



## Mrs. Beatrice Watkins

December 12, 1938 - January 15, 2022

WATKINS, Mrs. Beatrice - Age 83, passed away Saturday, January 15, 2022 at her residence. Family hour 1:30 PM Tuesday, January 25, 2022 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., with funeral service commencing at 2:00 PM. Rev. Robert Blake, officiating. Interment Gracelawn Community Cemetery, 5710 N. Saginaw St. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the chapel 1:30 PM Tuesday. Mrs. Watkins will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home and may be viewed from 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM Monday. Mrs. Beatrice Watkins, known as "Ms. Bea" was born December 12, 1938 in Port Huron, Michigan, the daughter of the late Charles and Clara Murphy. In 1955, the family moved to Flint, Michigan. Beatrice attended Flint Central High School. She worked several jobs including, Flint Metal Fab, a division of General Motors Corporation, social service, unemployment office, The Palm Tree and at The Vets Club. Mrs. Bea met and married her late husband, Henry "Jimmy" Watkins. She loved her family and was well known to younger kids as "Granny Bea". Beatrice enjoyed living her life and shared this joy with many, many people. She was well known and loved. Mrs. Beatrice Watkins leaves to cherish her memory: 4 daughters, Christine (Bruce) Hawthorne of Covington, GA, Maxine Murphy of Port Huron, MI, Tracey Murphy and Ernestine Hayman, both of Flint; granddaughter, Leticia (Brandon) Forker; 4 grandsons, Gyjuan Hawthorne, Derek Hawthorne, James (Jocklyn) Mayfield and Kyle Hayman; 9 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren; sister, Bertha Murphy; 2 brothers,

Charles (Nancy) Murphy and Daniel (Maxine) Murphy; 4 nephews, Brock (Alvetta) Murphy, Jason Murphy, D'andrick Murphy and Julian (Tamika) Murphy; dearest friends, Cottrell Evans Jr., Pie Walker and family, Derrick Collins and family, Larry Johnson, Kemp Johnson, Carol Neeley, Doris Quarles and Gail Teer; adopted sons, Brod Washington, Greg Spotsville and Ricky Spotsville; god-daughter, Linda; god-nieces, Deanetris Armstrong, Pat Collins, Kannisha, Cynthia "Auntie", Lawana, (D.J.), Deb and Marlene; god-nephews, Rod Neeley and Reggie Neeley; Little Sis, Theresa Watson; a host of family and friends in many states. Mrs. Watkins was preceded in death by her husband, Jimmy Watkins; parents, Charles and Clara Murphy; brothers, James and Frank Murphy.

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Hills Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.  
Flint, MI 48504

# Previous Events

## Viewing

**JAN 24.** 12:00 PM - 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

**JAN 25.** 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

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JAN 25. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mrs. Beatrice Watkins*



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**Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home** - January 25, 2022 at 01:29 PM



“ *Mrs. Beatrice Watkins*

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October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Vivian Kelley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Beatrice Watkins*



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**Vivian Kelley** - January 26, 2022 at 02:23 AM



“ *Ernestine you are in my thoughts and prayers, my God comfort you in this most difficult time 🙏❤️*



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**Walette Morse** - January 25, 2022 at 07:43 PM

MH

“ *Marilyn Hudson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Beatrice Watkins*



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**marilyn hudson** - January 25, 2022 at 01:30 PM

BL

“ *My sincere prayers and condolences to the family. Ernestine , Christine and Tracey , i pray that God sends the Angel of Comfort to cover y'all . I remember that smile , and her laughter.*



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**Barbara Leake** - January 25, 2022 at 01:05 PM

DW

“ *Denise Wynne sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Beatrice Watkins*



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**Denise Wynne** - January 25, 2022 at 12:05 PM

SW

“ *Sharon Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Beatrice Watkins*



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**Sharon Williams** - January 25, 2022 at 10:12 AM

LN

“ I’m so sorry for your loss. May God comfort and give you peace.

Linda Nadir - January 25, 2022 at 09:14 AM

SP

“ We send our sincere condolences and prayers! Our love and memories of Bee will never cease! Love y’all!

