



Marion D. Watkins, Jr.

September 2, 1943 - March 5, 2011

Funeral services for Marion D. Watkins, Jr., 67, will be held at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, March 6, 2011 at New Market United Methodist Church. The Rev. Myrna Westfall and the Rev. Phil Watry will officiate with burial in the church cemetery directed by Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home. The family will receive friends following the service in the church. Memorials may be made to the New Market United Methodist Church, 1921 W. Old Camden Highway, Hartsville, SC 29550.

Mr. Watkins died Saturday, March 5, 2011. Born in Darlington Co., SC, he was a son of the late Marion D. and Annie Mae Johnson Watkins, Sr. He was a member of the New Market United Methodist Church, the New Market UMC Men's Club, and served as the church pianist and treasurer. He was retired from Sonoco after 30 years of service and was also employed with the Billie Hardee Home for Boys for eight years. He served in the United States Army Band for three years and was the former Vice-President of the National Majorette Association.

Surviving are his wife, Margie Lawhon Watkins of Hartsville, SC; daughters and sons-in-law, Mica Watkins (Monte) Saxton, Marlo Watkins (Scott Bernard) Hughey, all of Hartsville, SC; sisters, Jeanette Gainey and Vera Mae Kelly, both of Hartsville, SC; grandchildren, Sean Hughey, Eric Hughey, Monica Saxton, Lee Saxton, Leland Saxton. He was preceded in death by his brother, Carl Watkins.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs Margie,
So sorry for your loss.
Lisa, Laney & Emily Williamson##imported-begin##Lisa
Williamson##imported-end##*

March 14, 2011 at 02:22 PM



“ *Margie, Mica, Marlo and Families: I am
so sorry for your loss. Please know all of you are in my prayers.
Marion was a very special, talented person.##imported-
begin##Linda Jordan##imported-end##*

March 10, 2011 at 05:27 PM



“ *Mica and family:*

*We are so sorry to hear of your loss. You and your family will
continue to be in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Larry
and Cheryl Jackson##imported-end##*

March 08, 2011 at 09:26 PM



“ *Dear Margie, Mica, and Marlo, We were so sad to hear of your loss.
Even though our paths have not crossed for a while, we have fond
memories of being together when we played and sang at Mica and
Marlo's weddings. Such a talented family! We pray that our precious
Lord will give you the comfort that only He can give! You will remain
in our thoughts and prayers. Jeff and Carolyn##imported-
begin##Jeff and Carolyn Sifford##imported-end##*

March 08, 2011 at 02:39 PM



“ Margie,
So sorry for your loss. I have lot's of great memories of Marion and your family growing up. My prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. Jennie, Anna, Tarthis, John, Blair, Amber and Dee Sherrill###imported-begin##The Sherrill Family###imported-end##

March 08, 2011 at 09:59 AM



“ Margie and Family, On behalf of myself and my mother, Grace Houston, who dearly loves your family, our love and prayers are with you during this time of such sorrow. Mother and I were just talking this past week about how we never got to go back down to hear Marion's wonderful music. We certainly did enjoy it the times we were visiting. God bless you! Ann and Grace###imported-begin##Ann (Houston) Revis###imported-end##

March 07, 2011 at 11:51 PM



“ Margie, Mica, and Marlo, I was so sorry to hear about Marion. I did not know about it until last night. Please know that you all are in my thoughts and prayers, and that we love you all.
Jack and Corliss###imported-begin##Corliss Maksin###imported-end##

March 07, 2011 at 11:31 PM



“ Margie and family, so sorry to hear about your. I just heard about it yesterday at church. I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers.###imported-begin##Evelyn Talbert###imported-end##

March 07, 2011 at 02:33 PM



“ Margie, Mica and Marlo we cannot begin to tell you how sorry we are to hear about Marion. Marion was a very special person and we loved him very much. You will all be in our prayers and thoughts. We love you all very much. Please let us know if there is anything we can do. Love James and Mildred Huggins and family##imported-begin##James and Mildred Huggins##imported-end##

March 07, 2011 at 01:21 PM



“ You are in our prayers.##imported-begin##Johnny and Tammy Morrison##imported-end##

March 07, 2011 at 11:57 AM



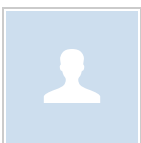
“ We will keep you and your family in our prayers.##imported-begin##LeeAnn Oneal##imported-end##

