



Mr. William Angus Watkins

July 31, 1940 - July 12, 2024

It is with deep sorrow that the Watkins family announces the death of their beloved father, Mr. William Angus Watkins, 83.

Mr. Watkins, the widower of Judith Austin Watkins, entered into rest on Friday, July 12, 2024. The Directors of Hancock-Elmore-Hill Funeral Home are caring for the family.

A funeral service to honor his life will be held at 4 o'clock on Tuesday, July 16, 2024, in Bishopville Presbyterian Church, with The Rev. Chris Parnell officiating. The family will receive friends at a reception in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.

Memorials may be made to the Bishopville Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 66, Bishopville, SC 29010, or Friends of the Lee County Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 309, Bishopville, SC 29010.

Mr. Watkins was born on July 31, 1940. He was the son of the late James Edward Watkins, Sr. and Annie Laurie Ryon Watkins Cromartie, and grew up in the New Market area of Darlington County. He graduated from Hartsville High School in 1958.

He and Judith were married in 1963 and enjoyed 57 years of marriage until

her death in 2020. William was a PGA of America Golf Professional for more than 40 years. He was the club professional at Bishopville Country Club for 21 years and the owner of Hacker's Haunt Driving Range and Golf Shop in Bishopville. He volunteered for many years as a golf coach at Lee Academy and Bishopville High School.

He was a longtime member of the Bishopville Presbyterian Church, where he previously served as a Deacon.

He is survived by his sons and their spouses, William Britton Watkins (Josh Feldman) and Ryon Austin Watkins (Lendi); grandson, Landon Austin Watkins; granddaughter, Julia Britton Watkins; sisters-in-law, Geri Austin Cutler and Ann Cromartie Larrimore (Randy); brother-in-law, Joe McCullough.

In addition to his parents and his wife, he was predeceased by his brothers, James Edward Watkins, Jr. and his wife Betty, and Fred Alexander Cromartie; sister, Patricia Watkins Douglas McCullough and her husband James Lee Douglas; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Hal C. and Betty M. Austin; brothers-in-law, Hal C. "Buddy" Austin, Jr. and his wife Bobbi, and Kenneth Brewster Cutler; grandnephew, James Ryon Douglas.

William's family extends their sincerest appreciation to Dr. E.G. DesChamps III, nurse Ali Corbin, and the staff at Lexington Medical Center and MSA Hospice for their kind and compassionate care.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUL 16. 4:00 PM (ET)

Bishopville Presbyterian Church
215 S Main St
Bishopville, SC 29010

Reception

JUL 16. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Bishopville Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall
215 S. Main Street
Bishopville, SC 29010

Tribute Wall



“ Hancock-Elmore-Hill Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. William Angus Watkins



Hancock-Elmore-Hill Funeral Home - July 15, 2024 at 05:09 PM



“ William worked in my father's hardware store, Cummings Hardware for many years. He was a great guy and taught me many things. So sorry to hear about his passing.

Carol Cummings - January 26, 2025 at 02:28 PM

SL

“ Steve Laney lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Angus Watkins



Steve Laney - July 19, 2024 at 10:56 PM

AH

“ Annette L. Hopkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Angus Watkins



Annette L. Hopkins - July 17, 2024 at 05:08 PM

AH

So sorry for your loss He will be missed by so many Love ,prayers and sympathy to the family

Annette L. Hopkins - July 17, 2024 at 05:10 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. William Angus Watkins.*



July 16, 2024 at 02:30 AM

OB

“ *Orie & Buddy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. William Angus Watkins.*

Orie & Buddy - July 16, 2024 at 02:30 AM

CN

“ *Chai, Tom, Rob, Peter, Glen, and Nan purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. William Angus Watkins.*



Chai, Tom, Rob, Peter, Glen, and Nan - July 15, 2024 at 08:31 PM

CH

“ Charles, Matt, and Bayard Huggins purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. William Angus Watkins.



Charles, Matt, and Bayard Huggins - July 15, 2024 at 06:51 PM

CH

“ Charles, Matt, and Bayard Huggins planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. William Angus Watkins.

Charles, Matt, and Bayard Huggins - July 15, 2024 at 06:51 PM

TW

“ Tres, Marlo, Avery, Kacie, Bethany, Will purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Mr. William Angus Watkins.



Tres, Marlo, Avery, Kacie, Bethany, Will - July 15, 2024 at 11:23 AM

TW

“ Tres, Marlo, Avery, Kacie, Bethany, Will planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. William Angus Watkins.

Tres, Marlo, Avery, Kacie, Bethany, Will - July 15, 2024 at 11:23 AM

JM

“ Jules, Andrew, MaryAnn, and Matt purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mr. William Angus Watkins.



Jules, Andrew, MaryAnn, and Matt - July 15, 2024 at 10:31 AM

MB

“ Matt And Betsy Bramlett lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Angus Watkins



Matt and Betsy Bramlett - July 15, 2024 at 08:06 AM

HT

“ Hugh Tindal lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Angus Watkins



Hugh Tindal - July 14, 2024 at 03:06 PM

HT

Rest in Peace, our friend. Retta and Hugh

Hugh Tindal - July 14, 2024 at 03:07 PM

LM

“ So very sorry about Mr. William. Thinking of all the family.💔💔💔

Lena McCutchen - July 14, 2024 at 02:51 PM

LS

“ *William was one of a kind. Great friend.
Condolences to the family.* ”



Larry Stewart - July 14, 2024 at 07:11 AM

TC

“ *Keeping the family in my thoughts and
prayers during this difficult time.* ”



Terri Hopkins Camp - July 14, 2024 at 12:05 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the
family of Mr. William Angus Watkins.* ”



July 14, 2024 at 12:01 AM

JS

“ *Jason, Kate and Beth Smith planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in
honor of Mr. William Angus Watkins.* ”

Jason, Kate and Beth Smith - July 14, 2024 at 12:01 AM

AJ

“ Alan Kathy Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Angus Watkins



Alan Kathy Jackson - July 13, 2024 at 10:01 PM

RC

“ Rebecca Ann Crichton lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Angus Watkins



Rebecca Ann Crichton - July 13, 2024 at 08:37 PM

RC

Such a dear, gentle, kind man who was loved by all who knew him ❤️

Rebecca Ann Crichton - July 13, 2024 at 08:39 PM

CA

“ So very sorry for your loss. William was a very lovable person. He will truly be missed



Cherlyn Arrants - July 13, 2024 at 08:26 PM

RH

“ *Ruthie Houser lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Angus Watkins*



Ruthie Houser - July 13, 2024 at 08:05 PM