



Edward Watkins

August 16, 1932 - August 20, 2025

Edward Oneal Watkins, 93, of Chattanooga, passed away Wednesday, August 20, 2025, at his daughter's residence. He worked as a farmer in his early age. Edward married and decided to make a better living for his family by moving to Chattanooga, Tennessee. He started a career with Mueller Company and after 39 years, retired. Edward was a member of New Enon Baptist Church and served on the Usher Board. He worked on cars and loved building things around the house. He did not use a pattern, he would just "eye ball" it, then build it. He also loved helping others if he could.

Edward was preceded in death by his wife, Lillian Watkins; sons, Thomas Watkins, James Watkins, and Cecil Watkins; father, Robert Watkins; mother, Alberta Watkins; stepmother, Nazel Watkins; brothers, Richard Watkins, Willie Watkins, and Leo Watkins; sister, Dorothy Watkins Ballard; and sister-in-law, Dorothy Mae Watkins.

Edward is survived by his daughter, Dora (Paul) Knight of Chattanooga; brothers, Hayward Watkins of Chattanooga, Benford (Romona) Watkins of Elyria, OH, and Ben Thomas (Emma Sue) Watkins; stepsisters, Vernita Haney of Rogersville, AL, Ellen Ruth Fuqua of Buffalo, NY, and Lulu Watkins of Florence, AL; special granddaughter, Tameka Guy; great-granddaughter, Alexis Russell; and a host of grandchildren; other relatives and friends.

Edward will lie-in-state on Friday, August 29, 2025, at 9 a.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Funeral service will follow at 3:00 p.m. in the Chapel with Pastor Andrew Bullard, III as the Eulogist. Burial will be Saturday, August 30, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. (CST) in Little Zion Baptist Church Cemetery, 955 County Road 610, Rogersville, Alabama 35652.

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

AUG **29**. 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home
3417 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411-1076

Funeral Service

AUG **29**. 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM (ET)

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3417 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411-1076

Burial

AUG **30**. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

LITTLE ZION BAPTIST CHURCH CEMETERY
955 County Road 610
Rogersville, AL 35652-6455

Tribute Wall

YS

“ Sorry to hear about the passing of your Father, Sending Condolences to You and Family



yvonne sanders - September 03, 2025 at 04:49 PM

AL

“ My deepest condolences to the Watkins Family our families were neighbors since as long as I've been alive so I consider us more like family and one my fondest memories was getting to ride in the back of the yellow pickup truck with the covered bed area a highlight of my childhood ... Mr Watkins will truly be missed and my prayers are with you all during this difficult time... sending hugs and love to the entire family



Angela Logan - August 29, 2025 at 06:25 AM

FL

“ my deepest condolences goes out to Dora and family in the passing of Mr. Watkins A truly great and God fearing man who loved his family . Someone who would do all he could to help others. I thank God for the friendship that we shared i pray that God will comfort you all in this time of sorrow. MR.& MRS. Felix Logan Aka Tabe!!!!!!

felix logan - August 27, 2025 at 07:12 PM

LC

“ We the Little Zion MB Church Family of Rogersville, AL extends our most sincere condolences to your family during this difficult time of bereavement. We know to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. May God continue to comfort and keep you. You are in our thoughts and prayers. 🙏❤️



Little Zion Missionary Baptist Church - August 27, 2025 at 01:06 PM

CS

“ Carolyn Sandilands lit a candle in memory of Edward Watkins



Carolyn Sandilands - August 27, 2025 at 10:38 AM

RB

“ My condolences to family



Rodney Billups - August 26, 2025 at 09:23 PM

LR

“ Lera Richmond lit a candle in memory of Edward Watkins



Lera Richmond - August 26, 2025 at 08:35 PM

EB

“ Evelyn Willis Baker lit a candle in memory of Edward Watkins



Evelyn Willis Baker - August 26, 2025 at 12:36 PM

PH

“ Dora, my family will be in prayer for you and your family, Edward was such a kind man and will truly be missed.

peggy Haney Harris - August 26, 2025 at 11:50 AM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edward Watkins.



August 25, 2025 at 02:37 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Edward Watkins.

August 25, 2025 at 02:37 PM

DD

“ *My condolence to the family*



Diane Dews - August 23, 2025 at 08:57 AM

DO

“ *Cousin Dora and family we learned of Uncle Edward' transitioning last evening. We are praying for the family during this time of bereavement. May you all find strength and comfort in the coming days.*



Wanda & Family

DEWANDER LAVOYCE OKEEFEBLUNT - August 22, 2025 at 06:29 PM

GE

“ *To my family " Watkins family" my condolences Nephew Gregory Ellison*

Greggory A Ellison - August 21, 2025 at 10:50 AM