March 07, 2011 at 11:54 AM



“ You all are in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless.##imported-begin##Cindy Griggs##imported-end##

March 07, 2011 at 10:59 AM



“ Margie and Family, I'm deeply sorry for your loss. All of you will be in my thoughts and prayers that God will comfort you through the difficult days that are ahead of you. Sincerely, Grady O'Neal, LifeCare Hospice of SC##imported-begin##Grady O'Neal, LifeCare Hospice of SC##imported-end##

March 07, 2011 at 09:20 AM



“ Margie, Mica, Marlo and family,
Mom and I were so sorry to hear of Marion's passing. We were just
talking about you guys on Saturday. You are in our
prayers.##imported-begin##Shelly (Hodge) Kammert##imported-
end##

March 07, 2011 at 08:51 AM



“ Margie, Mica, Marlo: I am so saddened at the news of Marion's
passing. He and I worked together many years in Film Core. He
was a very good friend who will be missed. My deepest sympathies
to all of you. Jo Frieda##imported-begin##JoFrieda
Kelley##imported-end##

March 07, 2011 at 08:32 AM



“ Margie, Mica, Marlo and extended family. Sorry to hear about
Marion, we were classmates. I will keep all of you in my prayers. HHS
Class of 1961.##imported-begin##SydneyTurnage
Powell##imported-end##

March 07, 2011 at 08:06 AM



“ Mrs. Margie, my family and I are so sorry for your loss ,and you and
your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-
begin##Allison Chisholm##imported-end##

March 07, 2011 at 12:03 AM



“ Margie we are so sorry to hear about Marion and Know he is in a better place but we all will miss him.. Our prayers go with you and the family ..Kent and Linda Gainey###imported-begin###Kent & Linda Gainey###imported-end##

March 06, 2011 at 10:37 PM



“ Watkins Family, We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Loss is never easy, but know that you have the support of many who share your sadness.###imported-begin###Vivian and Ivan Johnson###imported-end##

March 06, 2011 at 03:22 PM



“ Mica and Family, I'm so sorry for your loss. You all will be in our thoughts and prayers.###imported-begin###Ann King Johnson###imported-end##

March 06, 2011 at 03:13 PM



“ Mrs.Margie, So saddened to hear about the loss of Mr. Marion.Our hearts hurt for you & all the family. You mean so much to us.We love you and will continue to pray for your comfort at this time!###imported-begin###Jackie & Logan Kirkley###imported-end##

March 06, 2011 at 02:45 PM



“ Margie, Mica, Marlo and the extended family, We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Marion but just think he has a new body and oh what a wonderful place he is in now. He has made his journey to the bright forevermore!!!! We will be praying for you for Gods grace and confort in the coming days because our strength comes from him. Pete and Linda###imported-begin###Pete and Linda Stevens ###imported-end###

March 06, 2011 at 12:54 PM



“ Margie, Mica, Marlo & family, Sorry for your loss and my thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.###imported-begin###Gretchen Tolson###imported-end###

March 06, 2011 at 12:05 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Marion's passing. He will be greatly missed.###imported-begin###Jake Jacobs###imported-end###

March 06, 2011 at 11:46 AM



“ Marlo so sorry for your loss. You and your family will be in my prayers.###imported-begin###Elizabeth Williams Hance###imported-end###

March 06, 2011 at 11:24 AM



“ Margie & family -
We are sorry to hear of your loss. You will be in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Mary & Scotty Morrison##imported-end##

March 06, 2011 at 11:16 AM



“ To all the family. I just learned of Marion's death. We were such good friends in high school. WE really enjoyed band. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. May God continue to bless you. Love, Jimmy##imported-begin##Jimmy Gregory##imported-end##

March 06, 2011 at 08:58 AM



“ Margie, Mica, Marlo and family so sorry of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.##imported-begin##Randy, Amy ,Aicia and Hillary Mixon##imported-end##

March 05, 2011 at 11:30 PM



“ Margie, Mica, and Marlo,... You are in my thoughts and prayers. Marion was a great man. I know your hearts are sad and I am so sorry for your loss. You are all very special to me and I have always loved your family. Love you all and praying for you during this difficult time.
Hazel##imported-begin##Hazel Martin Cartee##imported-end##

