HIS TOUR OF DUTY HAS ENDED

Lonnie was a special man who came along in a time when he was needed most. A time that is now gone forever. When men believed and sacrificed, when hero's walked the earth in mass.

When patriotism was not just a word but, by what men lived and judged the worth of each, a man who lived a life most of us cannot comprehend.

An era now gone as this warrior's tour of duty ends at this station, and begins anew in the heavenly fleet. **"Carry On Lonnie"** into your unaccompanied tour, **WE SALUTE YOU**.

What greater honor, that when a man moves forward, he leaves behind in each of us the best of what he was. A defender, protector, supporter, victor, a warrior, the last of the breed from an era when ships were made of wood and men were made of steel.

Lonnie has reported for duty that takes him away from us for now. Those of us who remain behind, remember and will continue to remember, because he now resides forever in our hearts.

The Family of Lonnie T. Watkins

Twilight and evening bell, and after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I must embark...

Lonnie T. Watkins
March 5, 1949 - January 9, 2021

FLOWER LADIES
Family and Friends

PALLBEARERS
Family and Friends

ACKNOWLEGEMENT

The family of the late Lonnie T. Watkins would like to acknowledge with deep appreciation for all expressions of kindness and sympathy shown to us during this time of bereavement. Your love and concern have served as a great source of comfort to help ease the pain and sooth the hurt. We thank you and God will bless you. May God forever keep you in his loving care.

-The Family

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LONNIE T. WATKINS
MARCH 5, 1949 - JANUARY 9, 2021

SUNDAY
JANUARY 24, 2021 · 2:00 PM

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Eulogist/Officiant:
Pastor William A. Raybon, Sr.

Obituary

Lonnie T. Watkins

March 5, 1949 - January 9, 2021

Lonnie T. Watkins was born March 5, 1949 to parents, Mary Francis Watkins and Harold T. Watkins. He transitioned from this earthly life to his eternal destination on January 9, 2021.

He attended Pearl High School. Lonnie served his country well by serving in the Marines, Army, National Guard and fought in Vietnam War and Desert Storm. He was married for 42 years to the love of his life, Betty Watkins. Lonnie retired from the VA Hospital in Nashville, TN. He was a member of Love Fellowship Baptist Church for 20 years and served as a deacon. His most favorite pastime was being a car enthusiast.

He leaves to cherish his precious memory, wife, Betty M. Watkins; daughter: Lori (Andre') Holt and Bridget Knight; son, Dante' R. Stanton; granddaughters: Christian L. Holt, Cameron A. Holt, and Tessa D. Stanton; grandsons: Cortez Knight, Darzell Wester, Andre' A. Holt, and Dante' Basham; great grandchildren: Noyeli, Louis, Mack, Cameron, Caleb, Chalid, Carson, Corden, Corrhon, and Coryeon; brother, Fletcher Watkins (Vanessa Reynolds/Special Friend); brother, Harold V. Watkins; sister, Ila V. Hatchett (Joe Lee/Special Friend), Jimmie (Larry) Robertson and Brenda Watkins; brother-in-law: James (Nora) Woods; sisters-in-law, Mary McGee and Althea (Donnie) Gee; best friend, Edward Bell and friend, Rozell Wester and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

His Journey Just Begun

Don't think of him as gone away, his journey's just begun,
Life holds so many facets, this earth is only one.
Just think of him as resting, from the sorrows and the tears,
In a place of warmth and comfort,
Where there are no days or years.

Think how he must be wishing, that we could know today,
How nothing but our sadness, can really pass away.
And think of him as living, in the hearts of those he touched,
For nothing loved is ever lost, and he was loved so much.

Order of Celebration

Officiating: Pastor William A. Raybon, Sr.

Opening Selection
Scripture……..Pastor Sean Cook
Prayer……Deacon A. Z. Stoudimire
Eulogy……..……Pastor William A. Raybon, Sr.
Tribute……..Lori Holt, daughter
Solo……..……Deacon James L. Neuble, Jr.
Solo……..Pastor William A. Raybon, Sr.
Words of Comfort……2-3 minutes……..Open Floor
Benediction and Committal

INTERMENT

Middle Tennessee Veterans Cemetery
7931 McCrory Lane
Nashville, TN 37221

We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.
2 Corinthians 5:8