

23rd Psalm

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures,
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul.
He leadeth me in the paths of
righteousness for His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; for thou art with me;
Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies;
Thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall
follow me all the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house
of the LORD forever.



Pallbearers

Kalope Hankins Nephews & Grandsons
Maurice Hankins Ryan Hankins
Walt Chancellor Mark Ward
Tyler Watkins Brandon Ward
Corey Watkins

Honorary Pallbearers

Sean Lackey Jonathan Hix
Lamar Smith

Flower Bearers

Nieces & Miracle College
Granddaughters
Erica Collins

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern, prayers, and kindness shown to them during this hour of bereavement.
May God Bless and Keep You!
- The family of John Thomas Watkins

Repast

Immediately Following Interment
Dreamz on the Pike
12117 Princeton Pike, Cincinnati, OH 45246



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Celebrating THE LIFE OF



John Thomas Watkins

Heaven Sent: January 22nd, 1954 - Heaven Bound: December 7th, 2025

December 19, 2025

Visitation: 10:00am - Funeral Service: 11:00am

Walker - Walnut Hills
2625 Gilbert Avenue | Cincinnati, Ohio 45206
Pastor Nick Burnett, Officiating

Life's Reflection

John Thomas Watkins, affectionally known as Brut and J.T., was born on January 22, 1954, to the late J.T. Watkins and Annie D. (Poole) Watkins in Glenn, GA.

John attended Taft High School and found employment through the City of Cincinnati Water Works Division where he worked for over 30yrs until his retirement. JT was real strong-minded. He was there for his kids and his grandkids. If you knew JT, you knew he would always let you know how he felt, whether it was good or bad. Through it all, he was a good person who will truly be missed. He fought a hard battle and held on as long as he could, but the Almighty called him home.

John accepted Christ at a young age, and joined New Friendship Baptist Church under the leadership of Dr. H.L. Harvey Jr. John was a faithful member, values he strived to instill in his own family. John served on the usher board "God's Door Keepers" until his health began to fail.

John enjoyed life, and spending time with his family. John looked forward to family reunions, family gatherings and a good party. John helped many and was valuable beyond measure. He demonstrated this not just by words, but by his actions.

John departed this life on Sunday, December 7, 2025, at The Care Core Meadows Nursing Home. In addition to his parents, John was preceded in death by two sisters Gloria A. Watkins and Geneva L. Watkins.

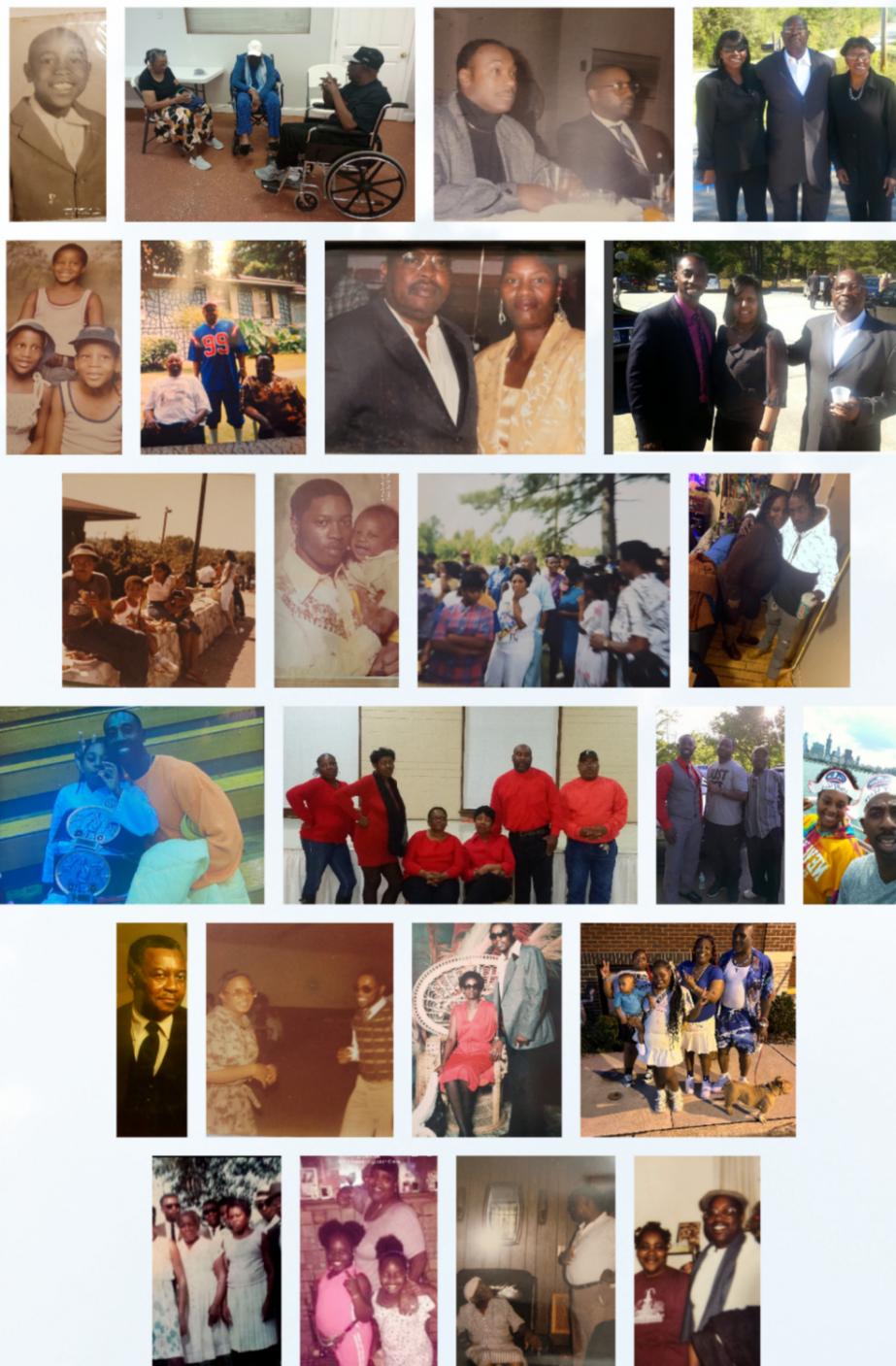
John will be lovingly remembered by his longtime companion Gloria Walker; two children Jonathan (Lashawn) Hix and Jessica (Sean) Lackey; five sisters Annie B. Watkins, Carolyn Watkins; Mary Watkins; Princess Watkins, and Daniella Watkins, one brother Charlie (Melinda) Watkins; six grandchildren, Ryan, Maurice, Sierra, Kalope, Miracle, and Erica; two great-grandchildren; all of Cincinnati, Ohio, one aunt Nancy Watkins of Roanoke, AL and one uncle Charlie Daniels of Roanoke, AL.

John is remembered by many extended family members, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Revelation 21:4

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain for the former things are passed away.

Cherished Memories



Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Parting View Immediate Family

Presentation NFBC Usher Board

Scripture Rev. Wesley Ross

Prayer Rev. Wesley Ross

Selection Min. Princess Hearn

Acknowledgements Kristin Chinn

Remarks Family & Friends
(Please Limit Remarks to Two Minutes)

Obituary Read Silently
*A time to reflect and thank God for the life of
John Thomas Watkins*

Selection Min. Princess Hearn

Eulogy Rev. Nick Bennett

Benediction Rev. Nick Bennett

Recessional
Pallbearers, Family, & Friends



Final Resting Place

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December 22, 2025
2:30pm
Spring Grove Cemetery
4521 Spring Grove Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45232