March 05, 2011 at 11:24 PM



“ Margie, Mica, Marlo, and family,
I am so sorry for your loss. Mr. Marion was a wonderful man and we were blessed to know him. He was a great role model growing up. He was at every event and dedicated to his family and very supportive of us all. I know you will miss him greatly. We will be praying for you all. Love, Shannon and Ashley##imported-begin##Shannon Munn Casey and Ashley Dixon##imported-end##

March 05, 2011 at 09:40 PM



“ Margie and children, I am saddened by the death of our dear friend, your husband and father. Although I will not be able to attend the funeral, my thoughts will be with you.
Blessings, Sara Odom##imported-begin##Sara Bruce##imported-end##

March 05, 2011 at 09:25 PM



“ Sister Jeanette: We were saddened to hear about the death of your brother. But we want to say "thank you!" for you taking out of your time with him to come and play the piano at our Gran's funeral. May God give you grace and comfort. You are in our prayers.##imported-begin##Rev. Chris and Karen F. Johnson##imported-end##

March 05, 2011 at 09:09 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time.##imported-begin##Mandy Rion Tyner##imported-end##

March 05, 2011 at 08:58 PM



“ will keep you in our prayers..always remember that he will be in your heart forever and even though you will miss him dearly you will never forget him###imported-begin###sherri and john oneal###imported-end##

March 05, 2011 at 08:23 PM



“ Dear Margie, Mica, Marlo and family:

We are so saddened to hear of Marion's passing. We have so many wonderful and fond memories of times shared in service with your family at New Market UMC Church. We loved to hear him sing and play!

Marion was much too young to go, but we know that he is in a much better place where there is no longer any sickness or pain. We will be praying for you all as you go through the service tomorrow, and as you continue through the grieving process. We are thankful that God gives us peace that makes no sense! He is an awesome God who never, never fails!

*With Much Love,
Darrell and Gracie Payne###imported-begin###Darrell and Gracie Payne###imported-end##*

March 05, 2011 at 07:40 PM



“ With a heavy heart, I write this message to all of you who I love so much, All I can do is pray for God's comfort and grace to fall on each of you. You are all so blessed to have such a special family to hold close too. Margie, Mica and Marlo I will forever cherish my memories with you all and Marion. We shared many great times together and you will always be my "family".##imported-begin##Brenda Cranford##imported-end##

March 05, 2011 at 06:42 PM



“ Mr & Mrs Gainey, Steve, Russell & Lisa
So sorry to hear of your loss, May God continue to give you the strength with all the great memories. Prayerfully
Lisa and Michael##imported-begin##Lisa & Michael
Goodale##imported-end##

March 05, 2011 at 06:41 PM



“ I was so sorry to hear of Marion's death. I knew him from Sonoco working with him on the phone for many years. He was always very kind and helpful. My prayers are with the entire family. May God
426 bless and comfort you during this time of your loss. Sincerely, Billie
McManus##imported-begin##Billie McManus##imported-end##

March 05, 2011 at 06:37 PM



“ Margie, I am deeply saddened by Marion's passing. I will be praying for you and your family. Love, Anne.##imported-begin##Anne Large
Tyner##imported-end##

March 05, 2011 at 06:15 PM



“ *Margie and family,
We are so sorry to hear of your loss. We will be praying for you and your family during this difficult. May GOD grant you the peace that surpasses all understanding. Sincerely,
Mary Frances and Linda##imported-begin##Linda S.Knorr and
Mary Frances Stewart##imported-end##*

March 05, 2011 at 05:30 PM



“ *To the entire Watkins family: So sorry to hear of Marion's passing even though we know he is in another life and not suffering. Our community has lost a wonderful piano player and he used his talent for others to enjoy. Our prayers are with you.##imported-begin##doris & allen atkinson##imported-end##*

March 05, 2011 at 04:36 PM



“ *Margie-our hearts go out to you and your family at this time. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Eddie and Vickie McLean Lide##imported-end##*

March 05, 2011 at 04:08 PM



“ *To all the Watkins family, sorry to hear of your loss you are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Patsy Hall Brown##imported-end##*

March 05, 2011 at 03:31 PM



“ To the extended Watkins family, sorry too hear of your losshe was a great person and will be sadlymissed by all. you're in our thoughts and prayers. If we can do any thing please let us know.##imported-begin##The Gainey Family Children Patricia, Barbara, Dora Jean, Mack & Wayne##imported-end##

