



## Harold Thomas Watson

October 8, 1943 - April 24, 2023

### His Life

Harold Thomas Watson, aka “Slick,” was born to the late Herbert and Nettie Cropper Watson in Accomack County, Virginia. Born on Friday, October 8, 1943, he departed this life on Monday, April 24, 2023 at the age of seventy-nine (79) at Tidal Health in Salisbury, Maryland.

He received his formal education in the public schools in Wicomico County, completing at the former Salisbury High School. While attending Salisbury High, he was very active in sports, especially basketball, and he sang on the choir as well. He was a member of the former Whites Temple Methodist Church, which later merged with the former John Wesley to form the present, Wesley Temple United Methodist Church.

United in holy matrimony to Susann Toadvine, this union was blessed with four children, Shelley, Devery, Tiah and Todd.

He was employed at Campbell Soup Company, Sha’Dee’s Restaurant, Elks Lodge and several other employers. Harold was a resident at Salisbury Genesis Nursing and Rehabilitation Center for more than twenty (20) years where he was affectionately known as “The Mayor.” He greeted everyone who

visited the nursing home with a smile and a kind word. Harold was also a resident at Wicomico County Nursing home in Salisbury, Maryland since October 2021.

Harold or “Slick” exemplified all attributes of an “exemplary father”, as recorded in Proverbs 22:6. His love for his children and grandchildren spoke volumes.

Harold leaves to cherish loving memories: two children, Devery Watson and Tiah (Darryl) Rhock, all of Salisbury, Maryland; one god daughter, Dr. Nicole Gale of Salisbury, Maryland; 17 grandchildren, Kristin, Milton, Sade, Brandon, Devery Jr., Tiffany, Preston, Nathan, Tara, Darryl, Daron, Liah, Tyra, Jajuan, Tanisha, A’Jordan, Ajhourea and Jhi’Cere; three nieces, Margaret, Andrea and Janine; one nephew, Robert Jr.; several great grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents, Harold was preceded in death by his daughter, Shelley Gale and son, Todd Watson; brother, James “Smokey” Watson, sister, Josephine Fields,

Submitted With Love ~ The Family

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 6. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Bennie Smith Life Celebration Center  
901 West Isabella Street  
Salisbury, MD 21801

## Funeral Service

MAY 6. 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



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**Bennie Smith Funeral Home** - May 05, 2023 at 04:44 PM

LB

*My Prayers and Condolences to the family, I remember Mr. Watson when I would visit in the nursing home he would meet me, sometimes I would give him a piece of cake .*

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**Lillian Bowden** - May 07, 2023 at 02:37 PM

RF

“ *to the entire Watson family you all are in our thoughts and prayers my God bless and keep each of you Ms Nettie have her baby boy back with her  
with our love Aunt Gloria Taylor Lewis and family*

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**Rev Gloria Taylor Lewis & family** - May 05, 2023 at 08:09 PM

JP

“ There are so many wonderful memories of Harold during travels and singing engagements in years gone by. Our group of four annually traveled to the Hampton Jazz Festival and other events near and far. Especially memorable are the singing engagements with the Wesley Temple Ensemble. I depended on Harold to lead the tenor section, which he did (except for the time he got lost in a church and couldn't find his way back to the choir loft until after we had started the concert). We all had so many laughs about that event.



I visited Harold at the nursing home, and we played Bingo together. After one game he just wanted to talk; so, we reminisced about old times, laughed about getting lost in the church, and took some pictures together.

To the family: May wonderful memories of Harold throughout your lifetime sustain you and bring you peace now and in the years to come.

With deepest condolences,  
Jestine Pryor  
A longtime family friend

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Jestine Pryor - May 04, 2023 at 11:33 PM

JB

“ To the beloved family of Dear Brother Harold T. Watson.

*I am the Rev. John S. (Johnny) Barckley. I hail from the Nanticoke Community.*

*Harold and I were High School Buddies. Harold had a flare for dressing well and smelling good. In fact, Harold was so smooth that he garnered the nickname "Slick"; Slick Watson (smile). Harold and I remained friends throughout his life.*

*Prior to the pandemic I would visit Harold and we would reminisce about times pass and say; "look , here we are now today talking about our love for the Lord Jesus Christ being in our lives. That was so rewarding.*

*Before my visits ended, Harold said to me he liked the cologne I was wearing and ask me to bring him some of that cologne on my next visit. He was glad to receive it each time came.*

*Fond memories I will hold of my friend Harold as my life continues on in Jesus name.*

*Family! You have my deepest sympathy.*

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**john barckley** - May 04, 2023 at 12:45 PM

RB

“ Certainly the family has my sincere condolences. I visited Harold on a routine basis when I pastored Wesley Temple. He was a joy to visit and he was a very appreciative man of God. I would serve him Holy Communion and pray with him and before I left he would pray with me. He would always attend the Bible Study and other church activities offered by the Nursing Home. I have no doubt that he has gone to be with the Lord.

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**Rev. Dr. Bernadette Beckett** - May 02, 2023 at 09:17 PM



*My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Watson family. When I would visit the Nursing Home Harold aka The Mayor I called him. He Would greet me as here comes that Furr girl. We would just laugh at that . When Diane was in there we would sit outside together and sing gospels Rest in the arms of Jesus old friend I'll see you later.*

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**Katharine West-Perry** - May 03, 2023 at 11:34 AM