

GOD SAW YOU GETTING TIRED

By Frances and Kathleen Coelho

*God saw you getting tired
And a cure was not to be
So he put his arms around you
And whispered,
"Come to Me"
With tearful eyes we watched you
And saw you pass away
And although we love you dearly
We could not make you stay.
A Golden heart stopped beating
Hard working hands at rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.*

PALLBEARERS

Darnell Witt Robert Jones Bryan Jones
Mark Pierce Jr. Mark Watkins Damon Weatherspoon

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Jason McCay Douglas Weatherspoon Kenneth Weatherspoon
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Tyrone Tiller James Taylor Officers of GSMBC

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The family of Zelma Lee Watkins would like to thank the staff at Kansas City Hospice House, as well as the staff at Ignite Medical Resorts. Also, a special thank you to the nurses at Research Medical Center.

INTERMENT

Forest Hill Cemetery

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THE LIFE**



ZELMA

Watkins LEE

September 21, 1943 – November 21, 2025

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2025

Visitation 10:00am | Service 11:00am

Serenity Funeral Home

1101 E. Bannister Rd. Kansas City, Missouri 64131

Officiating, Pastor Jerome Jackson

ZELMA LEE *Watkins*

Zelma Lee Watkins, 82, passed away on November 21, 2025, at Kansas City Hospice House in Kansas City, MO. She was born to Ilee and Ruthie Mae Weatherspoon on September 21, 1943. She was the second of 11 children and the eldest of five daughters. She grew up in the Kansas City, KS and Kansas City, MO area and graduated from Paseo High School in Kansas City, MO on June 9, 1961.

Zelma accepted Jesus Christ at an early age and was baptized by Rev. Wilson at Skylight Baptist Church. In 1960 she and her entire family joined Good Samaritan Missionary Baptist Church where Walter J. Witherspoon was pastor. Over the years, Zelma was an active member and most memorably, she and the family enjoyed singing in several choirs. She also assisted in the writing of the Church Constitution and served as a member of the Trustee Board and Bylaws Committee. Zelma remained a faithful member of Good Samaritan until her passing.

In 1961, Zelma married Kenneth M. Watkins, and they had three beautiful daughters: Rosemary, Terri, and Tina. She and her husband were married 39 years before he passed away. She was a dedicated wife and mother. She also loved taking care of children. She was like a second mother and grandmother to many. Some fondly referred to her as "Mommy Zel" Even though she worked for a short time at both Bendix and Western Electric taking care of children was her heart and she did so for many years.

Zelma is preceded in death by her parents (Ilee Sr. and Ruthie Mae), brothers (Kenneth and Ilee Jr.), sisters (Vivian, Teresa, and Janice), husband (Kenneth), and daughters (Rosemary, Tina, and Terri).

Zelma Lee Watkins leaves to cherish her memory: her sister Carolyn (Mark), brothers Larry, Dwight (Denise), Anthony (Peggy), and Joseph as well as a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends. She will be dearly missed and forever in the hearts of so many.



ORDER OF SERVICE

Scripture and Prayer

Pastor Jerome Jackson

Musical Selection – Mia Ramsey

Acknowledgments & Condolences – Tammy Jackson

Words of Reflection – Silently Read

Video Tribute

Tributes and Remarks – Mark Pierce Sr. and Mark Watkins

Words of Comfort – Pastor Jerome Jackson

Benediction

Recessional

