

Pastor Leion Watkins

March 31, 1933 - April 27, 2016

WATKINS, Pastor Leion - Age 83, made his heavenly transition on Wednesday, April 27, 2016 in Tulsa, OK. Family hour 10:00 a.m. Saturday, May 7, 2016 at New Beginnings Ministries, 5227 Beecher Rd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 a.m. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, G-4200 Belford Rd., Holly, MI. Family and friends will assemble at the church 10:00 a.m. Saturday. Pastor Watkins will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Friday with family present from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. to receive friends.

Pastor Leion Watkins was born March 31, 1933. His love of life and comical personality was as a magnet that drew people to him. Many called him "Pop" Watkins. He loved to sing and preach. He worked puzzles, made kites, watched Charlie Brown, and ate candy (too much!) PFC Watkins boxed in special services during his assignment in the Korean War. He retired from General Motors in 1982. He enjoyed painting, building, and even upholstery. He accepted the call to preach and began Free at Last Gospel Cathedral in 1986, where he was steadfast and many were blessed. God spoke to him to transfer in 2002 to New Beginning Ministries where he faithfully worked under leadership of Pastors Clarence and Barbara Lewis until his release to move to Tulsa in 2006. He was currently in fellowship with Presence Theater Church in Owasso, Oklahoma under Pastors Alvin and Sennola Fruga. His service and

dedication has been experienced and appreciated by many

He leaves to cherish his life, devoted wife of 46 years, Lois R. Watkins of Tulsa, OK.

Four biological children with his deceased wife (Margaret Joan). Sons, Roderick T. (Kimberly) Watkins of Grand Blanc, MI; Leonardo Watkins of Flint, MI. Daughters, Sylvania (Jenard) Rogers, and Margaret (Claude) Mack. He devotedly raised children with his present wife, Lois. Sons: Jo Nathan (Danielle) Watkins, Isaac (Shameika) Watkins, and daughters Marcheta (Jessie) Todd, Theresa Fleming and Katrina Blunt. Grandsons: Christen, Kendrick, Cameron, Bennie (BJ), Andrew (AJ) and Mario. Granddaughters: Shalonda, Margaret, Sherrie, China, Kia Marie, GeRhonda, Sylvania, Diamond, GeSheika, GeNean, Jaiden, Olivia, Amanda, Mekaila and Donae Sister and brother-in-law Luvenia (Elder Turner) Hartfield. Brother-in-law Nathaniel Ferrell. Sister-in-laws, Verniece Watkins, Mildred Watkins, Joyce Barrow, Wilma Blunt, and Rose Ellen Ferrell.

Numerous great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews and too many special children to mention.

He was preceded in death by first wife Margaret Joan Watkins, parents Rev. Ira and Elnora Watkins, Brothers: Ivory, Rev. Jay, Larry, an Rev. Sylvester Watkins; Sister Christine Young and great- granddaughter "Alayjiah".

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

G-4200 Belford Rd.
Holly, MI 48442

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAY 6. 1:00 PM - 8:00 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 Present

MAY 6. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Family hour

MAY 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

New Beginnings Ministries
G-5227 Beecher Rd.
Flint, MI

Service

MAY 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

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G-5227 Beecher Rd.
Flint, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *Pastor Leion Watkins*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Juanita Mccann lit a candle in memory of
Pastor Leion Watkins*



Juanita Mccann - May 07, 2016 at 12:51 PM



“ *Narotha Ogden lit a candle in memory of
Pastor Leion Watkins*



Narotha Ogden - May 06, 2016 at 09:35 PM

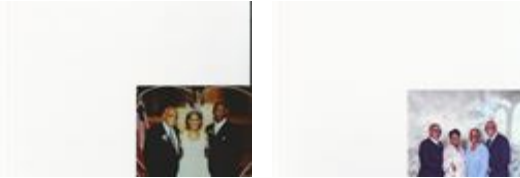


Thank You Narotha

Marcheta Todd - May 09, 2016 at 09:52 PM



“ 2 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - May 06, 2016 at 04:49 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Pastor Leion Watkins.



May 06, 2016 at 01:16 PM



“ 51 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - May 06, 2016 at 12:33 PM

HC

“ You have my condolence and prayers at this time.
I wish that I could have heard him sing one more time, but
God has a new choir member.
Love you.
Hilda



Hilda Craig - May 06, 2016 at 08:03 AM

GC

“ I remember meeting your Dad for the very first time. He was jovial, spiritual, and a God fearing man. Enjoying him preach at church was an unforgettable experience. Together Roderick and I stood in front of the pulpit as he welcomed me as a visitor. His smile was unforgettable. I was nervous and he said " all is well with the Lord". Rest in peace Pastor Watkins. Sincerely, Genoola Bennett-Cooper.

