



## Billy Ray Watkins

April 20, 1930 - July 23, 2019

On July 23, 2019, Bill Watkins, age 89, passed away peacefully at St. John's hospital in Tulsa, OK, surrounded by his family.

He was born on April 20, 1930, in Arkansas City, KS to Betty and Herb Watkins. He grew up in Elgin and Caney, KS and spent his days hunting and fishing and graduated from Caney High School.

At the age of 18, Bill met the love of his life, Wilma Ade, and they married four years later in Caney, KS, in 1952. He and Wilma were married for 66 years and raised two daughters, Sherri and Lori.

Bill served in the United States Air Force and then began his career in the newly-created computing department at Phillips Petroleum in Bartlesville, OK. While juggling a full-time career, he went back to school in Tulsa and achieved a degree in accounting. He retired in 1985 and returned shortly after and worked as a marketing contractor where he enjoyed an additional five years.

He lived life to the fullest by doing the things he loved most: square dance calling, traveling, roasting coffee, tending to his yard and growing tomatoes, but above all else, he loved spending time with his family.

His family was honored to learn that upon his death the tissues on his body

would be donated and used to help others, letting his legacy live on.

He is survived by his wife Wilma, one brother Rex Watkins and wife Helen of Bartlesville, his daughter, Sherri Lynn and husband Jim of Bartlesville, and their three children Logan and Melissa Lynn, Laura and Brian Moser, and Laci Lynn. He is also survived by his daughter Lori Schultz and husband John of Tulsa and their three children Kristen and Mauricio Schultz Pineda, Jake, and Emma. He has three great-grandchildren, Emery, Miles, and Devin.

If desired, friends may make memorial contributions to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUL **26**. 3:00 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church  
505 S.E. Dewey  
Bartlesville, OK 74003

# Tribute Wall



“ *Billy Ray Watkins*

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ *Billy Ray Watkins*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *I will miss my handsome, broad shouldered hero!! You were a great man!!* ❤️

**lori schultz** - July 27, 2019 at 01:51 PM



“ *So sorry to learn of your loss, Nancy and I send you our condolences and our prayers.*

*Gary Crawford*

**Gary Crawford** - July 26, 2019 at 11:55 AM



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**Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory** - July 26, 2019 at 09:57 AM

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*I was a caregiver for Bill, and he was a special person. Always ready to do what he needed to do. He had a great personality. I enjoyed meeting him and his family. He will be missed. Becky Edson*

**Becky Edson** - July 26, 2019 at 11:44 AM

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*“ Bill was one of the sweetest men I have ever met. Loved visiting with him on occasion. The one thing that sticks in my mind is how he loved his family and how proud he was of each of you. Craig and I have your entire family in our thoughts and prayers.*

**Tammy** - July 25, 2019 at 11:10 PM

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*“ Craig and Tammy Sarver purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Billy Ray Watkins .*



**Craig and Tammy Sarver** - July 25, 2019 at 11:01 PM



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