



Luman "Sonny" Fredrick Watkins

September 10, 1940 - December 22, 2014

Luman "Sonny" Fredrick Watkins of Rolla, Missouri passed away Monday, December 22, 2014 at the Mercy Hospital in Springfield, Missouri at the age of 74. Sonny was born in St. James, Missouri on September 10, 1940 to the late Luman and Winifred (Havens) Watkins.

Sonny was united in marriage to Janet Scott on June 13, 1959 this union was blessed with three sons. A true patriarch of the family, Sonny founded Watkins Portable Toilets in 1982 which is now one of the largest portable toilet companies in Missouri. Being born and raised in this area he learned at an early age the beauty of the great outdoors and the bounty of the rivers and streams, he was an avid hunter and fisherman; he also enjoyed his cattle, tractors and bluegrass music; Sonny was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, broth, uncle and friend who loved his family and spending time with them at family gatherings, reunions and barbeques. His family and friends will treasure his love of family, strength of character, sense of humor and genial personality.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years Janet Watkins, of the home; sons, Scott Watkins and wife Paula, Jeff Watkins and wife Susan, and Randy and wife Frederika all of Rolla, MO; grandchildren, Jamie, Jeremy, and Jessie Watkins, Josh and Amber Treece, and Heather Frayer; brother John Watkins and wife Lynne, of ID; sister, Zanetta Glenn, of Rolla, MO. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his mother-in-law and father-in-law Edith and Henry Scott; sisters, Hazel Chalfant and Phyllis Cooley.

Funeral services for Luman "Sonny" Fredrick Watkins will be held Saturday, December 27, 2014 at the Rolla Chapel of the James & Gahr Mortuary at 12:00 PM with Pastor Stephen Kamprath officiating. Interment will be at the Macedonia cemetery. A visitation for family and friends will be held prior to the service from 10Am until service time. Memorials are suggested to the American Stroke Foundation, Cystic Fibrosis Association, American Diabetes Association, or the American Heart Association. Cards are available at all James & Gahr locations.

Cemetery Details

Macedonia Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 27. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

James & Gahr Mortuary - Rolla
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Tribute Wall



“ *Luman "Sonny" Fredrick Watkins*

January 30, 2023 at 04:37 AM



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“ *Vicki lit a candle in memory of Luman "Sonny" Fredrick Watkins*



Vicki - April 22, 2015 at 02:26 AM



“ *Gina Maben lit a candle in memory of Luman "Sonny" Fredrick Watkins*



gina maben - December 26, 2014 at 06:38 PM