



Mr. Carl Edward Watts Sr.

April 6, 1934 - August 11, 2016

Funeral services for Carl Edward Watts, Sr., 82, who died peacefully on Thursday, August 11, 2016, will be held at 3 o'clock on Sunday, August 14, 2016 in The Chapel of Hancock-Elmore-Hill Funeral Home. The Revs. Homer Hinson, Dean Elliott, and Carl Watts, Jr. will officiate with burial to follow in Piedmont Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Saturday from 5:00 until 7:00 pm at the funeral home.

Mr. Watts was born in Camden, SC on April 6, 1934. He was a son of Clarence Watts and Loma Gladden Watts.

He was a member of the Red Hill Baptist Church. He was a self employed career truck driver for 57 years. His passion for music led him to learn the piano, guitar, organ, bass guitar, drums, fiddle, mandolin, accordion and the dog box bass. His range of musical talent included country bluegrass and gospel.

Along with his wife of 47 years, Diane Sullins Watts, he managed and played with the Moonlighters Band for 20 years. In his early years, his claim to country music fame was his association with the Hired Hands Band, as well as Slim Mims and the Dream Ranch Boys & Girls. He was a regular on the Jim Nesbitt Show and the Slim Mims Sunday Morning Gospel TV show. He spent 18 years spinning country and gospel records on radio station WAGS AM in Bishopville.

His love and passion for horses began when he was a small boy. As a young man, he broke and trained horses and was a trick rider. Over the years, he owned many types of horses including Clydesdales and Tennessee Walking Horses.

In the 60's, he managed the iconic Andrews Theater in Bishopville. In his spare time, he was cutting and selling firewood, growing and selling water melons, and selling tupperware. He loved his family and his community, and his life and legacy will be forever cherished by those who knew and loved him.

He is survived by his loving and adoring wife of 5 years, Barbara Waites Watts of Bishopville, SC; sons, Carl (Deidre) Watts, Jr. of Columbia, SC; daughters, Carlette W. (Craig) McCoy of Bishopville, SC, Melanie W. (Steve McClure) Paulin of Little River, SC; brother, Marion B. Watts of Bishopville, SC; stepchildren, Chris (Tony) Kelly of Camden, SC, Dale (Betty) Ray of Camden, SC; grandchildren, Benjie (Margot) Ray, Michael (Kelli) Ray, Tiffany Ray (Jason) Vilar, Lance (Lorien) Hall, Ashleigh H. (Tanner) Garrett, Courtney W. (Jonathan) Doster, Andrew Watts, Adam (Terry) Paulin; 13 great grandchildren, 11 step grandchildren, 11 step great grandchildren; 2 step great-great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 47 years, Diane Sullins Watts; daughter, Michelle Watts; 5 sisters and 4 brothers.

Cemetery

Events

Piedmont Cemetery
720 Sumter Highway
Bishopville, SC, 29010

AUG Visitation 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Hancock-Elmore-Hill Funeral Home
200 West Church Street, Bishopville, SC, US, 29010

AUG Service 03:00PM

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Comments



“ Seems like I have known Carl all of my life! I remember when he had the Andrews Theater down town Bishopville. He was always happy and laughing about something. I was probably only nine or ten when we would go to the movie on Saturday morning to see the Cowboy Cliff Hangers such as Zoro. The movie always left someone halfway across a cliff, so you would have to come back the next Saturday to see if they made it all the way across. Fond memories of Carl Watts. He was always the same!!

Ara Pate-Boyer - August 13, 2016 at 11:16 PM



“ So sorry to hear about the loss of my friend and bandmate Carl Watts. Carl and Dianne both meant a lot to me. Spent many Friday and Saturday nights playing music with them.

Jimmy Peavy - August 13, 2016 at 09:38 PM



“ So sorry to hear about your daddy. Everytime I'd see him he'd talk about my momma.I know how you feel,i loss my daddy in april of this year .May God bless you and comfort you.

Mr ,Mrs Michael king - August 13, 2016 at 05:57 PM



“ He was truly one of a kind...always full of life...a lifetime family friend. RIP old friend. Sending love and sympathy to your family.

Linda Owens DuCom

Linda Owens DuCom - August 13, 2016 at 03:11 PM



“ Carl was always wonderful cousin and friend to our family. He, Diane and the kids would come out to our house eat supper and just have fun. He was always so full of life. They use to play music on the flat bed at the cotton festival in Bishopville every year! We would look forward to that every year. So sorry for the loss, he will surely be missed! I'm sure Michelle, Diane, (my mama) Katherine Hancock, (grandmama) Willie Mae Gladden,(granddaddy) Ernest Gladden and even my husband Wayne Bowers were all there to meet him. Much love to u all!

Janet Hancock Bowers

janet bowers - August 12, 2016 at 09:49 PM



“ I met my (then) future Father-In-Law on April 4, 2014 at his 80th birthday party. I fell in love with him and all of the entire family. I felt an immediate connection to this family. I know I was meant to be a part of it. I remember crying the first time I heard Daddy Carl playing the piano at Carlette's house with Uncle Marion and others singing along. I cried because I have always wanted to be a part of a big family that gathered around a piano to sing and fellowship. I knew then that God granted me the desires of my heart. I have enjoyed the millions of stories about Daddy. He was one of a kind and he will be greatly missed.

Go Rest High On A Mountain, Daddy Carl. I love you!



Deidre Watts - August 12, 2016 at 08:32 PM



“ What a celebration is going on in heaven now. What beautiful music they all are playing. Can just hear it! He never met a stranger and had a heart of gold. Never stopped. Always doing something and teaching others along the way. He will be missed by many. Praying for all your family during this time of grief. God's blessings!
Wayne and Kathy Hopkins



Wayne & Kathy Hopkins - August 12, 2016 at 08:30 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Carl Edward Watts Sr..



August 12, 2016 at 04:24 PM