



## Neil Nelson Watkins

October 23, 2024

Neil Nelson Watkins, of Thomasville went home to be with the Lord, Wednesday, October 23, 2024 at his residence.

Neil was born to the late Bish and Ila Haltom Watkins in Lexington. Neil attended Davis Townsend School and left at the age of 17 to join the United States Army Air Force. He returned to Davidson County and started a family with his bride Mary Lou Malpass and they were married for 71 years. Neil was a member of Rich Fork Baptist Church where he met Jesus many years ago. His work ethic shined in providing for his family as a mill worker, truck driver, and a cloth cutter in the furniture industry. Neil enjoyed fishing, gardening, travel with family, and simply being outdoors playing with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren whom he loved. He is now in the presence of God, rejoined with his wife walking the shores of Heaven.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Lou Watkins, January 31, 2024; six siblings, Myrtle, Perline, Clarice, Zelma, Vann, and Felix.

Surviving are two children, Ricky Watkins of the home, Ginger Bethea (David) of Thomasville; four grandchildren, Gina Crayton (Allen Sluder), Aaron Watkins, Thad Watkins (Jan), Stacey Schombert (Travis); a brother, James "Jim" Clark Watkins (Jan); nine great-grandchildren, Cory Crayton, Skyler and

Nick Doss, Miley Hagins, Finlee, Rhett, Landree Watkins, Isla Jolene and Malia Lou Schombert. Also, he loved his double first cousins very much, Jerry, Don, Gene, Claude, Paul and other extended family members.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 AM, Saturday, October 26, 2024 at the J.C. Green and Sons Chapel in Thomasville with Rev. Tim Miller officiating. Burial will follow at Holly Hill Memorial Park in Thomasville. The family will greet friends at the funeral home one hour prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

# Cemetery Details

## Holly Hill Memorial Park Cemetery

401 West Holly Hill Rd.  
Thomasville, NC 27360  
(336) 472-7455  
memorials@hollyhillcemetery.com  
<https://hollyhillcemetery.com/>

# Previous Events

## Receive Friends

OCT **26**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

J.C. Green & Sons Funeral Home  
122 W. Main St.  
Thomasville, NC 27360  
(336) 472-7774

## Funeral Service

OCT **26**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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## Burial

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