

Floral & Casket Bearers

Nieces & Nephews

Forever in our hearts



DO NOT STAND AT MY GRAVE AND WEEP
DO NOT STAND AT MY GRAVE AND WEEP
I AM NOT THERE. I DO NOT SLEEP.
I AM A THOUSAND WINDS THAT BLOW.
I AM THE DIAMOND GLINTS ON SNOW.
I AM THE SUNLIGHT ON RIPENED GRAIN.
I AM THE GENTLE AUTUMN'S RAIN.
WHEN YOU AWAKEN IN THE MORNING'S HUSH,
I AM THE SWIFT UPLIFTING RUSH
OF QUIET BIRDS IN CIRCLED FLIGHT.
I AM THE SOFT STARS THAT SHINE AT NIGHT.
DO NOT STAND AT MY GRAVE AND CRY:
I AM NOT THERE. I DID NOT DIE.

Acknowledgment

THE FAMILY OF MR. WALTER W. WATKINS JR. GRATEFULLY
ACKNOWLEDGES YOUR KIND AND WARM WORDS OF
EXPRESSIONS, CALLS, CARDS, AND PRAYERS TO OUR
FAMILY. WE PRAY THAT GOD'S GRACE AND MERCY REMAIN
WITH EACH OF YOU.

~THE FAMILY~

Smith's Funeral Home

604 Salisbury Street, Wadesboro, NC 28170

Celebrating
THE LIFE OF



WALTER W. WATKINS JR.

NOVEMBER 11, 1953 - APRIL 14, 2026

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026, 3:00 PM

Pastor Darryl Medley, Officiating

Rev. Marcus L. Fairley, M.Div., Eulogist

Obituary

WALTER W. WATKINS, JR. PASSED AWAY PEACEFULLY ON TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2026, SURROUNDED BY HIS LOVING WIFE, CHILDREN, AND EXTENDED FAMILY.

WALTER WAS BORN ON NOVEMBER 11, 1953, IN ANSON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, TO THE LATE LESSIE WATKINS MEADOWS AND WALTER WOOD WATKINS, SR. HE WAS EDUCATED IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF STANLY COUNTY AND GRADUATED FROM ALBEMARLE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL IN ALBEMARLE, NORTH CAROLINA.

HE WAS A DEDICATED EMPLOYEE OF THE STANLY COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT, WHERE HE FAITHFULLY SERVED FOR 33 YEARS BEFORE RETIRING.

WALTER WAS A DEVOTED MEMBER OF CEDAR HILL AME ZION CHURCH. HE WAS UNITED IN HOLY MATRIMONY TO THE FORMER ALICE DAVIS, AND TOGETHER THEY SHARED 45 WONDERFUL YEARS OF MARRIAGE.



IN ADDITION TO HIS PARENTS, HE WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HIS SON, QUENTIN D. WATKINS; TWO SISTERS, MINNIE RUTH WATKINS AND DARLENE STURDIVANT ELAM; AND ONE BROTHER, LEVI WATKINS.

THOSE LEFT TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY, IN ADDITION TO HIS BELOVED WIFE, INCLUDE HIS SON, WALTER WATKINS III "TREY" (MONICA) OF CHARLOTTE; HIS DAUGHTER, ALISHA (DARWIN) MOBLEY OF CONCORD; AND THREE GRANDDAUGHTERS, DR. MARIAH CASON, JULIA (BRIAN) SMITH, AND MARY ELLA WATKINS.

HE IS ALSO SURVIVED BY THREE BROTHERS, PRENTICE L. (RENNIE) WATKINS OF ANSONVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA, JOE C. (JACKIE) WATKINS AND JARVIS (ROGINA) WATKINS, BOTH OF ALBEMARLE, NORTH CAROLINA; AND ONE SISTER, LULA W. (MICHAEL) FAIRLEY OF ALBEMARLE, NORTH CAROLINA. WALTER ALSO LEAVES BEHIND A HOST OF NIECES, NEPHEWS, COUSINS, AND DEAR FRIENDS WHO WILL FOREVER CHERISH HIS MEMORY.

Order of Service

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INVOCATION

SELECTION- PASTOR JOSHUA ELLERBE
POPLAR SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

OLD TESTAMENT- REV. ANTHONY LEDBETTER
NEW TESTAMENT- PASTOR JOSIE CALDWELL
NEW HOPE CHRISTIAN FAITH CHURCH

PRAYER OF COMFORT- PASTOR CHARLES BARRINO
SAINTS DELIGHT CHURCH

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

SLIDE SHOW

REMARKS -LIMIT 2 MINUTES
TIMOTHY DAVIS

SELECTION- MR. ERIC BALDWIN

EULOGY- REV. MARCUS L. FAIRLEY, M.DIV.,
ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

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