets). I will always remember how he almost got 1st Lady and me in trouble baking those cakes for him! He will be truly missed. God Bless.*  
*Respectfully,*  
*Evangelist Patricia Watts, Corey and Celeste*

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**Patricia Watts** - April 13, 2018 at 03:21 PM

TU

“ *Elder Watkins always had an encouraging word for me and my daughters! He knew the bible and had a gentle spirit. Love and prayers, Tara D. Upshaw*

Tara D. Upshaw - April 13, 2018 at 01:20 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Elder Aaron John Watkins.*



April 13, 2018 at 08:42 AM

EA

“ *Vicki, so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you and the family.*

Earley - April 13, 2018 at 08:29 AM

BS

“ *Beverley Smith lit a candle in memory of Elder Aaron John Watkins*



Beverley Smith - April 13, 2018 at 12:09 AM

KK

“ *Kathy And Kalonna sent a virtual gift in memory of Elder Aaron John Watkins*



Kathy and Kalonna - April 12, 2018 at 03:52 PM

DP

“ *Dicy Powell lit a candle in memory of Elder Aaron John Watkins*



Dicy Powell - April 11, 2018 at 11:28 PM

SP

“ *Shawnie Powell sent a virtual gift in memory of Elder Aaron John Watkins*

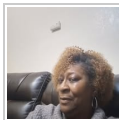


Shawnie Powell - April 11, 2018 at 09:04 PM

LB

“ *May my uncle, rest in peace with the Lord.*

Lisa R. Buycks - April 11, 2018 at 06:30 PM



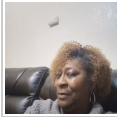
*God bless you*

Vickie Watkins - April 30, 2018 at 10:59 AM

PT

“ *Praying for the family. Greater word OF God Ministries. Pastor John and Doreen Taylor*

Pastor John Taylor - April 11, 2018 at 03:42 PM



*God bless you*

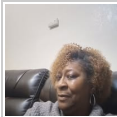
Vickie Watkins - April 30, 2018 at 10:59 AM

PT

“ *Pastor John Taylor lit a candle in memory of Elder Aaron John Watkins*



Pastor John Taylor - April 11, 2018 at 03:40 PM



*God bless you*

Vickie Watkins - April 30, 2018 at 11:00 AM

KK

“ *Kathy And Kalonna sent a virtual gift in memory of Elder Aaron John Watkins*



kathy and kalonna - April 11, 2018 at 11:40 AM



*My prayers are with you at this time. He always had a kind a word to encourage me.*

*Love and prayers,  
Sis. Williams*

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**Virginia D. Williams** - April 13, 2018 at 07:04 PM