

# Obituary

**William H. (Bill) Watson**, a man of many titles and a heart full of love, passed away peacefully at his ranch home in Bosque County, Texas, on May 15, 2025. He was 95.

Born on January 17, 1930, in Mosheim, Texas, to Ruby and Herbert C. Watson, Bill was first known simply as “Son.” As the eldest of nine children, he was lovingly called “Billy” by his eight younger siblings—a name that stayed with him in family circles throughout his life.

Bill was a devoted husband to Janette, Jewel, and Eva Sue, who preceded him in death in August 2023. He found love again with Sue, whom he famously met at a gas pump in Meridian. They married on January 11, 2011, and shared many joyful years together.

A dedicated and supportive father, Bill is survived by his children: Georgette McPherson and Rand, Billy Watson and Vickie, and Rusty Watson and Gayle. To his grandchildren, he was affectionately known as “GrandDad” and “GrandBill,” roles he cherished deeply.

Bill spent over five decades building a successful career in foodservice distribution. He began part-time work at Graham Paper Co. in 1948, later joining his father’s company, Watson Institutional Foods. The business evolved into Watson Sysco Foodservice and eventually became part of the Sysco organization. Bill retired in 2000, proud of the legacy he helped create.

He remained active in the community and was especially proud of his involvement with Texas Tech University, where he played a key role in establishing the Restaurant, Hotel, and Institutional Management (RHIM) Department. He also funded a scholarship for RHIM students, investing in the future of the hospitality industry.

An adventurous spirit, Bill loved to travel and kept his passport ready for the next destination—Hawaii being among his favorites. He also found great joy in ranching, transforming a piece of land in Bosque County into a thriving and beloved retreat. Friends and family are invited to gather in celebration of Bill’s life—wearing Hawaiian shirts or ranching attire, just as he would have loved.

Visitation will be held from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. on Monday, May 19, 2025, at the First Methodist Church in Meridian, Texas. A funeral service will follow at 11:00 a.m. at the same location. After the service, a procession will take place to Oswald Cemetery in Clifton, Texas, for interment.

  
**Services In Care Of**  
*Lawson Funeral Home*  
*Meridian, Texas*

## In Loving Memory



***W. H. "Bill" Watson***

*January 17, 1930 ~ May 15, 2025*

*The Garden of Promise*

*There is a place, I have been told,*

*Beyond an open gate*

*All have been invited*

*Where friends and loved ones wait*

*It holds eternal promise*

*Of everlasting peace*

*No pain or sorrow ever comes*

*And teardrops there have ceased*

*Abundant life is evident*

*Constant, fresh and new*

*A garden of provision*

*With Eternity in view*

*The promise is awaiting*

*A place we can abide*

*Fulfilled for all who answer*

*The call to come inside*

Sherrie Bradley Neal

**In Memory Of  
W. H. "Bill" Watson**

**Date of Birth**

*January 17, 1930*

**Date of Death**

*May 15, 2025*

**Services**

*11:00 AM, May 19, 2025*

*First Methodist Church*

*Meridian, Texas*

**Officiating**

*Pastor Kevin Reasoner & Bro. Richard Creech*

**Bearers**

*Curt Watson*

*Sean Ware*

*Mike Davis*

*Chris Ware*

*Pedro Munoz*

*Darryl Miles*

**Honorary Bearers**

*J B Wither*

*Martin Zuercher*

**Interment**

*Oswald Cemetery*

*Clifton, Texas*

*Following the service and burial, family and friends are invited to join the family for lunch at the Bosque Arts Museum, located at 215 S. College Hill Dr., Clifton, Texas 76634.*