



Jesse James Watkins

June 16, 1923 - November 24, 2013

Jesse James Watkins, 90, of Woodleaf passed away Sunday, November 24, 2013 at Novant Health Rowan Medical Center.

Born June 16, 1923 in Apex, NC, he was the son of the late Annie Douglas Watkins. He was educated in the St. Mary's School, Hillborough.

Mr. Watkins was a veteran of the US Army from 1943-45. He served with the 551st Anti-Aircraft Battalion, 20th Corp attached to Patton's 3rd Army and received 5 Bronze Service Stars.

A roofing and building contractor, he operated Chapel Hill Roofing for 25 years and Watkins Industries in Myrtle Beach for 14 years before retiring.

He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

Mr. Watkins was preceded in death by his wife, Nell Watkins on July 9, 1999 and a son, Steve Watkins on Jan. 28, 2013.

Those left to cherish his memory is his son, Gary D. Watkins and wife Diane of Woodleaf; daughter, Lorrie Ann Watkins of Salisbury; daughter-in-law, Linda Bivins Watkins of Myrtle Beach, SC; grandchildren, Steve W. Watkins and wife Linette of Myrtle Beach, SC, Angela Watkins Lowery and husband Marc of

Myrtle Beach, SC, Jessica Watkins Andrews and husband Brian of Raleigh, Katie Watkins of Salisbury; great-grandchildren, Kyle Watkins, Kaylee Watkins, Royal Lowery, Autumn Lowery, Haven Lowery, Charleston Lowery all of Myrtle Beach, SC and Jennifer Mabe and Aaron Mabe both of Winston-Salem.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 PM Tuesday at the Summersett Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be conducted 2:00 PM – Wednesday (Nov. 27) at Calvary Baptist Church with the Rev. Dr. Rick Cockerham, officiating. Mr. Watkins will lie in state 30 minutes before the service. Entombment will follow at Rowan Memorial Park Mausoleum.

Memorials may be made to Calvary Baptist Church, 2255 E. Ridge Rd., Salisbury, NC 28144, the Salvation Army, 620 Bringle Ferry Road, Salisbury, NC 28144 or Rowan Helping Ministries, PO Box 4026, Salisbury, NC 28145

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Watkins family. Online condolences and memorial tributes may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Linda B. Watkins purchased the Reflections of Glory Wreath for the family of Jesse James Watkins.*



Linda B. Watkins - November 26, 2013 at 03:37 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Jesse James Watkins.*



November 25, 2013 at 01:33 PM