



Gerald Gaunce Watkins

January 13, 1935 - April 28, 2025

Gerald Gaunce Watkins, 90 of Nicholas County, Kentucky, passed away Monday April 28th, 2025. He was preceded in death by his wife of almost 60 years, Jane Watkins, He was also preceded in death by two children Karen Beth, and Kevin Gaunce, his sister Ruby Ebert and Adrian and Dorsey Lynn Watkins.

He was the son of the late Dorsey Thomas Watkins and Grace Gaunce Watkins.

A graduate of Nicholas County High School, Gerald retired from IBM and Reid and Vice Hardware. He enjoyed traveling, collecting tools (brace and bits), reading and studying his Bible. He enjoyed making his small toolboxes, gardening, and helping his family with projects. He served his community through various civic organizations including the Rotary Club, Jaycees, Bluegrass Area Development District but none were more important to him than newspaper route to the nursing home, delivering our local newspaper and church bulletins to every resident. He was a devoted member of the Carlisle United Methodist Church, where he served as a youth Sunday school teacher, a member of the choir, and hosted Easter Sunrise service for several years. He also served as a member of the Gideons.

Gerald is survived by his son Brian Watkins, wife Anessia, a daughter in law Suzanne Lee, husband Marshall, his grandchildren Shelby, husband Michael,

Grace Watkins and Bryce Watkins. He is also survived by his best friend in life, Patsy Smith, who brought so much joy, fun and adventure to his life.

A visitation will be held at the Carlisle United Methodist Church on May 1st starting at 5-8 pm. Funeral service will be May 2nd at 11 am, by pastors Kyle Burnette and Steve Smith. Pall bearers will be Bryce Watkins, Wayne Orschelin, Carl Vice, Dexter Sims, Darren Green, Marshall Lee, Danny Ratliff, and Steven Minton. Honorary bearers are Shawna Hatton, Melissa Mitchell, John Anderson, and all his nieces and nephews. Memorial contributions are suggested to the United Methodist Church Sunday school, Gideons, or the Carlisle Christian Church. Carlisle-Clark Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Carlisle Cemetery

361 West Main Street
Carlisle, KY 40311

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 1. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Carlisle United Methodist Church
102 East Chestnut St.
Carlisle, KY 40311

Service

MAY 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *This was a good of a man that I had ever known, he will be missed not only by me but many of us in Carlisle. I have had many blessed conversations with him down through the years and I thanked God for them. I got blessed every time the Lord allowed our conversations. To the family I love you and thank God for your Father. Richard Gardner*

Richard Gardner - May 28, 2025 at 11:41 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Gerald Gaunce Watkins.*



May 01, 2025 at 08:15 AM

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“ It was with sadness we learned of Brother Gerald's passing, and our prayers are with his family and many friends. Brother Gerald was a rock.

When we were first appointed to Carlisle UMC, Gerald was one of the laity in the church who drove us around the community (and county), showing us where our church folks lived...And whether teaching his Sunday School class, visiting at the nursing home and in the community, mentoring children and youth, or opening up the church early on Sunday mornings, we could always count on him to use his many talents to respectfully serve.

Fond memories flood our minds of Gerald's annual Sunrise Service message. And no matter what valley of life he was in, he would praise God with tears in his eyes, and emphasize how much he had been blessed. He was a servant leader--committed to faith, family, and fulfilling work.

Remembering visits with Gerald out on his porch--he always had time to slow down and have a good talk...A man of great wisdom, a man of great faith, a hero to his grandkids and many others...A life well-lived.

Pastors Denise and Rocky Wallace

Pastor Rocky Wallace - April 30, 2025 at 07:20 PM

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“ Belinda and Brandy Graves planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gerald Gaunce Watkins.

Belinda and Brandy Graves - April 30, 2025 at 10:27 AM

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“ *Belinda and Brandy Graves purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Gerald Gaunce Watkins.*



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