



Mrs. Lenora Tolson Watford

June 3, 1936 - April 15, 2025

It is with deep sorrow that the Watford family announces the death of their beloved mother, Mrs. Lenora Tolson Watford, 88.

Mrs. Watford, the widow of Lawrence Wilson Watford, Jr., entered into rest on Tuesday, April 15, 2025. The Directors of Hancock-Elmore-Hill Funeral Home are caring for the family.

A funeral service to honor her life will be held at 12 o'clock pm on Saturday, April 19, 2025, at Salem Global Methodist Church, 1817 Salem Rd. Timmonsville, SC. The Rev. Ed Herlong and The Rev. Grace Marie Ward will officiate, with burial to follow in St. Paul Cemetery, 1813 Cartersville Highway, Timmonsville, SC. The family will receive friends at the church from 11:00 am until 12:00 pm, prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in her honor to Salem Global Methodist Church, c/o Mrs. Sandra Hudson, 1574 Hibiscus Road, Timmonsville, SC 29161, or St. Paul Cemetery Fund, c/o Mr. Watson Tolson, 104 Tolson Road, Lynchburg, SC 29080.

Mrs. Watford was born in Florence County, SC, on June 3, 1936. She was the daughter of the late George Edward Tolson and the late Alma Hill Tolson-Waters.

She was a devoted member of Salem Global Methodist Church and was their eldest member to date. She loved her Lord, her church, family, and her family with a Christ-like love. She was known for her generous, loving spirit. She never met a stranger; for this, she made everyone feel loved “As her own.” She was a true witness of God’s love. This was her legacy.

One of her greatest passions was to “feed” people. She and Lawrence owned and ran restaurants in the surrounding areas for over 50 years, the most recent being Watford’s barbecue restaurant in Bishopville, SC. There she found so much joy in connecting with her customers, and delighted in making each one feel welcome and satisfied, she made it her business to give them a big smile, a full belly, and a happy heart.

Her nickname was “Cricket” given to her by her father early in life — He sure called that right she was as busy as a cricket bouncing around to make sure everyone had what they needed, both at the home with her family and cooking a huge Southern style “Sunday Dinner” then making sure everyone went home with an extra plate, and in her restaurant business make sure her customers and her staff were taken care of and appreciated.

Known as “MeMe” to so many, she took pride in “Scooping you up under her wings” and calling you “hers.” She will be missed by so many, but the legacy of her unending love and sweet spirit lives on, and everyone who knew her. The family would like to extend their thanks to McLeod Hospice and McCoy Nursing Facility for the loving care they provided to our MeMe.

She is survived by her son, Lawrence Edward “Eddie” Watford (Kelly) of Lynchburg, SC; daughters, Marsha W. McCutchen (Jimmy) of Lynchburg, SC, and Robbin W. Tyner (Timmy) of Lamar, SC; grandchildren, Bree Moss Houser (Trevor) of Florence, SC, Fallon Moss Barnes (Jeff) of Virginia,

Breanna Whitehead Dorriety (Alex) of Timmonsville, SC, Lenora "Ferrell" Watford of Lynchburg, SC, Julia A. Tyner of Florence, SC, Dantzler "Danny" Tyner (USMC) of Jacksonville, NC; great-grandchildren, William Henry Dorriety, and Scarlett Claire Houser.

In addition to her parents and her late husband, Lawrence W. Watford, she was preceded in death by her brothers, Lawrence "Buck" Tolson and Wyatt "Shot" Tolson; and her sister, Anette Tolson Evans.

Cemetery Details

St. Paul Cemetery

1813 Cartersville Hwy.
Timmonsville, SC 29161

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 19. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

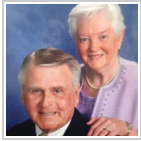
Salem Global Methodist Church
1817 Salem Rd.
Timmonsville, SC 29161

Funeral Service

APR 19. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *BillandAnnette Hopkins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lenora Tolson Watford*



BillandAnnette Hopkins - April 18, 2025 at 08:37 AM



She was such a pleasant lady and always had a smile for everyone She will be missed Love, Prayer and sympathy to the family

BillandAnnette Hopkins - April 18, 2025 at 08:39 AM

RA

“ *Mrs Watford was a pleasure to meet you I enjoyed taking Care of you the laughs and the talk about the lord put a smile on my face rip I wish your family peace during this time you will be missed your cna Roberta*

Roberta alston - April 17, 2025 at 10:46 PM

DS

“ *So very sorry, she was loved by many, our thoughts and prayers are with the family. We love you each and hold you close to our heart..*



Danny and Phoebe Stokes - April 17, 2025 at 09:21 PM

LF

“ Love always, Donna McElveen & family purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Mrs. Lenora Tolson Watford.



Love always, Donna McElveen & family - April 17, 2025 at 09:17 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Lenora Tolson Watford.



April 17, 2025 at 08:54 PM

RL

“ *Ricky and Rachel Langley* purchased the *Country Basket Blooms* for the family of Mrs. Lenora Tolson Watford.



Ricky and Rachel Langley - April 17, 2025 at 03:19 PM

ST

“ *Susan Thrasher* lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lenora Tolson Watford



Susan Thrasher - April 17, 2025 at 03:19 PM

JM

“ Love & prayers for her family! She was a special lady, kind and loving. Will always remember her from Cottonland Restaurant and Watford's BBQ. Best BBQ!!



Janice Melton - April 17, 2025 at 02:46 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Lenora Tolson Watford.

April 17, 2025 at 01:12 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Lenora Tolson Watford.



April 17, 2025 at 01:12 PM

JD

“ Jodi Chandler Davis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lenora Tolson Watford



Jodi Chandler Davis - April 17, 2025 at 07:28 AM

JD

Mrs. Watford was the sweetest lady and best boss I ever had. I worked for her as a waitress for several years at the Cottonland Restaurant. She treated us like we were all her children. She did so much for me beyond my waitressing. I'll never forget her gifts of kindness and how much she did for me before I got married. She was an angel 🙏 and an angel now. Eddie, Marsha and Robin were blessed to have her as a mother. She loved 🥰 those children so much

Jodi Chandler Davis - April 17, 2025 at 07:35 AM

MB

“ *Matt And Betsy Bramlett lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lenora Tolson Watford*



Matt and Betsy Bramlett - April 17, 2025 at 06:28 AM

TA

“ *Sweet, sweet lady! I'll always remember Mrs. Watford's warm smiles and genuine kindness during my every visit to her family's Barbecue restaurant on Main Street in Bishopville during the 1990s. Sending my love and prayers to the Watford families. 🙏*



Tina (Smith) Andrews - April 16, 2025 at 07:31 PM

BE

“ *Becky lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lenora Tolson Watford*



Becky - April 16, 2025 at 06:34 PM

BE

Mrs. Watford was such a sweet lady! Becky White

Becky - April 16, 2025 at 06:35 PM

AA

“ *Archie And Kay Amerson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lenora Tolson Watford*



Archie and Kay Amerson - April 16, 2025 at 06:08 PM