



Jean Watkins

August 31, 1924 - May 14, 2023

Jean Watkins was born on August 31, 1924, in Arkansas City, Kansas and raised in Arizona. She was the daughter of Merle Newman and Pearl Iman Newman. She was particularly a “tag-along” daddy’s girl, spending time with him hunting for the family.

She married the love of her life, Kenneth Watkins, in 1946 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Although she attended college, she used her talents at home by creating a wonderful home for her husband, and the three sons and three daughters they had together. Jean was a loving Christian woman who was devoted to her church. She taught Sunday school and sang in the choir. In her free time she enjoyed puzzles, playing cards, spending time with her family and going for car rides.

Jean passed away on May 14, 2023 at 98 years old. She will be remembered for her kindness, her love of family and friends, and her unwavering faith.

She is survived by:

Daughters: Glenna Renfro and Mike of Broken Arrow, OK
Martha Rogers and Jack of Mounds, OK
Cara Wall of Okmulgee

Sons: Kenny Watkins and Cathey of Tulsa, OK

Johnny Watkins and Dawnett of Stillwater, OK
Mark Watkins and Anita of Jenks, OK

22 Grandchildren and Numerous Great Grandchildren and Great, Great
Grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by: Parents: Mearl and Pearl Newman;
Husband: Kenneth Watkins; Sister: Merlene Gibbens;
Granddaughter: Tara Watkins; GreatGrand: Kenzie Watkins

Cemetery Details

Floral Haven Memorial Gardens

6500 S. 129th E. Ave.
Tulsa, OK 74012
(918) 252-2518

Previous Events

Viewing

MAY 18. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home
1660 South Elm Place
Broken Arrow, OK 74012
(918) 258-9623
hayhurstfuneralhome@gmail.com

Visitation

MAY 18. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

MAY **19**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Arrow Heights Baptist Church
3201 S. Elm Place
Broken Arrow, OK 74012

Tribute Wall



“ *Jean Watkins*

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ *Love you great great grandma I can't believe that you passed away but we will always remember and love you I know you where ready to meet him and you are and when we were leaving you said I love you and will never forget you in my heart and it made me happy*



tatum turney - May 19, 2023 at 10:06 AM

CG

“ *My Dear Aunt Jean was a safe port for me, and a treasured source of wisdom when I truly needed counsel and consolation. She was the calm and quiet voice when other noise was all around. When young and we lived hundreds of miles apart, I would be so excited when I knew 'Aunt Jean was coming on the plane!'*

Later as a young father raising a pile of kids, Jean and Johnnie wintered in Arizona, only a few miles from our home. It was a time when I was seriously injured, discharged from the military, and faltering to raise my own mother in her age and infirmity. [Yes, my mom is Lydia Merlene, Jean's sister.] In their small trailer, Leneita and I found comfortable respite; hearing jokes from Uncle Johnnie and enjoying cherished hugs from Aunt Jean.

But there were times when our struggles and pains were beyond laughter and embraces. That is when Jean stepped up and reminded us of our full worth. . . members of a loving family, (even though some weren't always kind,) but always Children of God.

Today, I know Uncle Johnnie is more happy than we are sad, and I cannot even imagine the joy they both will feel in the embrace of our Savior. It looks like we are the ones left behind, and must be patient, waiting to experience that joy with them.

Carl & Leneita Gibbens

Carl Gibbens - May 17, 2023 at 06:01 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Jean Watkins.*



May 17, 2023 at 05:26 PM



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May 17, 2023 at 04:34 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Jean Watkins.*



May 17, 2023 at 03:51 PM



“ *3 files added to the album Memories Album*



Hayhurst Funeral Home - May 17, 2023 at 11:26 AM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Jean Watkins.*



May 16, 2023 at 08:41 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Jean Watkins.*



May 16, 2023 at 06:17 PM



“ *It was such an honor to be able to care for Miss Jean in her final journey. She blessed me every day with such sweetness. Miss Jean, you will be missed and forever remembered. Family, I know her greatness will live in each and every one of you. You are all in my thoughts and I pray God wraps his warm loving comforting arms around you. We have all been blessed having Miss Jean in our lives.*

Gail Sisney - May 16, 2023 at 12:27 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jean Watkins.*



May 15, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Jean Watkins.*



May 15, 2023 at 08:21 PM

KH

“ Jean was always so sweet to me. When I served as interim minister of music at Arrow Heights, she always had a smile and a hug. She was a godly woman who loved her family.

Keith Haygood - May 15, 2023 at 07:09 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jean Watkins.



May 15, 2023 at 05:46 PM

DA

“ She was a wonderful woman! am so glad I had the opportunity to take care of her. She will definitely be missed. She was always smiling and so happy to see us. Dawn GSH

Dawn - May 15, 2023 at 05:38 PM

DB

“ Your momma will always hold a special place in my heart. I personally experienced the vast amount of love in this woman’s heart. She blessed my mom beyond words when the two of them spent a day together, talking and laughing and reminiscing about days and memories that they shared. I will always remember how she touched my momma’s heart. She always had a smile and a hug for me and she blessed my life beyond words. I love your family, I know your grief, but I also know she’s in the arms of Jesus and the many who were there before her are celebrating her arrival. We too will share that celebration with her and with all those who have gone before us.



Debbie Burress - May 15, 2023 at 12:57 PM

HH

“ It is our honor and privilege to serve the Watkins family and to provide this permanent tribute website in memory of Jean.



Hayhurst Funeral Home Hayhurst - May 14, 2023 at 06:07 PM