



Daniel "Dan" W. Watkins, Sr.

September 10, 1924 - May 18, 2020

Daniel "Dan" W. Watkins, Sr., age 95, born September 10, 1924, departed this life May 18, 2020. He was preceded by his parents, T. W. and Maude Kelley Watkins; brother, William "Bill" Thomas Watkins; sister, Dorothy "Dot" Patterson; infant son; daughter, Diane W. Marceau; granddaughter, Lesli Danielle Griffice; grandson, Jerry Scott Jones. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and great great grandfather. He is survived by his wife of seventy-three years, Billie Banks Watkins; son, Danny (Kathy) Watkins; daughters, Darlene (Randy) Lawley, Delores (Jerry) Jones; grandchildren, Ashley (Jason) Chapman, of Bessemer, AL, Landon (Ashley) Griffice of Bessemer, AL, Christie (John) LaRocca of Port Richey, FL, Carla (Doug) Henson of Ellijay, GA, Aimee Dillion of Birmingham, AL, Paige Jones of Harvest, AL, and Kevin Jones of San Diego, CA; ten great grandchildren; eleven great great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. He was affectionately and lovingly called "PawPaw". Dan was a World War II veteran, an original crew member (plank owner) of the USS Intrepid and he also served in the Korean War. He retired from U. S. Pipe and the U. S. Naval Reserve Seabees with the rank of EO1. He was a member and deacon of Concord Highland Baptist Church for many years and was a member of the Oak Grove Masonic Lodge and Eastern Star for fifty plus years. The family wish to express their heartfelt gratitude for the love and special care shown by Donny and Beth Hosmer and to Encompass Health Hospice. Services will be private family only with burial at the Alabama National Cemetery. A memorial

service will be held at the Alabama National Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Concord Highland Baptist Church, 100 Concord Highland Drive, Hueytown, AL 35023, or the USS Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum, One Intrepid Square, 12th Avenue and 46th Street, New York, NY 10036.

Tribute Wall

LW

“ *He was such a special person - always smiling and kind. I am thankful I had the opportunity to know him.*

Linda Woods - September 17, 2021 at 10:48 AM

DP

“ *Sorry to hear of Mr Dan passing. Have known for him all my life from our church family. Had fun growing up together with all the kids. Also enjoyed Dan and Billie seeing them at Senior Center functions. Family will be in my prayers. Love yall.*

Donna Cargile Pike - September 17, 2021 at 10:48 AM

RS

“ *We are so very sorry for the loss of your loved one, prayers for you all..*

Ronnie and Sherry - September 17, 2021 at 10:48 AM

AG

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Dan. Billie and Kids please know you are in my prayers. Butch and I have been neighbors and friends with you for so long. Butch passed away in Dec. God bless you all during this sad time. Love Ann*

Ann gasterland - September 17, 2021 at 10:48 AM

LM

“ *Love you all and so very sorry to lose our good friend. We will keep you in our prayers.*

Lila Smith and Patsy Martin - September 17, 2021 at 10:48 AM

CL

“ I will miss my PawPaw everyday and can't wait until we are reunited again! I hope you are having a blast in heaven with everyone. I hope you are dancing your hiney off in heaven like you loved to do! I love you all and will see you
Saturday;”\nChristie LaRocco \r\nMay 20, 2020

Christie and John LaRocco - September 17, 2021 at 10:48 AM

KT

“ Billie and family - Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Dan was such a sweet, loving and Godly man. He will be greatly missed. Praying for God's comfort to you as only He can provide. Can't wait until we see Brother Dan at that Great Reunion along with all of our loved ones who have gone on before us. We love you!

Keith, Sharron, Kelsey & Tayla - September 17, 2021 at 10:48 AM

ER

“ Dear Billie and Family, I share your loss. My love, thoughts and prayers are with you during this sad time. Dan was such a wonderful man and friend to everyone.

Emogene Rainey - September 17, 2021 at 10:48 AM