



Katherine Watson

February 24, 1938 - February 6, 2026

“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith” .
2 Timothy 4:7

Katherine Watson was born in Chattanooga, Tennessee on February 24, 1938. She was a member of Hamlett Chapel Christian Methodist Episcopal Church (CME), Chattanooga, Tennessee where she served as a member of the Mother's Board.

Katherine, a graduate of Howard High School, class of 1957, retired from Erlanger Hospital after working over 45 years. She was a very hard worker. Katherine was a single parent raising six kids – and at times, her siblings. She worked tirelessly to make ends meet and to ensure that her children were taken care of. Katherine was the matriarch of the family, and everyone knew it!

Katherine was dependable, tough-spirited, and a total comic relief until the very end. She had a very contagious laugh and enjoyed spending time with her family, dancing, shopping, and buying handbags. Although she wasn't one for affection and “I love you's”, she was very direct and most times unfiltered which is how she demonstrated her love. Her tough spirit gained her respect by young people within her community. She did not care who they were, she spoke to them as if she could handle them. Katherine was a force to be reckoned with – that's one of the many reasons why she was cherished and

will be forever missed.

Katherine was preceded in death by her parents, Herbert and Elizabeth Silvels; sisters, Georgia A. Finch, Shirley Silvels, and Sandra Johnson; and grandson Larry, LaBrian Watson.

Those left to cherish Katherine's memories are her sons, Tommy Watson of Chattanooga, TN and Steven (Marlo) Watson of Ashburn, VA; daughters, Sharon Watson of Chattanooga, TN, Annette (Tim) Pringle of Huntsville, AL, Cathy (Jason) Eppinger of Chattanooga, TN, and Cheryl Watson of Chattanooga, TN; brother, Hargis R. Saleen of Chattanooga, TN; sisters, Carolyn Silvels of Chattanooga, TN, Jackie (Herschel) Strickland of Chattanooga, TN, Evelyn Porter of Chattanooga, TN, and Agnes Langston of Chattanooga, TN; nine grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, one great-great-granddaughter; and a host of nieces; nephews; cousins; other relatives and friends.

Katherine will lie-in-state on Thursday, February 12, 2026, at 12:30 p.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Funeral service will be on Friday, February 13, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel with Pastor Henry McClain as the Eulogist. Burial in Greenwood Cemetery.

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

FEB **12**. 12:30 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

Celebration Of Life

FEB **13**. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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Chattanooga, TN 37411-1076

Burial

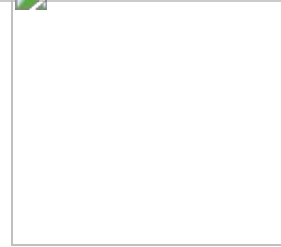
FEB **13**. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Greenwood Cemetery
1954 Greenwood Road
Chattanooga, TN 37406-2658

Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth Auls lit a candle in memory of Katherine Watson*



Ruth Auls - March 10 at 08:53 PM



“ *Dirria Bell lit a candle in memory of Katherine Watson*



Dirria Bell - February 14 at 11:01 PM

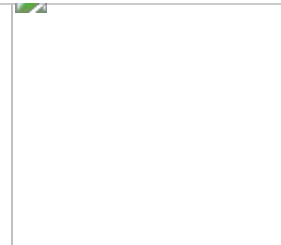


“ *To the family Watson and Tommy Watson you and your family have my deepest condolences on the passing of your mother and my deepest sympathy. From Pamela Mathis and family*

Pamela Mathis - February 13 at 11:39 PM



“ *Marva Taylor lit a candle in memory of Katherine Watson*



Marva Taylor - February 13 at 03:38 PM



“ Prayers of peace and comfort to the family during this difficult season I'm sure Mama Elizabeth and sister Shirley awaits your entrance into the pearly gates💜💜

Marva Taylor - February 13 at 03:37 PM



“ Tanna Bailey lit a candle in memory of Katherine Watson

Tanna Bailey - February 12 at 01:34 PM



“ Your cousins from Hartwell Ga send love &condolences. Zelma, Barbara,& Jennie

Jennie Jordan - February 12 at 03:10 AM

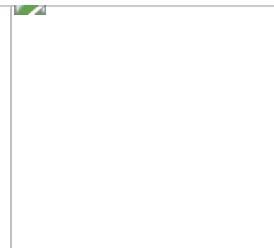


“ Marcie Keith Tolliver lit a candle in memory of Katherine Watson

Marcie Keith Tolliver - February 12 at 02:36 AM



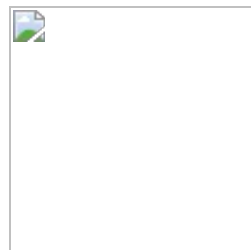
“ *My Condolences, She was a very sweet lady with a beautiful smile , We will miss you 🌹*



Sharon Douglas - February 11 at 03:00 AM



“ *Condolences to the Watson and Sivels family for the loss of your loved one. I will keep you all in my prayers. May many memories of happiness give you all the peace and comfort you need during this most challenging time. May she rest in eternal peace. Please accept my sincere condolences. 🕊️*



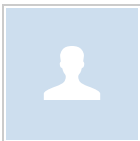
Gracelia Moore - February 11 at 02:05 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Yolanda Cox - February 11 at 01:25 AM



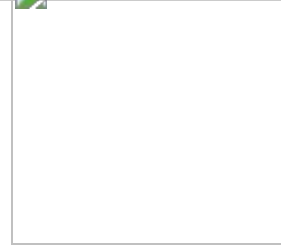
“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Katherine Watson.*



February 10 at 10:17 PM



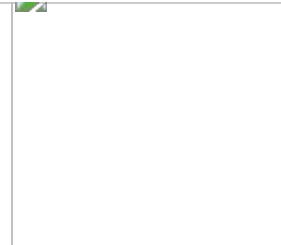
“ *Carlethia Watts lit a candle in memory of Katherine Watson*



Carlethia Watts - February 10 at 09:12 PM



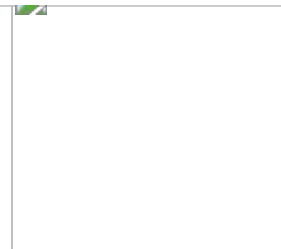
“ *Carla Palmer lit a candle in memory of Katherine Watson*



Carla Palmer - February 10 at 04:20 AM



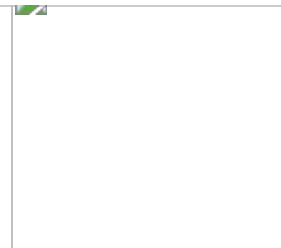
“ *To Cathy and Jason Eppinger and Tyrone Silvels.
On the behalf of CHS class of 82 our heart
and prayers are with you. We love you all
continuous prayers*



Alicia tyler - February 08 at 01:39 PM



“ *Ms. Katherine was the best neighbor I ever
had. She will live on in my heart and thoughts.
May God continue to keep and bless this
family from this time on.
Yolanda Norwood Jones*



Yolanda Jones - February 08 at 01:15 AM

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“ *My condolences to the entire family. God is with you always.*
Alicia Tyler

Alicia tyler - February 07 at 10:23 PM