Genoola Bennett- Cooper - May 05, 2016 at 09:15 PM

TH

“ Tamika Harden lit a candle in memory of Pastor Leion Watkins



Tamika Harden - May 05, 2016 at 07:02 PM

AI

“ To Sister Lois Watkins and Family,

Pastor Leion Watkins will always be within your heart and the many others that loved him and as close as a beautiful memory. We shall never forget his sense of humor and the love and kindness he showed whenever we met.. "The memory of the righteous is a blessing." Proverbs 10:7

Sister Annabelle Ireland and Family

Annabelle Ireland - May 05, 2016 at 01:33 PM

AI

“ Annabelle Ireland sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor Leion Watkins



Annabelle Ireland - May 05, 2016 at 01:25 PM

DW

“ I will definitely miss my Father-in-law Leion. He always tried to get me in trouble with giving him snacks and candy trying to be sneaky without anyone looking. He loved his candy, snacks and watermelon. I always put a care package together for him when he left my house after dinner. We will miss the time we spent together as a family eating after Church on a Sunday, or during the Holiday's or just going to visit him at their home. He was an exceptional Father-in-law and I loved him very much. He was always joking and messing around with us and the kids. I was so happy that we got to spend his 83rd Birthday with him at the Cheesecake Factory on March 31st we had a great time, Then next we had a nice Easter dinner at our home. We just ate, talked, watched TV and relaxed for hours that afternoon. They just recently had taken Mario and Mekaila out to Carrabbas for dinner to spend some quality time with the kids, which they did often. There will be a big void in our hearts, but we know that we will see him again someday and it does my heart good knowing that he is no longer in pain or suffering, or having a hard time walking with his cane. This helps ease our pain. Love always, your Daughter-In-Love (My Mother-in-law always says In Love instead of In Law)
Danielle Watkins - Jo Nathan's Wife - Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

Danielle Watkins - May 04, 2016 at 12:04 PM

KR

“ Kendall Reaves lit a candle in memory of
Pastor Leion Watkins



Kendall Reaves - May 04, 2016 at 01:01 AM

TM

“ On behalf of the Washington Family...we are praying for you all.

Tracy Y Miller - May 03, 2016 at 08:09 PM

BF

“ Those we love can never be more than a thought away...as long as there's a memory they live in our hearts to stay.

Our deepest sympathy,
The Buggs Family

Buggs Family - May 03, 2016 at 07:32 PM

DO

“ Deloris Odom lit a candle in memory of Pastor Leion Watkins



Deloris Odom - May 03, 2016 at 07:22 PM

MT

“ Margo Thompson lit a candle in memory of Pastor Leion Watkins



Margo Thompson - May 03, 2016 at 05:31 PM

RF

“ He was a father image to my daughters and they will miss him, and they shared a love for each other, a brother in law who will be greatly missed and loved.

Rose Ferrell - May 03, 2016 at 01:57 PM

RF

“ My deepest condolences to my sister and family Leion was phenomenal, one of a kind, Peace!

Rose Ferrell - May 03, 2016 at 01:45 PM

MA

“ I loved to hear Pastor Leion sing. He had a beautiful voice and you could tell he sang from his heart.

Mary Davis-Taylor & Family

Mary - May 03, 2016 at 01:25 PM



AJ

“ Andrea Jones lit a candle in memory of Pastor Leion Watkins

Andrea Jones - May 03, 2016 at 11:38 AM



CW

“ Pastors Leon and Jay Watkins Ordained me to preach the gospel. They were really proud of me. He would let me preach all the time, when I visited his church. I will always remember the times we spent praying and serving the Lord. I love you uncle Leion and I will forever be grateful to you and Aunt Lois. Pastor Cynthia Watkins

Cynthia Watkins - May 03, 2016 at 11:01 AM



“ A Jeffrey LaValley lit a candle in memory of Pastor Leion Watkins



A Jeffrey LaValley - May 03, 2016 at 08:06 AM

SE

“ Sandra Epps sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor Leion Watkins



Sandra Epps - May 02, 2016 at 07:53 PM



“ Shirley(Palmer) Brown



Shirley Brown - May 02, 2016 at 05:49 PM

CM

“ *The. Entire Family have my sympathy and prayers. Cathi McDowell*



Cathi McDowell - May 02, 2016 at 05:13 PM

DB

“ *May God bless the family of Pastor Watkins in their time of sorrow may (Philippians:4:6,7) give you comfort and the means to endure this difficult time and encourage you to God in prayer.*



Daisy Boone - May 02, 2016 at 04:05 PM

RW

“ *Rudy & Geneva Ward lit a candle in memory of Pastor Leion Watkins*



Rudy & Geneva Ward - May 02, 2016 at 06:02 AM

PB

“ *Patricia Barker lit a candle in memory of Pastor Leion Watkins*



Patricia Barker - May 01, 2016 at 03:18 PM

RW

“ Roderick & Kimberly Watkins lit a candle in memory of Pastor Leion Watkins



Roderick & Kimberly Watkins - May 01, 2016 at 08:02 AM

AC

“ Anthony And Carol.Hill lit a candle in memory of Pastor Leion Watkins



Anthony and Carol.Hill - May 01, 2016 at 07:06 AM

SF

“ Sandy T Neal And Family lit a candle in memory of Pastor Leion Watkins



Sandy T Neal and family - April 30, 2016 at 08:53 PM

SF

“ Sandy T Neal And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor Leion Watkins



Sandy T Neal and family - April 30, 2016 at 08:53 PM

LR

“ *Liz Roper-Franklin lit a candle in memory of
Pastor Leion Watkins*



Liz Roper-Franklin - April 30, 2016 at 06:06 AM