



Mary Nell Watkins

October 10, 1934 - November 15, 2016

Mary Nell Watkins was born in Beggs Oklahoma on October 10, 1934 To Marcell and Curley Thompson.

She married her high school sweetheart Murrell Watkins on July 4th 1952. Preceded in death by both parents Marcell and Curley Thompson, Husband Murrell Watkins, 1 brother Jim Bill Thompson, and 2 sisters Sara Lewis and Anna Thornbrue (Aunt Bo)

Survived by 1 Brother Mack Thompson and wife Jo Francis of Okemah, son Terry Watkins and wife Debbie of Okmulgee, son James Watkins and wife Sandra of Alvin TX and daughter Jo Nell Grimmatt and husband David of Okmulgee 5 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren with one on the way and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Mary Nell grew up in Okemah where she graduated with the class of 1952. She spent her early adult life as a homemaker caring for her children in Okmulgee where she also worked for Okmulgee Public Schools. She followed her husband Murrell's career from Okmulgee to Chouteau and then to Bartlesville where she spent time making ceramics and enjoying her grandchildren. They returned to Okmulgee after his retirement in 1989 after which he succumbed to illness a short time later.

After Murrell's passing she focused on her family. She spent time bus touring with her sister Anna (Bo). She led her children and grandchildren on many summer vacations either to Branson or to Galveston. She always found joy in her family and was happiest when they were all together.

Mary Nell was a long time member of Second Baptist Church. For many years she could be found on Sunday mornings at the church praising the Lord and happy to do it. She was known to many as a devout prayer warrior and could be relied upon, any time, to pray for anybody.

Mary Nell passed away on Tuesday morning, November 15, 2016 in Tulsa.

A funeral service will be held 10:00 A.M. Saturday, November 19, 2016 at the Second Baptist Church with Reverend Billy Green officiating assisted by Reverend Steve Gallagher. Interment will follow in the Okmulgee Cemetery. Casketbearers will be Wes Watkins, Brandon Munoz, Zach Grimmett, Spike Casey, Sean Thornbrue, Kent Green, Jake Garrett and Levi Garrett. Honorary casketbearers will be Steve Menasco, Lonnie Myers, Dale Loague, Mike Raefield and Roger Giessmann. The family will receive friends on Friday evening from 6:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society in Mary's memory.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home of Okmulgee.

Memories, condolences, photos and videos may be shared with the family on Mary's Tribute Page of our website at www.mcclendon-winters.com

Cemetery Details

Okmulgee Cemetery

2601 South Wood Drive
Okmulgee, OK 74447
(918) 756-5109

Previous Events

Viewing

NOV 18. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - Okmulgee
303 E. 7th Street
Okmulgee, OK 74447
(918) 756-1677
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Visitation

NOV 18. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

NOV 19. 10:00 AM (CT)

Second Baptist Church
1001 N. Alabama
Okmulgee, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *McClendon-Winters Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Nell Watkins*



McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - November 17, 2016 at 10:05 AM



So sorry to hear about Mary Nell, I know she is walking the streets of gold with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and enjoying every minute of it. I will pray for your family during this time of loss. May God wrap His arms around each member of your family during this time.

Carol and Sherry Adams

Carol Adams - November 17, 2016 at 08:21 PM



“ *Mary Nell Watkins*

December 20, 2022 at 11:29 AM



“ *Linda Gray lit a candle in memory of Mary Nell Watkins*



Linda Gray - February 09, 2017 at 09:17 PM

LB

“ Jo Nell, so sorry for your loss. Your mom was such a sweet lady, but you know that!

Lisa Bennett - November 29, 2016 at 08:41 PM

JM

“ Jacqueline Maloney-Mays lit a candle in memory of Mary Nell Watkins



Jacqueline Maloney-Mays - November 18, 2016 at 01:16 PM

JM

*RIP Mary Nell.
Your loved one's met you at the Pearly Gates.*

I was lucky to have known you.

*Love,
Jackie*

Jacqueline Maloney-Mays - November 18, 2016 at 01:23 PM

JW

Mary Nell and my sister Fern, birthdays October 10th, were inseparable in elementary school at Okfuskee. Now, they both are together with our Lord.

Jimmy Wade

Jimmy Wade - November 19, 2016 at 06:15 AM

MH

“ I fell in love with Mrs. Watkins my first day of middle school. She was such a loving and kind lady that greeted us as as she collected our lunch money. She touched so many lives and will be missed. Sending prayers of comfort and peace to you all.

Margaret Hess - November 17, 2016 at 09:04 PM



“ Prayers for your family. So sad to see this. JoNell, enjoyed your parents so many years ago. Your mom was a very sweet and caring soul. Prayers for you and your family.

Penny Ritter - November 17, 2016 at 06:40 PM

JT

“ So sorry to hear about your mom Jo Nell. I remember how she loved to go to and contests with you. My prayers are with you!!

Jeanette Taylor - November 17, 2016 at 06:00 PM

DJ

Jo Nell my heart goes out to you and your family. Your mom was always so kind to me and I loved seeing her at church and at the softball fields. She was a wonderful Lady and I have to think God we where able to cross paths. Prayers for you and your family.

Debbie Jimboy - November 17, 2016 at 07:21 PM



Jo Nell, I am so sorry to hear of your Mom's passing, She was a lovely and friendly person. She never failed to greet you with a smile. She will be missed by many. I pray for God to be with you and your family to give you comfort and strength through this difficult time.

Linda Gray - November 17, 2016 at 10:49 PM

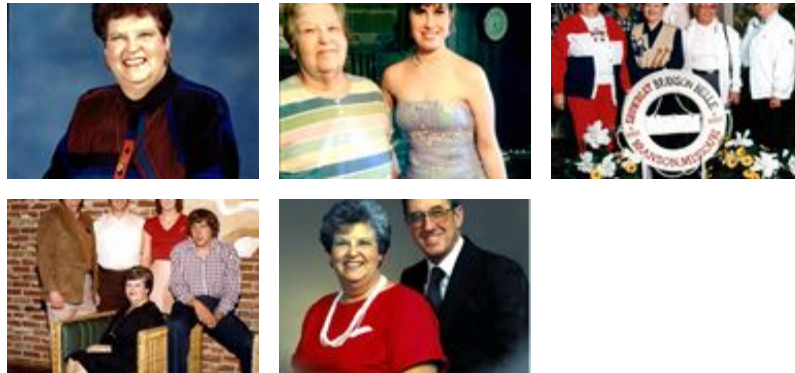
MA

“ So saddened to hear of Mary Nell's passing. Prayers for you all.

Mary Anderson - November 17, 2016 at 04:11 PM



“ 89 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - November 17, 2016 at 09:25 AM

CG

“ *Have many memories of Mary Nell from the old Okfuskee grade school and Okemah High school. She had an outgoing personality and we had lots of fun riding the school bus to Okemah. My sympathy to her family and loved ones. Christeen and Lloyd Gaskill*

Christeen Gaskill - November 17, 2016 at 09:12 AM