

Loyd E. Watson

July 12, 1923 - September 20, 2018

Loyd Edward Watson was born in the Stapp community of Le Flore County, Oklahoma on July 12, 1923. He was number ten in a line of fourteen children born to William Franklin Watson and Arizona (Howze) Watson. He passed to eternal life on September 20, 2018.

His life was driven by love of family, devotion to country and a commitment to the highest levels of honesty and integrity. He had a steadfast belief in God's grace, love, and mercy.

Loyd married Bernice Pitman on March 22, 1947 in Heavener, Oklahoma. Later that year, they moved to Tyler to attend college. Loyd went to work at Winn Tile Company, a commercial contracting business. He eventually bought the business and sold it to Cassidy Jones Company when he retired in 1996. During World War II, he was deployed overseas with the 87th Infantry Division and saw combat in France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany as an 81mm platoon sergeant with Patton's Third Army. He spent the Christmas of 1944 in a foxhole fighting in the Battle of the Bulge. He was awarded the Bronze Star for valor.

Loyd joined Dayspring United Methodist Church in 2017 where he faithfully attended with his family. He was previously a long time member of First Baptist Church in Tyler where he had served as a deacon and Sunday School teacher.

In March 2013, his wife Bernice preceded him in death. Also preceding him in death were his parents and three sisters, Eula Caldwell, Inez Vaughn, and

Lillian Qualls. In addition, nine brothers, Ray, Andie, Albert, Frank, Ores, Ellis, Marvin, Dorsey and Volney, preceded him in death. Surviving him is his youngest brother Bill Watson and his wife Rose of Hodgen, Oklahoma, a brother-in-law, Lafayette (Inez) Vaughn, two sisters-in-law, Hope (Dorsey) Watson and Jean (Volney) Watson and numerous nieces and nephews. Also surviving him are his daughters, Vicky Watson and Vally Wyman and her husband Douglas, his beloved granddaughter, Wylie Shellhouse and her husband Grant. Pops will be profoundly missed and always remembered as a loving father and grandfather.

Visitation is scheduled for Monday, September 24, 2018 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Stewart Family Funeral Home. Services will be held Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. at Stapp-Zoe Baptist Church in Le Flore County, Oklahoma with Grant Shellhouse officiating. Loyd will be laid to rest next to his wife, his parents and a brother at the Hodgen Cemetery in Le Flore County, Oklahoma.

If you wish to make a memorial contribution, kindly consider The Salvation Army or the H.E. Butt Foundation, a Christian non-profit that hosts retreats and summer youth camps - www.hebfdn.org.

Cemetery Details

Hodgen Cemetery

Near Heavener Oklahom

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **24.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Service

SEP **25.** 1:00 PM (CT)

Stapp-Zoe Baptist Church
20433 Hicks Road
Hodgen, OK 74937

Tribute Wall

JW

“ *Valley,
I did not know about your father until today.
Please accept my apology for not getting in touch with you. I loved
your parents dearly. Now that sweet supper group are having dinner
again together with Jesus in the midst of them.
Love you*

Joanne Williams - October 01, 2018 at 02:20 PM

GN

“ *Georgia Norman lit a candle in memory of
Loyd E. Watson*



georgia norman - September 25, 2018 at 01:36 PM

BM

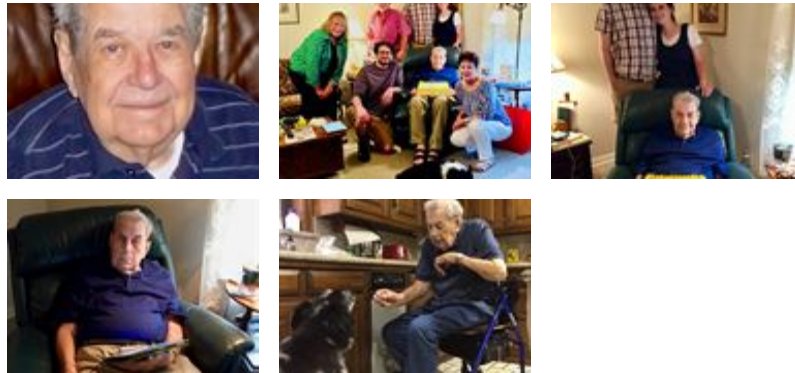
“ *So sad to hear about the passing of Mr. Watson. I will miss seeing
him at church on Sundays. He was such a sweet man. I will keep
his family in my prayers.*