March 05, 2011 at 03:27 PM



“ Sorry to hear about Marion. I will keep all of you in my prayers.##imported-begin##Tonda Jacobs Bunch##imported-end##

March 05, 2011 at 03:17 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this very sad time. Know that the memories will never fade.##imported-begin##Herb & Kristen Nicholson##imported-end##

March 05, 2011 at 02:56 PM



“ Margie & Family, I am so sorry to hear about Marion. He was a wonderful person and I enjoyed the way he played the piano and you and he sang. I will be praying for all of you. If I can do anything for you, please let me know.##imported-begin##Kay Tumbleston##imported-end##

March 05, 2011 at 02:46 PM



“ My deepest condolences to the Watkins Family. I have never met Marvin, but I know his daughter Mica and her family...she referred to him as the "sweetest man, I ever knew" and I did not need to know him to testify to that fact, I could see that he was through her! All I can say is, this is a sad time, but I think Marvin left this world his on his and God's terms; celebrate the life that he lived for he touched lives while he was here.##imported-begin##Eric Wilder##imported-end##

March 05, 2011 at 01:58 PM



“ Mrs. Margie, Mica, Marlo, and kids...
I know your heart is broken because mine too is over this loss of such a wonderful man.. One of the most beautiful voices I've ever heard now belongs to one of God's angels..He was a true man of God and I am honored to have known him..I love you all so very much!!##imported-begin##Alicia Wallace Steen##imported-end##

March 05, 2011 at 01:22 PM



“ Margie and family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. We are all sad for the loss but we know that Marion is at peace and in a heavenly home with a new body. There are no words we can say that will fill the void in your hearts but we want you to know that we care and will continue to lift your family in our prayers. Love In Christ.
Martin & Lee##imported-begin##Martin & Lee Davis##imported-end##

March 05, 2011 at 01:09 PM



“ Dear Margie, Mica, Marlo and family,
We are so sorry for your loss. You will be in our prayers. God bless.
Danny Crytal Cameron and Danielle Minnehan##imported-
begin##Crystal Talbert Minnehan##imported-end##

March 05, 2011 at 12:57 PM



“ Jeanette, Sincere Sympathy I will be praying for the
family.##imported-begin##Carolyn Flowers Pait##imported-end##

March 05, 2011 at 12:56 PM



“ Sis. Jeanette,
We are so sorry for your loss. We are praying for you and your
family.
Love you,
Preacher & Brenda##imported-begin##Rev. & Mrs. Don
Childers##imported-end##

March 05, 2011 at 12:44 PM



“ Margie, Mica, Marlo and family.... We are so sorry for your loss. Our
thoughts and prayers are with you all through this very difficult
time.##imported-begin##Johnny & Susan Goode##imported-end##

March 05, 2011 at 12:31 PM



“ Margie, Mica and Marlo,

thinking about you and praying for comfort, peace and strength.

Hal###imported-begin##Hal Gaymon###imported-end##

March 05, 2011 at 12:21 PM



“ Praying for your family.###imported-begin##Nikki Daniels###imported-end##

March 05, 2011 at 11:33 AM



“ Margie, Mica, Marlo and extended family. We are very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Marion will surely be missed.###imported-begin##Lydia & Pete Stokes###imported-end##

March 05, 2011 at 10:38 AM



“ Margie,

We love you and are thinking of you and your family today.###imported-begin##Harden andDeborah Gainey###imported-end##

March 05, 2011 at 09:59 AM



“ You are in our thoughts and Prayers.###imported-begin##Stanley and Julie Potthoff###imported-end##

March 05, 2011 at 09:31 AM



“ Margie, Mica, Marlo & extended family - just like you, my heart is hurting today. Somehow I knew yesterday when we talked that might be the last conversation we'd have for awhile. We talked about going to the Sunday afternoon "singing conventions" when we were in junior high. Even then, gospel music was something we loved & shared. When I remember the song Marion, Margie, Hal Gaymon & I used to sing, "I'll Sail Away Home," I can just see Marion shucking off that tired body & spreading his wings. Marion, I will miss you so much, but rejoice that you are now safe in Jesus' arms. I love you, old friend. Wayne Stratton Wallace, HHS Class of 1961

March 05, 2011 at 08:59 AM