



Ruth L Watkins

February 27, 1925 - April 26, 2019

Ruth L. Watkins, 94, formerly of Benton Harbor went to her heavenly home on Friday, April 26, 2019 at the West Woods of Niles in Niles.

Services celebrating her life will be held at 11 AM on Thursday at the First Church of the Nazarene in St. Joseph. Burial will follow in Crystal Springs Cemetery. The visitation will be from 6 PM to 8 PM on Wednesday at the Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in Benton Township. Memorials may be made to the Activities Fund at West Woods of Niles. Please share memories, messages or photos at www.florin.net.

Ruth was born on Feb 27, 1925 in Alton, IL to Ernest and Vernice Fairbanks. She married her husband, Cameron Watkins, on May 2, 1953 and he preceded her in death on Nov 5, 2012. Together they celebrated 60 years of marriage. Ruth was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene. She was a faithful and spiritual person who enjoyed reading the Bible and singing hymns. She also enjoyed embroidery and would embroider all most anything. Ruth was a kind, gentle, and loving mother and homemaker to her family. She also enjoyed helping other people almost every day.

Her family includes her daughter, Janet (Michael) Freeman of Benton Harbor; her son, Richard (Erica) Watkins of Niles; her 4 grandchildren, Jennifer Johnson of Southfield, MI, Jessica (Derek) Thigpin of Milford, MI, Joshua

(Danielle) Johnson of Murfreesboro, TN. and Christopher Watkins of Niles; her 7 great-grandchildren, Destiny, Kamryn, Denois, Eligah, Jayla, Joshua, and Sydney; her brother, Lester (Sue) Fairbanks of Watervliet, her sister, Esther Goldamer of Paw Paw and her nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by her 2 sons, John and James.

Cemetery Details

Crystal Springs Cemetery

1655 E Napier Ave
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 1. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service
1053 East Napier Avenue
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
(269) 926-7222
staff@florin.net

Services Celebrating Her Life

MAY 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Church of Nazarene
3351 Niles Road
St. Joseph, MI 49085

Burial

MAY 2. 1:00 PM (ET)

Crystal Springs Cemetery
1655 E Napier Ave
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Luncheon

MAY 2. 1:00 PM (ET)

First Church of Nazarene
3351 Niles Road
St. Joseph, MI 49085

Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ruth L Watkins.* ”



May 02, 2019 at 11:06 AM



“ *Linda Schaffert lit a candle in memory of Ruth L Watkins* ”



llinda schaffert - May 02, 2019 at 03:26 AM



“ *Eric Oligeo lit a candle in memory of Ruth L Watkins* ”



Eric Oligeo - May 01, 2019 at 02:57 PM



“ *Nicolas Gonzales lit a candle in memory of Ruth L Watkins* ”



Nicolas Gonzales - May 01, 2019 at 09:55 AM



“ *Shirley Vance lit a candle in memory of Ruth L Watkins*



Shirley Vance - April 30, 2019 at 12:21 AM



“ *My Aunt Ruth was a strong Christian woman that was always there for her family.
I know how she loved cute little rhymes so I wrote one for her:*

*My eyes look up to heaven to try and see your smile
And even though I miss you
I'll see you in a while
Your looking down and smiling, your pain has gone away
Your shouting "Thank you Jesus", for this blessed day
As you reunite with your loved ones, and the harps start to play
You ran the race, you fought the fight....
Now you have eternal light*

"Amazing Grace", Rest in peace - til I see your loving face.

Shirley Vance - April 30, 2019 at 12:00 AM



In memory of Ruth Watkins from your loving niece.

Shirley Vance - May 02, 2019 at 03:03 PM

TS

“ *May the peace and love of our Lord and Savior bring you comfort in knowing you will one day be reunited again.
I grew up nearby in Benton Harbor, attending school with both John and James.*



Tammy (Herman) Shembarger - April 29, 2019 at 09:22 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ruth L Watkins.*



April 29, 2019 at 08:11 PM

NB

“ *Mrs. Watkins lived next door to my grandmother in Benton Harbor. She and her husband were watchful of my grandmother. They were wonderful neighbors, always said Hello, how are you?*

Nancy Steele Butzbach - April 29, 2019 at 01:34 PM

RI

“ *What a beautiful Mother who's faithfulness and love for God and her family inspires me to to live up to such as an example as her's. I'm so grateful and thankful to be your son. You are now with loved ones who have gone before you and not confined to a broken and worn body. Thank you for a lifetime of memories I will never forget.*

Richard - April 28, 2019 at 11:49 AM

ME

Great Aunt Ruth, was a sweet, loving, humble, and kind person. I never heard her speak badly about anyone! She loved her husband, children and all of her Family and friends dearly! I will greatly miss you! I know you must be rejoicing in heaven, surrounded by all of your Family and friends that were waiting with open arms to greet you! To Richard and Janet and Family, I am sorry for the grief and huge loss that you are going through, may God bring you comfort and peace! With love and prayers, Melanie

Melanie - April 29, 2019 at 10:23 AM