



Hardin T. Watkins Jr.

December 16, 1931 - September 22, 2012

Hardin T. Watkins, Jr., was born December 16, 1931 in McComas, WV and departed this earth on September 22, 2012. He was the second child of the late Rev. Hardin T. Watkins, Sr. and Lonnie E. Watkins.

He attended the Public Schools of McComas, WV and graduated from Genoa High School of Bluefield, WV in 1949. Upon graduation, he joined the United States Air Force where he served twenty years and retired as a Master Sergeant. He received his Bachelor's degree from Delaware State University, graduating Summa Cum Laude. He received his Master's degree from Central Michigan University. He worked for and retired from the Delaware State Police after completing seventeen years of service.

Hardin was a kind, peaceful, gentle, humble, and passionate person. He had a love for God, his family, and his friends. He touched the lives of many.

After relocating to Dover in 1969, he joined Union Missionary Baptist Church where he remained a dedicated member until his death. He was a Deacon, the Church Treasurer, and a Sunday School Teacher. He enjoyed every deed he did and he did them all well.

He was a lifetime member of Zeta Rho Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha. He was also a 32nd degree mason associated with the Dover Air Force Base

Lodge.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Salem W. Watkins, Joseph Wendell Watkins, and a sister Ethel Celeste Watkins.

He leaves to mourn, his devoted wife, Rev. Gladys E. Watkins of 53 years; two children, daughter Ivy and step-son Kim – two sisters, Gracie Thompson of Bluefield, WV and Jacqueline Elliott “Baby Sis” (James) of Millsboro, Delaware – one brother, John D. Watkins (Monika), Bluefield, WV, Godson, Edmond Smith, Jr. Bluefield, WV. Sisters-in-law, Ernestine Forbes of Reston, VA, Bertha Harris of Stafford, VA, Celestine Broady of Virginia Beach, VA. Brothers-in-law, James G. Thompson, of Washington, D.C. (Jeanie), Harold Thompson of Washington, D.C., Charles Thompson of Washington, D.C., Dolton Thompson of Stafford, VA., Muriel Thompson, of Bloomington Prairie, Minnesota (Ragna), and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Dear Sister Gladys
Our prayers and sympathy is with you as you go through the process of saying Goodbye to Mr. Hardin...my husband said "he was glad to have the conversation with Mr. Hardin at the Cancer". I know that you are a God-Fearing woman and that with God All Things Will Be Possible for you. Keep the Faith and Keep Running the Race...With Love Sandy and Vernon Steele*

sandy and vernon steele - September 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I was surprised to see my dear friend has passed. Hardin was one of the kindest and gentle people GOD ever put on this earth. I worked with Hardin while with the Delaware State Police. He taught me a great deal about life, respect and caring for the people in general. I grieve from losing my friend but know Hardin is with GOD'S Family now looking down upon us. Hardin has a special place at GOD'S Table.*

Lynn J. Rogers - September 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM