



## Mr. Ethen Preston Lee Watkins Sr.

January 17, 1940 - January 11, 2021

Private graveside services for Mr. Ethen Preston Lee Watkins, Sr., 80, will be held in the Magnolia Cemetery, Hartsville, SC. The Rev. Danny Holley will officiate and Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Directors are caring for the family.

Mr. Watkins entered into rest on Monday, January 11, 2021. Born in Darlington County, SC he was a son of the late Ephrom E. Watkins and Pauline Dority Watkins. He proudly served in the United States Marine Corps and always wore a marine baseball cap to display his patriotism. Ethen loved playing golf, cooking, dancing, and watching old westerns. He retired as owner and operator of Ethen Watkins Construction Company of Lugoff, SC. He attended Greater Heights Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Judy Morrison Watkins of Bethune, SC; children, Robert Parnell, Terry Vann Schon, Belinda Watkins, Timmy Watkins, Ricky Watkins, Sheila Watkins Gantt, Teresa Fry, Preston Watkins, Angela Watkins Wright; brothers, William P. Watkins (Gladys), Jennings E. Watkins (Mary); sisters, Paulette W. Darnell and Lorna W. Johnson; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by the mother of his children, Daphyne Watkins; sons, Chris Watkins, Nickolas Watkins; two infant children.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Greater Heights Baptist Church,  
3304 W. BoBo Newsom Hwy., Hartsville, SC 29550.

Online condolences can be given at [www.bpafuneralhome.com](http://www.bpafuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Magnolia Cemetery

140 South Cedar Lane  
Hartsville, SC 29550  
(843) 383-3004

# Events

**Details are pending.**

# Tribute Wall

MB

“ So sorry for your loss, Judy and family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

*Miriam and Laverne Brown*



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**Miriam Brown** - January 25, 2021 at 12:07 PM

JW

*Thank you so much for your thoughts, and Prayers.*

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**Judy watkins** - February 11, 2021 at 05:56 PM

RM

“ *Rae McDonald lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ethen Preston Lee Watkins Sr.*



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**Rae McDonald** - January 17, 2021 at 04:32 PM

JW

*Thank you for lighting a candle in memory of Ethen*

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**Judy watkins** - February 11, 2021 at 05:59 PM

JW

*Thank you for lightening a Candle in memory of Ethen*

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**Judy watkins** - February 11, 2021 at 06:01 PM

KI

“ *Kathy Ingram lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ethen Preston Lee Watkins Sr.*



**Kathy Ingram** - January 16, 2021 at 09:14 PM

JW

*Thank you for lighting a Candle I memory of Ethen*

**Judy watkins** - February 11, 2021 at 06:00 PM

RS

“ *Robby And Kathy Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ethen Preston Lee Watkins Sr.*



**Robby and Kathy Smith** - January 16, 2021 at 09:31 AM

JW

*Thank you for lighting a Candle in memory of Ethen*

**Judy watkins** - February 11, 2021 at 06:05 PM

TP

“ *Sheila, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*  
*Tina and Clay Pike*



**Tina Pike** - January 16, 2021 at 06:36 AM

JW

*Thank you for Lightening a candle in memory of Ethen.*

**Judy watkins** - February 11, 2021 at 06:06 PM

CS

“ *Charles And Lavonde Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ethen Preston Lee Watkins Sr.*



**Charles and Lavonde Smith** - January 15, 2021 at 08:04 PM

JW

*Thank you for lightening a candle in memory of Ethen.*

**Judy watkins** - February 11, 2021 at 06:08 PM

SG

“ *Angela and Family sending my love and deepest sympathy. From Shanah Gibson*

**Shanah Gibson** - January 15, 2021 at 04:10 PM

JW

*Thank you for lightening a candle in memory of Ethen.*

**Judy watkins** - February 11, 2021 at 06:12 PM

AF

“ *Love and prayers! Ethan will he missed!*



**Amber Freeman** - January 15, 2021 at 04:01 PM

JW

*Thank you for lightening a candle in memory of Ethen.*

**Judy watkins** - February 11, 2021 at 06:19 PM

MM

“ *Angela, my deepest condolences to you and your family. You all are in my prayers*



**Myleisha Morgan** - January 15, 2021 at 11:32 AM

BS

“ *Barbara Sansbury lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ethen Preston Lee Watkins Sr.*



**Barbara Sansbury** - January 15, 2021 at 10:32 AM

JW

*Thank you for lightening a Candle in memory of Ethen*

**Judy watkins** - February 11, 2021 at 06:22 PM

CR

“ *My prayers for peace and strength are with you and your family Angela. Love you.  
Cynthia Anita Jones Rowson*



