



Steve W. Watkins

January 27, 1950 - November 12, 2020

Steve W. Watkins, age 70 years, a resident of rural Grantsburg, passed away unexpectedly Thursday morning, November 12, 2020, at his home.

Steve was born January 27, 1950 at the family home in Stonefort, Illinois. He was the son of Wayne E. and Opal S. (Choate) Watkins.

On August 20, 1982, Steve was united in marriage to Dianne L. Chapman in Vienna, Illinois. She survives.

Other survivors include: 4 children – Marshall Watkins of Harrisburg, Kenny (LeeAnn) Swisher, Jr. of Paducah, Kentucky, Rachel (Billy) Thomas of Grantsburg, and Melissa (Jason) Hall of Roachdale, Indiana; 10 grandchildren – Will Thomas, Austin Swisher, Tori (Bryan) Bert, Michael Watkins, J.J. Hall, Libby Thomas, Bryce Hall, Ashlyn Hall, Easton Watkins and Zach Brazzell; 2 sisters-in-law – Kathy Watkins and Theresa Bradley; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

In addition to his parents, Steve was preceded in death by: a brother – Stanley Watkins; his father-in-law & mother-in-law – Dannie and Audrey Chapman; and a brother-in-law – Danny Chapman, Jr.

Steve was a 1969 graduate of Carrier Mills High School. He had been

employed as a miner at the Will Scarlet coal mine. He had also worked in the construction trade. Steve was the CEO of Hillview Health Care Center in Vienna. Additionally, he was the administrator of the former Freedom Outreach School.

Steve was a Christian pastor for over 40 years. He was well versed in the Bible and an amazing pastor and Christian teacher. Steve currently served as the pastor of Freedom Outreach Ministries, near Vienna.

Steve was an avid outdoorsman. He enjoyed deer hunting and had a passion for farming.

Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon, November 15, 2020, at 1:30 PM at Freedom Outreach Ministries, 5515 State Route 146 East, Vienna, Illinois. Pastor Tyler Owens, assisted by Pastor Billy Thomas and Pastor Ronnie Rixie will officiate. Burial will be in the Zion Cemetery, east of Ozark.

Visitation will be conducted Sunday afternoon, November 15, 2020, from 12 Noon – 1:30 PM at Freedom Outreach Ministries.

Memorials may be made to the Hillview Health Care Center (Activities Fund), 512 North 11th St., Vienna, Illinois 62995, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tennessee 38105-1905, Samaritan's Purse, P.O. Box 3000, Boone, North Carolina 28607, or to Hope Unlimited, 305 Lincoln St., Metropolis, Illinois 62960.

Those attending the visitation and service are reminded to observe customarily accepted social distancing guidelines. The wearing of a face mask or covering is strongly encouraged.

Cemetery Details

Zion Cemetery

Ozark Road
Ozark, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 15. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Freedom Outreach Ministries
5515 State Route 146 East
Vienna, IL

Service

NOV 15. 1:30 PM (CT)

Freedom Outreach Ministries
5515 State Route 146 East
Vienna, IL

Tribute Wall



“ Steve W. Watkins

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ Sherryl Bainbridge Case lit a candle in memory of Steve W. Watkins



sherryl Bainbridge Case - November 18, 2020 at 09:56 AM



“ Sorry for your loss . thinking of you and your family .



Sue Chamblee - November 17, 2020 at 09:40 PM



“ As a cousin I always looked up to Steve, always kind to me, always had a good time when he was around. My family adored Steve especially my Dad. Steve was A great man and mentor in my book. Prayers for you Diane and Family for comfort and the Lords Blessing for all your Family and Church Family.

Donald Choate - November 16, 2020 at 05:47 PM

LC

“ *Dianna and I are very sorry for your loss.*

Larry Choate - November 15, 2020 at 09:49 AM

SR

“ *Diane, I know words are not enough. Thinking of you, and praying for your family. Sue Rossi*



Sue Rossi - November 14, 2020 at 11:45 AM

SL

“ *Always a good friend!!*



Steve&Kathy(Whiteside) Lay - November 13, 2020 at 05:06 PM

CR

“ *Marshall ~
I'm sorry for the loss of your father. Prayers for you and your family.*

Curtis Randolph - November 13, 2020 at 03:22 PM

CF

“ So sorry for your loss. Steve will be missed by many. Thoughts and prayers are wit you all.



Richard and Joan Faulkner-Owen

c joan faulkner - November 13, 2020 at 03:21 PM

DH

“ David And Ellen Hill lit a candle in memory of Steve W. Watkins



David and Ellen Hill - November 13, 2020 at 11:26 AM



“ Debbie Stewart lit a candle in memory of Steve W. Watkins



Debbie Stewart - November 13, 2020 at 08:55 AM

TC

“ Teresa Colvin lit a candle in memory of Steve W. Watkins



Teresa Colvin - November 13, 2020 at 08:35 AM



I just saw this. Love you.

Marshall Watkins - October 19, 2023 at 05:32 AM

TR

“ *Teresa Richerson lit a candle in memory of Steve W. Watkins*



Teresa Richerson - November 13, 2020 at 07:37 AM

JB

“ *Judy Barger lit a candle in memory of Steve W. Watkins*



Judy Barger - November 12, 2020 at 11:58 PM

JH

“ *Judy Barger & Mariean Hill lit a candle in memory of Steve W. Watkins*



Judy Barger & Mariean Hill - November 12, 2020 at 11:57 PM

SI

“ *Sandy Inman lit a candle in memory of Steve W. Watkins*



Sandy Inman - November 12, 2020 at 10:42 PM



“ *Jeannie McCall lit a candle in memory of Steve W. Watkins*



Jeannie McCall - November 12, 2020 at 08:49 PM

CT

“ *Carla Tapley lit a candle in memory of Steve W. Watkins*



Carla Tapley - November 12, 2020 at 08:41 PM

DB

“ *Sending prayers for comfort.*



Dorothy Bacon - November 12, 2020 at 08:31 PM

JB

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Ted and Joy Beggs*



Joy Beggs - November 12, 2020 at 08:01 PM

JS

“ *John Slack sent a virtual gift in memory of
Steve W. Watkins*



John Slack - November 12, 2020 at 08:01 PM

PW

“ *Enjoyed working with Steve at Hillview Healthcare! So sorry for his
family's loss!*

Pat Wilson - November 12, 2020 at 07:39 PM

LW

“ *Lacey Witt lit a candle in memory of Steve W.
Watkins*



Lacey Witt - November 12, 2020 at 06:49 PM

RS

“ *Rev. Richard & Vickey Swiney lit a candle in memory of Steve W. Watkins*



Rev. Richard & Vickey Swiney - November 12, 2020 at 06:43 PM