Sam and Wendy

Sam and Wendy Pippins-Simon - January 25, 2022 at 07:57 AM

SP

“ Sam And Wendy Pippins-Simon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Beatrice Watkins



Sam and Wendy Pippins-Simon - January 25, 2022 at 07:54 AM

YC

“ Yolonda Cross lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Beatrice Watkins



Yolonda Cross - January 24, 2022 at 07:07 PM

MA

“ To the family of Ms Patrice Watkins my condolences to the family Christine Hawthorne my good friend I have you in my prayers the Lord will see you through this may you be forever blessed Christine from Martha

marthaderricks969@gmail.com - January 24, 2022 at 06:10 PM

CA

“ Sending my deepest sympathy to the Watkins family



Crystal Ashburn - January 24, 2022 at 05:42 PM

CA

“ Sending my deepest sympathy to the Watkins family 🌹



Crystal Ashburn - January 24, 2022 at 04:13 PM

FC

“ Fredricka Cross lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Beatrice Watkins



Fredricka cross - January 24, 2022 at 02:12 PM

WS

“ Ernestine and Watkins' family, you have our sympathy and prayers. " Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee:..."- Isaiah 26:3 Until you meet again, " The Lord bless you and keep you , " continually.- Numbers 6:24 Charles & Willene Sumpter of Vernon Chapel

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**Willene Sumpter** - January 24, 2022 at 02:12 PM

LM

“ To Tracy, Earnestine, Maxine, Christine, and the extended Murphy family.  
My sincere prayers and condolences are with you all during this most challenging time.  
May the Lord comfort, strengthen, and give you His peace, both now and forever...  
Blessings,  
Laverna



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**Laverna Murphy** - January 24, 2022 at 01:56 PM

TR

*What a beautiful picture of Bea her father and her daughter.*

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**Tracey** - January 30, 2022 at 12:00 PM



“ Cynthia Threlkeld-Jordan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Beatrice Watkins



Cynthia Threlkeld-Jordan - January 24, 2022 at 12:15 PM

CB

“ Cassandra Burks lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Beatrice Watkins



Cassandra Burks - January 23, 2022 at 06:44 PM

MW

“ Monique Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Beatrice Watkins



Monique Williams - January 23, 2022 at 06:29 PM

RF

“ To the family we offer our condolences to you and your family in the loss of Ms. Bea. A lot of fond memories of her from back in the day ♥



ReGina Adams and Family - January 23, 2022 at 06:01 PM

MS

“ *Maxine's neighbors-Annette, Ros, & Sue purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Beatrice Watkins.*



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**Maxine's neighbors-Annette, Ros, & Sue** - January 23, 2022 at 04:29 PM

DS

“ *Dorothy Simmons lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Beatrice Watkins*



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**Dorothy Simmons** - January 23, 2022 at 03:37 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Beatrice Watkins.*



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January 23, 2022 at 09:46 AM

DY

“ *DeWayne Younger lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Beatrice Watkins*



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**DeWayne Younger** - January 23, 2022 at 03:32 AM

TS

“ *Trina Stewart lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Beatrice Watkins*



Trina Stewart - January 23, 2022 at 02:46 AM

CJ

“ *Cheryl Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Beatrice Watkins*



Cheryl Johnson - January 23, 2022 at 02:42 AM

TL

“ *To the family of Beatrice Watkins. You have my sincere condolences. The Lord bless you and keep you, make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace. Amen 🙏🙏🙏 Love you Ernestine* ❤️

Tina Lincoln - January 22, 2022 at 11:23 PM

WE

“ *William & Emma Epps lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Beatrice Watkins*



William & Emma Epps - January 22, 2022 at 09:20 PM

FD

“ Tracey and family, I pray that you will feel the comfort of the LORD as you celebrate the life of your loved one. Many blessings to all of you in the name of our LORD.