**Cynthia Anita Jones Rowson** - January 14, 2021 at 07:59 AM

JW

*Thank you for your thoughtfulness, and Prayers.*

**Judy watkins** - February 11, 2021 at 06:59 PM

MK

“ *God Bless your entire family Angela- we are very sorry for your loss of your Dad-*



**Michael Kester** - January 14, 2021 at 12:03 AM

JW

*Thank you for your Condolences.*

**Judy watkins** - February 11, 2021 at 07:03 PM

BS

“ *Blake & Jennie Sellers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ethen Preston Lee Watkins Sr.*



**Blake & Jennie Sellers** - January 13, 2021 at 06:02 PM

JW

*Thank you for lightening a Candle in memory of Ethen.*

**Judy watkins** - February 11, 2021 at 07:06 PM

GB

“ *Glenda S. Blackwell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ethen Preston Lee Watkins Sr.*



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**Glenda S. Blackwell** - January 13, 2021 at 01:29 PM

JW

*Thank you for lightening a Candle in memory of Ethen.*

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**Judy watkins** - February 11, 2021 at 07:08 PM

GO

“ *Jennings I am so sorry for your loss. You and the family will be in my thoughts and prayers. Always reflect back on the memories you cherished with Ethen, They will last a lifetime.*

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**Grady O'Neal** - January 12, 2021 at 07:33 PM

JW

*Thank you for your thoughts and Prayers.*

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**Judy watkins** - February 11, 2021 at 07:11 PM

JW

“ *Such a loving man he was. A caring grandfather and father. So friendly . Would talk to anyone. I enjoyed the times spent with him and Judy.*

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**Joyce Wright** - January 12, 2021 at 03:21 PM

JW

*Thank you Joyce.*

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**Judy watkins** - February 11, 2021 at 07:12 PM



“ *Sending our thoughts prayers and love to you and all the family.  
Love, Marie, Mary Lynne, Tabitha, Neal, Missy, and the boys.*

**Mary Minnehan** - January 12, 2021 at 01:30 PM

JW

*Thank you for your thoughts and Prayers.*

**Judy watkins** - February 11, 2021 at 07:15 PM



“ *Please accept my condolence.*



**David Jordan** - January 12, 2021 at 07:58 AM

JW

*Thank you for your Condolences.*

**Judy watkins** - February 11, 2021 at 07:17 PM

JG

“ *Sorry for your loss. Prayers for the FAMILY  
Johnny and Bobbi Grant*



**JOHNNY Grant** - January 12, 2021 at 07:46 AM

JW

*Thank you for you Thoughtfulness, and Prayers.*

**Judy watkins** - February 11, 2021 at 07:20 PM

LL

“ *Ms. Judy and family  
We are so sorry for your loss  
Mr Ethan was such a sweet & kind man  
We loved walking into church and seeing him  
and Ms Judy  
Sitting there Always so welcoming and uplifting  
We will have the family in our thoughts and prayers now and for the  
days to come  
Sending love, hugs and prayers* ❤️🙏



*Lawrence & Cindy Lowe*

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**Lawrence & Cindy Lowe** - January 11, 2021 at 01:19 PM

DG

*Judy and family, Leon and I are just heart broken over the news. Naomi called last night and I never could quite go back to sleep thinking of the wonderful gracious gentleman Ethen was! I said to Leon: he is one of the most wonderful men I've known. Whenever I walked in to church and spoke, he always stood to address me and he made me feel like I was really important to him! We will always hold his memories dear and the personal talks so uplifting!!! Darlene and Leon Gaddy*

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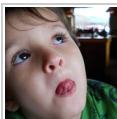
**Darlene Gaddy** - January 11, 2021 at 04:10 PM

GG

*Judy and family, so sorry to hear the sad news. Yall be be in our thoughts and prayers in the days and weeks ahead. Let us know if we can do anything. Bob and Gwen Gandy*

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**Gwen Gandy** - January 11, 2021 at 09:02 PM



*So sorry to hear of Ethen passing, my thoughts and prayers are with all the family.*

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**Faye Hall** - January 12, 2021 at 09:03 PM

GW

*Condolences to all the family on Ethan's passing.*

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**Gary White** - January 13, 2021 at 10:08 AM

DS

*Preston, Danny and I are so sorry for your loss. Prayers of comfort for you and the family.*

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**Danny and Mary Stevens** - January 14, 2021 at 09:23 AM

JW

*Thank all of you for Your Condolences.*

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**Judy watkins** - February 11, 2021 at 07:27 PM