



## Mr. Albert Lee "Smootie" Watkins

April 25, 1950 - January 8, 2019

Albert Lee "Smootie" Watkins, 68 of Spencer passed away Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at Liberty Commons, Salisbury.

Born April 25, 1950 in Rowan County, he was the son of the late Billy Ray Watkins and Bettie Newcomb Watkins.

Mr. Watkins graduated from North Rowan High School and was a veteran of the US Marine Corp.

He was a long haul truck driver before retiring.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Jennifer Watkins Zirt.

Those left to cherish his memory are his daughters, Amanda Hooper (Kenny) of Salisbury, and Julie Willmott (Tommy, Jr.) of Virginia Beach, VA; brothers, George Ray Watkins (Sylvia) of Rural Hall and William Lee "Billy" Watkins (Rindy) of Salisbury; sister, Shirley Ann Koontz (Joe) of Lexington; grandchildren, Whitney Watkins, Zachary Watkins (Tyanna), KJ Hooper and Thomas Willmott, III; six great-grandchildren; three nieces and 2 nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted 12 Noon Tuesday (Jan. 15) at Summersett

Memorial Chapel, with Pastor Tommy Willmott, Jr., officiating. Interment will follow at the Salisbury VA National Cemetery with Military Graveside Rites will be conducted by the US Marine Corp and the Rowan County Veterans Honor Guard.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Watkins family. Online condolences may be made at [www.summersettfuneralhome.com](http://www.summersettfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Salisbury National Cemetery

501 Statesville Blvd.  
Salisbury, NC 28144

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN 15. 12:00 PM (ET)

Summersett Memorial Chapel  
1315 W. Innes St.  
Salisbury, NC 28144

## Graveside Service

JAN 15. 1:00 PM (ET)

Salisbury National Cemetery  
501 Statesville Blvd.  
Salisbury, NC 28144

# Tribute Wall

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“ Sincere sympathy to the Watkins family upon the passing of Albert "Smootie." In times ahead, as you remember special moments of Albert in your lives, may your hearts be warmed, comforted, and at peace.

Charlotte B., NRHS 1968

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Charlotte B., NRHS 1968 - January 14, 2019 at 07:01 PM

LF

“ Life Protect 24/7 Family and Friends purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mr. Albert Lee "Smootie" Watkins.



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Life Protect 24/7 Family and Friends - January 14, 2019 at 04:24 PM

JB

“ My deepest condolences to you Julie and your family. May your cherished memories of your father help carry you through this difficult time. John B.

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John B - January 13, 2019 at 08:18 PM

GD

“ Thanks Smootie for years of service to The Real Reel and our country. You were someone we could always rely on to make deliveries. You'll be missed.

Greg Dunn

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Greg Dunn - January 13, 2019 at 10:31 AM



“ *I remember in high school, he got called to the principals office everyday. It was funny because we were always waiting on it.* ”

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**Shirley Curlee** - January 12, 2019 at 09:46 PM