



Mrs. Fannie White Watson

October 24, 1931 - April 11, 2021

Lila Fannie White Watson went to be with her Lord and Savior on April 11, 2021. She was 89.

A funeral service will be held at 11 o'clock on Thursday, April 15, 2021, in Cedar Creek Baptist Church. The Rev. Bobby James will officiate with burial to follow in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends from 5:00 until 7:00 PM on Wednesday at Hancock-Elmore-Hill Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Cedar Creek Baptist Church, 2980 Camden Highway, Bishopville, SC 29010.

Mrs. Watson, the widow of Thompson J. Watson, was born in Lee County, SC. She was a daughter of the late Marion Napier White and Lila Lee Davis White.

She graduated from Ashwood High School and then graduated from Coker College in 1952 with her business degree. While at Coker, she lettered in Field Hockey and was very active in college life.

She worked a total of 45 years for the State of South Carolina. She taught at Midway and Bishopville High Schools. She worked for 40 years for the Lee County Department of Social Services, spending the last 23 years as a County Director. In 1966, Lee County was one of the first counties to begin the

Food Stamp Program, which fell under DSS.

She loved Lee County and the people and enjoyed helping anyone with a need. She never met a stranger and loved interacting with people.

She received numerous awards for community service. She was a Charter Member of the Lee County Chapter of The South Carolina Employees Association and served as President for several years. She also served many years with the Lee County Disaster Preparedness Agency, helping with issues that affected Lee County, such as Hurricane Hugo.

She always loved history and was an active member of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). She spent many hours doing genealogy research on her family. During retirement, she took up painting and enjoyed so much painting pictures for family members. She was very social and enjoyed all types of activities and, in general, was always ready to go "Anywhere."

Her greatest love was family. She loved spending time with her children and grandchildren and was grateful to get to know her great-granddaughter. She loved telling them about her childhood and family history. She made a number of trips to Florida over the years so she could be close to grandchildren and was able to be a big part of her local grandchildren's lives.

She was loved and will be missed by many.

She is survived by her sons, Tom "Bubba" (Cindy) Watson of Ocala, FL, Mark Watson of Bishopville, SC; daughter, Lila (Benny) Shirley of Camden, SC; grandchildren, T. J. Watson, III of Ocala, FL, Lauren Fredricks of Ocala, FL, Victoria Watson of Ocala, FL, Jesse Watson of Gilbert, SC, Aubrey Watson of Gilbert, SC; great-granddaughter, Ella Rose Watson of Ocala, FL.

She was preceded in death by her brother, D. A. White; sister, Marion White Messier.

Serving as pallbearers will be T. J. Watson, Jesse Watson, Anthony Messier, Will Watson, John Watson, and Tim Watson.

Cemetery Details

Cedar Creek Baptist Church Cemetery

2980 Camden Highway
Bishopville, SC 29010

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 14. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

APR 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

Cedar Creek Baptist Church
2980 Camden Highway
Bishopville, SC 29010

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Fannie White Watson*

October 08, 2023 at 04:16 PM



“ *Mrs. Fannie White Watson*

March 25, 2023 at 11:01 AM



“ *Sally Atkinson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Fannie White Watson*



Sally Atkinson - April 14, 2021 at 10:10 PM



“ *So sorry for y'all's loss. Gary & I are praying for you all. Much love & hugs*



stacey ray - April 14, 2021 at 08:42 AM

RH

“ *Ruthie Houser lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Fannie White Watson*



Ruthie Houser - April 14, 2021 at 06:18 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Fannie White Watson.*



April 13, 2021 at 09:38 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mrs. Fannie White Watson.*



April 13, 2021 at 08:22 PM

BB

“ *Buster & Elsie Bullock lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Fannie White Watson*



Buster & Elsie Bullock - April 13, 2021 at 10:55 AM

TC

“ *Bubba and family, I am so sorry for the loss of your Mother. She was a wonderful lady and will be missed by so many.*

Terri Camp - April 13, 2021 at 09:24 AM

TC

“ *Bubba and family, I am so sorry about the loss of your Mother. She was a wonderful lady and will be missed by many!*



Terri Camp - April 13, 2021 at 09:21 AM

JM

“ *Janie Mathis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Fannie White Watson*



Janie Mathis - April 13, 2021 at 08:58 AM

FS

“ *I was on DSS Board when Mrs. Watson was Director . She was truly a nice lady and knew what was going on !!! I enjoyed working with her and thought she was a very smart lady !!! My thoughts and prayers for the Family !!!!*

Freddy Stuckey

Freddy Stuckey - April 13, 2021 at 07:09 AM

TD

“ *Tom Dampier lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Fannie White Watson*



Tom Dampier - April 13, 2021 at 01:26 AM

TD

Ms. Watson was my friend and my mentor!! I loved her beyond words!! She took great care of me when I worked for her at DSS. She wouldn't let anyone mess with her Tom!! I'll miss you so much. You were a rock for me when times got rough, as with DSS, they often do. I loved you for that!! I'm utterly heartbroken.

Tom Dampier - April 13, 2021 at 01:30 AM



“ *Dianne Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Fannie White Watson*



Dianne Williams - April 12, 2021 at 11:58 PM

LM

“ *Lena McCutchen lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Fannie White Watson*



Lena McCutchen - April 12, 2021 at 10:50 PM

AB

“ *Bubba, Mark and Lila I am so sorry to hear about your mother's passing. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with during this sad time.* ”



Artie Broadway - April 12, 2021 at 10:02 PM

LA

“ *Praying for the family. Such a sweet woman who will be missed.* ”



Lanette - April 12, 2021 at 08:57 PM

ST

“ *Susan Thrasher lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Fannie White Watson* ”



Susan Thrasher - April 12, 2021 at 08:54 PM

CM

“ *Clara McElveen lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Fannie White Watson* ”



Clara McElveen - April 12, 2021 at 08:51 PM

CM

Sending my deepest sympathy and love to the Watson family. May God give each of you comfort strength and peace,

Clara McElveen - April 12, 2021 at 08:53 PM

AR

“ *Allen Roberson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Fannie White Watson*



Allen Roberson - April 12, 2021 at 08:14 PM

BM

“ *Brenda Suttles & Little Man lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Fannie White Watson*



Brenda Suttles & Little Man - April 12, 2021 at 07:45 PM

ST

“ *I am so very sorry for your loss Brother... SteveO*



SteveO - April 12, 2021 at 05:16 PM

MB

“ *Matt And Betsy Bramlett lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Fannie White Watson*



Matt and Betsy Bramlett - April 12, 2021 at 01:22 PM

KS

“ *Kevin Cox and Kim B. Shirley purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Fannie White Watson.*



Kevin Cox and Kim B. Shirley - April 12, 2021 at 10:31 AM

JB

“ *Jackie Watson Buckner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Fannie White Watson*



Jackie Watson Buckner - April 12, 2021 at 10:04 AM