



Alton Lee Watkins

February 1, 1922 - October 15, 2011

Alton Lee Watkins, 89 of Elkmont, Alabama died on Saturday, October 15, 2011, at Athens-Limestone Hospital in Athens, Alabama. Born Wednesday, February 1, 1922 in Elkmont, Alabama, he was the son of the late John Lawson Watkins and the late Winnie Lee Collins Watkins. He was a member of New Bethel Baptist Church. He was a Veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in WWII. He was a devoted husband and a friend to all. He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers: JB Watkins, Ed Watkins, and Fred Watkins, and one sister: Rachel Young. Surviving are his wife: Jewell Vickers Watkins of Elkmont, AL; brother, Frank Watkins of Athens, AL, sisters, Nina Ferguson of Tanner, AL, Ethel Butler of Columbia, TN and Lois Padgett of Franklin, TN; and a host of nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, October 18, 2011 at Ardmore Chapel Funeral Home, Ardmore, Alabama with Bro. Mitch McCormick officiating. Burial will be in Sylone Cemetery, Elkmont, AL. Pallbearers will be Mike Brock, Dale Brock, Darryl Brock, Steve Watkins, Stanley Wales, Rick Watkins, Nick Watkins, and Mike Padgett. The family will receive friends from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Monday, October 17, 2011, at Ardmore Chapel Funeral Home, Ardmore, Alabama.

Tribute Wall

BS

“ *My Prayers are with you Ms. Jewel, May our Precious Lord surround you in His loving arms of Comfort.*

Becky Smith - November 05, 2011 at 07:46 PM

LD

“ *So sorry to hear about your loss. Thought and prayers goes out to you during this time..*

Lindy and Dot Davis

Lindy Davis - October 17, 2011 at 11:50 AM

JF

“ *When tomorrow starts without me,
And I'm not there to see,
If the sun should rise and find your eyes
All filled with tears for me;
I wish so much you wouldn't cry
The way you did today,
While thinking of the many things,
We didn't get to say.*

*I know how much you love me,
As much as I love you,
And each time that you think of me,
I know you'll miss me too;*

*But when tomorrow starts without me,
Please try to understand,
That an angel came and called my name,
And took me by the hand,*

*And said my place was ready,
In heaven far above,
And that I'd have to leave behind
All those I dearly love.*

*But as I turned to walk away,
A tear fell from my eye
For all my life, I'd always thought,
I didn't want to die.*

*I had so much to live for,
So much left yet to do,
It almost seemed impossible*

That I was leaving you.

*I thought of all the yesterdays,
The good ones and the bad,
I thought of all the love we shared,
And all the fun we had.*

*If I could relive yesterday,
Just even for a while,
I'd say good-bye and kiss you
And maybe see you smile.*

*But then I fully realized,
That this could never be,
For emptiness and memories,
Would take the place of me.*

*And when I thought of worldly things,
I might miss come tomorrow,
I thought of you, and when I did,
My heart was filled with sorrow.*

*But when I walked through Heavens Gates,
I felt so much at home.
When God looked down and smiled at me,
From His great golden throne,*

*He said, "This is eternity,
And all I've promised you.
Today your life on earth is past,
But here life starts anew.*

I promise no tomorrow,

*But today will always last,
And since each day's the same way
There's no longing for the past.*

*You have been so faithful,
So trusting and so true.
Though there were times you did some things
You knew you shouldn't do.*

*But you have been forgiven
And now at last you're free.
So won't you come and take my hand
And share my life with me?"*

*So when tomorrow starts without me,
Don't think we're far apart,
For every time you think of me,
I'm right here, in your heart.*

Janice M. Finley - October 16, 2011 at 11:21 PM