



William Watkins

January 21, 1924 - November 7, 2010

William Charles “Bill” Watkins, 86, formerly of Carthage, died Sunday, November 7, 2010, in Oklahoma City, OK. He was born January 21, 1924, in Webb City, MO., the son of William Mike Watkins and Grace Stevenson Watkins Sarlls.

Bill served his country as Technician 5th Grade in the US Army, 695th Field Artillery Battalion during WWII. He was awarded 5 bronze stars for campaigns in Central and Northern Europe.

Bill was married to Opal Lee Patterson Watkins on October 14, 1960, in Carthage, MO. The couple just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on October 14, 2010.

Bill loved the Lord with all his heart and was an active and faithful member of the Nazarene Church his entire life. He graduated from Joplin Business College and worked as the office manager/bookkeeper at Joplin Transfer & Storage for over 40 years.

Bill is survived by his wife of the home; daughter Patrice Watkins of Oklahoma City; sisters Ruth Cook of Mission, KS., and Wilma Cochran of Corpus Christi, TX. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and close family friends.

Bill was preceded in death by his sisters Elizabeth Peterson, Lorraine Gailey Baker, Mary Louise Smith, and Betty Hakes; brother Perno “Sonny” Hinderliter and his parents.

Visitation will be from 7:00-8:00 p.m., Thursday, November 11, 2010. Funeral services will be at 2:00 p.m., Friday, November 12, 2010 at the Ulmer Funeral

Home. Dr. B.J. Garber will officiate. Interment will follow at Carterville Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Ulmer Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you. I will never forget him and the wonderful family he was a part of.* ”

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