



Mr. George Leon Watkins Jr.

July 18, 1930 - March 1, 2026

It is with deep sorrow that the Watkins family announces the death of their beloved parents, Mr. George Leon Watkins, Jr., 95, and Mrs. Elizabeth "Lib" Wadford Watkins, 95.

Mr. Watkins entered into rest on Sunday, March 1, 2026. Mrs. Watkins entered into rest on Saturday, February 28, 2026. The Directors of Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home & Crematory are caring for the family.

A graveside funeral service to honor their lives will be held at 2 o'clock on Saturday, March 7, 2026, at Magnolia Cemetery. Her grandson, Pastor Ryan Watkins, and The Rev. Fred McDaniel will officiate. The family will receive friends immediately following the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in their honor to the Burton Center, 2605 Highway 72/221-E, Greenwood, SC 29649, or on their website: www.burtoncenter.org

Mr. Watkins was born on Friday, July 18, 1930, in Hartsville, SC. He is the son of the late George Leon Watkins, Sr., and the late Nancy Sarah Howle Watkins.

Mrs. Watkins was born on Monday, December 22, 1930, in Sumter, SC. She is

the daughter of the late Vivian Jefferson Wadford and the late Mattie Taylor Wadford.

They were married in Hartsville, SC, in 1950. Mr. Watkins served his country in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict and retired as a Lt. Col. in the United States Army Reserves after thirty years of service. Mrs. Watkins worked as an office assistant and was an active volunteer in the community for many years.

They are survived by their three sons, George L. "Buddy" Watkins, III of Hartsville, SC, Thomas Jeffery Watkins (Jane) of Venice, FL, and William Brian Watkins (Carolyn) of Orlando, FL; nine grandchildren; and eleven great-grandchildren.

In addition to their parents, they were preceded in death by their daughter, Donna Gail Watkins.

Cemetery Details

Magnolia Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Graveside

MAR 7. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Charlene Hodges lit a candle in memory of Mr. George Leon Watkins Jr.*



Charlene Hodges - March 05 at 07:23 AM

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“ *Janet Sherman lit a candle in memory of Mr. George Leon Watkins Jr.*



Janet sherman - March 04 at 06:21 PM

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“ *Tony Grant lit a candle in memory of Mr. George Leon Watkins Jr.*



Tony Grant - March 04 at 07:19 AM