- Brooke Moran

Brooke Moran - September 25, 2018 at 10:16 AM



“ 65 files added to the album Life Tributes



Stewart Family Funeral Home - September 24, 2018 at 04:54 PM

EK

“ Oh, what wonderful memories I have of Uncle Loyd! He had a way of putting everyone at ease with his great sense of humor; He was a wonderful storyteller. We shared the same birthdate and I will always remember those special times when we happened to be in Hodgen at the same time and got to celebrate our birthdays together! He will be surely missed. I know he is celebrating in Heaven now with his family (I imagine my dad, Volney, being there to welcome him, and then joining with the rest of the family that has gone on before). Thoughts and prayers for Vicky, Vally, Wylie, Douglas and Grant at this time.

Beth Watson Kim (Volney and Jean's daughter)

Elisabeth A Kim - September 24, 2018 at 01:36 PM

LL

“ Vally and Vicky,

Steve and I spend a lovely, lingering time this weekend reading aloud from the Watson Heritage Album, published in 2000. We first began reading only those contributions from Loyd, then went on to relish more broadly the reminiscences of the entire clan. I swelled with pride once again to be a shirttail Watson, and to have known, even if just, the children of William and Arizona Watson. What austere conditions typified Family Life, the hardships, the scarcities, the toil. But most impressively (and, golly, how the world today needs to sit up and take notice) what character traits they shared, shaped by the gospel of Jesus Christ. The Watsons chose to see life for its graces and humor and important lessons. When I think about the brothers sitting 'round, coffee in hand, swapping stories, the scene is one of pure laughter and joy. How they enjoyed each other! And as the Lord would orchestrate it, my son, Tobin, had the distinct privilege of knowing a bit better Uncle Loyd upon his career move to Texas. Grateful am I to think Watson blood is flowing through my children's veins. We love you, Loyd, and look mightily forward to the next Watson Reunion in the kingdom to come. Lorna Lee, Denver, CO (daughter in law of Janell Watson Lee)

Lorna Lee - September 24, 2018 at 12:44 PM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Loyd E. Watson.



September 22, 2018 at 04:08 PM

GW

“ Gary W. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Loyd E. Watson.



Gary W. - September 21, 2018 at 11:18 PM

GA

“ I only wish that I had gotten to know my wonderful Loyd better much earlier. I did not get to see him much in my childhood. Then, when I really got to know him better, I was in California, and did not get to see him as often as I would have liked. Uncle Loyd was a true, but unrecognized, WWII war hero. His feet were frozen at the Battle of the Bulge. His feet hurt every day after his life after that, but he never complained. Uncle Loyd had an unbelievable sense of humor. OK, so one thing that I remember most often is his statement at a family reunion while he was grilling steaks, "If you want to eat a good steak you have to buy a good steak." How true!

I suppose that if you want to have good uncle, you have to have a good family. I have the good fortune of having great 10 uncles on my father's side, and 3 on my mother's side. I love and respect all of them. None are more loved and respected than my uncle Loyd Watson. My wife, Sung loves him, too

I am so sorry that I am unable to come to the funeral. Unfortunately, I have medical-medical obligations that cannot be cancelled.

gary.r.watson@sbcglobal.net - September 21, 2018 at 10:07 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Loyd E. Watson.



September 21, 2018 at 08:47 PM



“ I have so many wonderful memories of Uncle Loyd as a young girl. I always looked forward to his family coming to our home every summer. We loved to get out and look for antiques. I remember driving around and everyone in the car singing songs and telling funny stories. Uncle Loyd always had a smile on his face and a funny story to tell. He made the room a little brighter when he entered and had a talent for making everyone feel special. He loved to laugh and make other laugh. I will miss him but I know he is spreading some joy in Heaven.

Nancy Pieper-Rose and Bill Watson's Daughter

Nancy Pieper - September 21, 2018 at 07:30 PM



“ Gilbert & Margaret Rangel purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Loyd E. Watson.



Gilbert & Margaret Rangel - September 21, 2018 at 01:37 PM