



## Martha Jeanette "Jane" Darden Watkins

August 23, 1934 - September 1, 2017

Martha Jeanette "Jane" Darden Watkins, 83, went to heaven on September 1st, 2017 at The Crossing at Riverside Health & Rehab in Searcy. Jane was born August 23rd, 1934 in Searcy, Arkansas to John Wilburn Darden and Blanche Irene Harrell Darden. She grew up in Searcy and graduated High School in 1952. She was married the next year to Robert L. "Bob" Watkins and after living in Arkansas, Ohio, California, Mississippi and Alabama, they retired to Pangburn, Arkansas in 1990. Jane was a member of the Good Samaritan Sunday School Class at Trinity Baptist Church in Searcy and was active with the Trinity Troopers for many years. After Bob's death in 2009, Jane moved to Searcy and in 2015 into The Crossing at Riverside. In addition to her husband, Jane was preceded in death by her middle son, Warren J. Watkins, her youngest son, William Matt Watkins, a sister Mary Darden Cook and one brother, Wilburn Darden. Jane is survived by her eldest son, Robert L. "Robin" Watkins, II (Debbie) of Searcy, nine grandchildren, Robert M. Watkins (Tracy) of Woodstock, GA, Timothy P. Watkins of Searcy, Dexter A. Watkins (Rachel) of Nashville, TN, Bethany D. Watkins Pardue of Sherwood, AR, Rachel N. Watkins Allison (David) of Austin, AR, Rebekkah J. Watkins of Calico Rock, AR, Derek A. Watkins (Elizabeth) of New York, NY, William Spencer Watkins & Justin L. "Luke" Watkins of Hattiesburg, MS, five great-grandchildren Eric R. Watkins, Braden L. & Bailey N. Pardue, Emma Grace "Gracie" Watkins and Aubrey L. Allison. Also surviving is one brother, Warren H. Darden of Heber Springs, AR, two very caring, kind and especially helpful

family members, sister-in-law Nell Darden of Searcy and niece Tracey E. Cook Western of Searcy and a host of nephews and nieces.

Visitation will be held from 6-8pm on Monday Sept. 4th at Powell Funeral Home - Searcy and funeral to be held at 2:00 pm at Trinity Baptist Church on Tuesday Sept. 5th. There will be a private, family graveside service at Henderson Cemetery in Pangburn following the funeral.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider donating to the Alzheimer Foundation of America or to The Gideons International.

# Cemetery Details

## Henderson Cemetery

Pangburn, AR

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 4. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services (Searcy)  
2602 W. Beebe-Capps Expy  
Searcy, AR 72143  
(501) 268-7220  
searcy@powellfuneralhome.net  
<https://www.powellfuneralhome.net/>

## Funeral Service

SEP 5. 2:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Baptist Church  
1601 E. Moore Ave.  
Searcy, AR 72143

# Tribute Wall

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“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Martha Jeanette "Jane" Darden Watkins



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**Powell Funeral Home** - September 02, 2017 at 04:03 PM

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“ Robert, Marcia and I want to extend our deepest sympathies to you and your family. May God give you comfort and peace at this time.

*Danny and Marcia Dobbins*

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**Danny Dobbins** - September 05, 2017 at 11:04 PM

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“ Diane Hopkins lit a candle in memory of Martha Jeanette "Jane" Darden Watkins



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**Diane Hopkins** - September 03, 2017 at 05:34 PM

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*Ms. Jane was a very Dear friend of mine. As her Caregiver & friend, we encountered many enjoyable times together. She loved sharing her love of birds with me, shopping, going for rides & occasionally, we would stop, for a sugar free, frozen yogurt, before going back home. Ms. Jane often told me, of her fond memories, as a young girl, spending time at Stotts Drug Store, shopping for pretty costume jewelry.*

*I loved Ms. Jane very much & she will always hold a very special place in my heart. She is now at rest in Heaven, with family members, as well as her special, little furry friend, "Suzy." She & Suzy had a very special bond. I was able to get Ms. Jane do her daily walking exercises, after I taught Suzy to lead the way. She got such a kick, out of watching Suzy lead. I was truly blessed, to have worked with Ms. Jane, & I have so many, sweet memories of our special times together.*

*Thank you, Robert & family, for calling me, to help care for your Mom. May God's blessings be with you all.*

*With Deepest Sympathy,  
Diane Hopkins*

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**Diane Hopkins** - September 03, 2017 at 06:46 PM