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**Freedie and Jessie Darrough** - January 22, 2022 at 09:20 PM

JJ

“ Jovita Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Beatrice Watkins



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**Jovita Johnson** - January 22, 2022 at 01:56 PM

MY

My condolence to the family praying for strength and peace in this time of bereavement Rip Bea you will truly be missed I'm glad to have been part of life will miss all the fun times and laughter we shared their never be another bar stool mama

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**Magnolia Younger** - January 22, 2022 at 10:49 PM

BF

“ Ernestine We are Sending Our Love And Prayers To You and Your Family



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**Billings Family** - January 22, 2022 at 01:16 PM

CP

“ COREY PIERCE lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Beatrice Watkins



COREY PIERCE - January 22, 2022 at 11:43 AM

TW

“ Tamora Watson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Beatrice Watkins



Tamora Watson - January 22, 2022 at 11:07 AM

ML

“ Our condolences and prayers are with Minister Tracy Murphy for the loss of her mother. And brother Dan and Minister Maxine Murphy for the loss of his sister.



Marlon Lowe - January 21, 2022 at 07:21 PM

CW

“ Clyde & Janice Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Beatrice Watkins



Clyde & Janice Williams - January 21, 2022 at 06:25 PM

VB

“ *My deepest and sincerest condolences to Christine, Ernestine, Maxine, Tracey and extended family. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. I hope you can find comfort in the memories and celebration of Momma Bea's life.*



**Vickie Broome** - January 21, 2022 at 04:22 PM

JP

“ *Rest in peace Bea. Thanks for allowing me to be apart of your daughter's life an yours. You will always be my sis. Much love Jackie Lark-Porter*



**Jacqueline Porter** - January 21, 2022 at 04:14 PM

CL

“ *Brother Daniel and Sister Tracy our sincere condolences are with you in the transition of your sister and mother.*



**Clarence & Barbara Lewis** - January 21, 2022 at 03:10 PM

CL

“ *Clarence & Barbara Lewis sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Beatrice Watkins*



**Clarence & Barbara Lewis** - January 21, 2022 at 03:05 PM

CL

“ Clarence & Barbara Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Beatrice Watkins



Clarence & Barbara Lewis - January 21, 2022 at 03:03 PM

MD

“ Maxine Murphy Her Daughter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Beatrice Watkins



maxine murphy her daughter - January 21, 2022 at 09:39 AM

SP

“ Most sincere and deepest condolences to the family of one of the realest ladies ever!



San Powell - January 21, 2022 at 09:29 AM

FG

“ Fredricka “Ricky” Gist lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Beatrice Watkins



Fredricka “Ricky” Gist - January 21, 2022 at 09:12 AM

TR

“ Sending my love and prayers, to the family of, beloved Queen Bea!  
May your hearts be filled with, God's love, comfort and strength.  
Love on Jesus, He'll get you through it all!! ❤️❤️❤️🙏🙏🙏

Teresa Anthony-Johnson ReRe - January 21, 2022 at 02:54 AM

TR

“ Teresa Anthony-Johnson ReRe sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Beatrice Watkins



Teresa Anthony-Johnson ReRe - January 21, 2022 at 02:48 AM

TR

“ Praying with and for my sister's, Ernestine,  
Christine, Tracey and her beloved  
brother..much family, and many friends! May,  
God give you all, His perfect peace/❤️ & 🙏🙏  
🙏



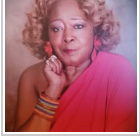
Teresa Anthony-Johnson ReRe - January 21, 2022 at 02:48 AM



“ Earlene Elliott sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Mrs. Beatrice Watkins



Earlene Elliott - January 21, 2022 at 01:23 AM



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“ Earlene Elliott sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Beatrice Watkins



Earlene Elliott - January 21, 2022 at 01:19 AM



“ Earlene Elliott sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Beatrice Watkins



Earlene Elliott - January 21, 2022 at 01:18 AM



“ Maxine Murphy Her Daughter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Beatrice Watkins



maxine murphy her daughter - January 20, 2022 at 11:01 PM

RB

“ *Raino Branch sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Beatrice Watkins*



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**Raino Branch** - January 20, 2022 at 08:21 PM

VL

“ *Bro Daniel Murphy and Sis Tracy Murphy, you have my condolences in the passing of your sister and mother!!! May the peace of God guard your heart as you mourn the transition of your loved one! May God's unfailing strength comfort you now and the days ahead.*



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**Valerie Leslie** - January 20, 2022 at 03:56 PM



“ *God Bless you!*



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**Carla Moses** - January 20, 2022 at 02:55 PM



“ *To Chrissy, Tracey, Maxine and Earnestine, you all are in my prayers. I'm so very sorry about your loss of your mother. May God continue to give you strength and courage to help you get through these difficult times!*



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**Carla Moses** - January 20, 2022 at 02:52 PM

SF

“ *Sharon Fleming lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Beatrice Watkins*



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**Sharon Fleming** - January 20, 2022 at 01:50 PM

DQ

“ *My prayers are with you and your family and friends. Bea was a very good friend of mine and I will miss her. We talked every morning. Rest in peace my friend.*

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**Doris Quarles** - January 20, 2022 at 01:13 PM

DQ

“ *Doris Quarles lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Beatrice Watkins*



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**Doris Quarles** - January 20, 2022 at 12:55 PM

CM

“ *Sis. Tracy and Bro. Dan Murphy you and the entire family have my sympathy and prayers. Praying that God's Word In 1THESS 4:13-18 comfort you.*



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**Catherine McDowell** - January 20, 2022 at 12:51 PM

NO

“ NaRotha Ogden lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Beatrice Watkins



NaRotha Ogden - January 20, 2022 at 12:25 PM

LM

“ Lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Beatrice Watkins, better known as B sending my prayers and condolences to my extended family sorry for y'all loss she will truly be missed gone but not forgotten. R.I.P. B! Fay Mayfield and family



Linda Mayfield - January 20, 2022 at 11:05 AM

CD

“ Cheryl Price Dickson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Beatrice Watkins



Cheryl Price Dickson - January 20, 2022 at 10:37 AM

AW

“ Aaron Watkins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Beatrice Watkins



Aaron Watkins - January 20, 2022 at 10:24 AM

BW

“ *BRIDGETTE WATKINS lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Beatrice Watkins*



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**BRIDGETTE WATKINS** - January 20, 2022 at 10:19 AM

GL

*Your family is in our Prayers. May the Peace of God Rest upon you all in Jesus Name Amen. The Lang Family. We Love you Min. Tracy* ❤️ ❤️

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**Glenda Lang** - January 20, 2022 at 10:50 AM

KJ

*To the Murphy family, my first cousins, my memories of Beatrice is how she loved life and how she would light a room up with laughter and fun. May her soul Rest In Peace and all of the souls of the dearly departed. I love you all,*

*Kenneth and Bonnie Johnson*

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**Kenneth Johnson** - February 01, 2022 at 06:50 AM

TW

“ *Sending sincere condolences to the family of Ms. B.*



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**Tamera Wade** - January 20, 2022 at 09:33 AM

MG

“ To the Watkins and Murphy Families, our hearts are saddened to hear of the passing of Beatrice. You have our deepest sympathy and during a time such as this we will lift you up through prayer. May God continue to bless, keep, and smile upon your Family. Be encouraged.  
Min. Joseph & Sheila Gaines

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**Min. Joseph R. Gaines** - January 20, 2022 at 09:00 AM

LM

“ Lanita Murray Marion lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Beatrice Watkins



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**Lanita Murray Marion** - January 20, 2022 at 08:33 AM

DT

“ Debby Taylor sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Beatrice Watkins



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**Debby Taylor** - January 20, 2022 at 06:51 AM

DY

“ DeWayne Younger lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Beatrice Watkins



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**DeWayne Younger** - January 20, 2022 at 03:39 AM

RS

“ *Rosalind Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Beatrice Watkins*



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**Rosalind Smith** - January 19, 2022 at 09:24 PM

YG

“ *Yakima Givens sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Beatrice Watkins*



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**Yakima Givens** - January 19, 2022 at 08:38 PM

DH

“ *Darryl Hayman sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Beatrice Watkins*



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**Darryl Hayman** - January 19, 2022 at 08:37 PM

SL

“ *Shenea Leeper sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Beatrice Watkins*



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**Shenea Leeper** - January 19, 2022 at 08:37 PM

SH

“ *Shelia Hayman sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Beatrice Watkins*



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**Shelia Hayman** - January 19, 2022 at 08:36 PM

LH

“ *Lillie Bell Hayman sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Beatrice Watkins*



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**Lillie Bell Hayman** - January 19, 2022 at 08:35 PM