



Rodney Darrell Watkins

November 22, 1939 - April 9, 2016

Darrell Watkins, age 76, of Henderson, KY, passed away at 2:00 PM, Saturday, April 9, 2016 at Redbanks Nursing Home, Henderson, Kentucky. Darrell had taught in the Henderson County School System for many years. He was a teacher at Weaverton Elementary before retiring as principal at East Heights Elementary School. He was very active in the School System and was a member of the Teachers Association, retired Teachers Association, and 2nd District Retired Teachers Association. He had enjoyed coaching basketball. He was a member of the Elks Club and Past President of the Lions Club, Coin Club and Magic Club. He was an avid outdoorsman. He enjoyed hiking and was proud of the fact that he had hiked the Grand Canyon twice and the Appalachian Trail.

Darrell was preceded in death by his parents, wife, Thelma Watkins.

Survivors include:

2 Daughters: Amy Blades and her husband Sean Island, KY

Jodie Brackett and her husband Chris Calhoun, KY

1 Son: Darrell Jay Watkins and wife Song Indianapolis, IN

1 Brother: David Watkins

Nieces and Nephews

7 Grandchildren

Relatives and friends are invited to Darrell's Life Celebration from 4:00- 8:00 PM Monday at Benton-Glunt Funeral Home and again on Tuesday starting at

11:00 AM at First Christian Church. The funeral service will be held at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at First Christian Church with the Reverend Chuck Summers officiating.

Burial will follow in Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Henderson, Kentucky.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to: St. Anthony's Hospice, 2410 South Green Street, Henderson, Kentucky 42420.

Arrangements entrusted to Benton-Glunt Funeral Home, A Life Celebration® Home, online condolences may be made at www.bentonglunt.com

Previous Events

Life Celebration

APR 11. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home
629 S. Green St.
Henderson, KY 42420
(270) 827-3535
email@bentonglunttapp.com
<https://www.bentongluntandtappfuneralhome.com/>

Life Celebration

APR 12. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

First Christian Church
Henderson, AK

2:00 P.M. Tuesday May 8, 2018 Funeral Service

APR 12. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Christian Church
Henderson, AK

Tribute Wall



“ Rodney Darrell Watkins

November 29, 2022 at 08:01 AM



“ Jodie, Amy and Family, We are so sorry for your loss and are praying for your comfort.
Trina, John & Axel

The Hollanders - April 14, 2016 at 06:36 AM



“ Mr. Watkins my principal at East Heights, First grade thru Sixth. He was very good to me and hired my mom to sub there from time to time. Later in life he retired and started a business in photograph. He really had a passion for it. I hired him to take pictures at my Wedding. I feel privileged to have had him in my life. My wife and I will miss him.

James Gettings - April 12, 2016 at 11:04 AM



“ Amy, Jodie, and families, you are being lifted up at this time by the many people who were touched by the life of your father and by his legacy that carries on through you.

Clay and Lisa Troutman

Clay and Lisa Troutman - April 11, 2016 at 07:44 PM

PW

“ I was lucky to have Mr. Wakins in my life at Weaverton and he was very good to my oldest daughter at East Heights during her time there. Miranda thought the world of him and was so proud the week she was named Student of the month and got to eat lunch with him.....he was such a good man!!!!!!

Pam Williams - April 11, 2016 at 03:15 PM

SB

“ My condolences to the family. Mr. Watkins was a role model in my life. As my principal at Weaverton and East Heights and later officiating many of his basketball games I always had the upmost respect for him. Great man that will be missed.

Scott Below

Oviedo, FL

Scott Below - April 11, 2016 at 02:25 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Rodney Darrell Watkins.



April 11, 2016 at 12:20 PM

RL

“ Richard and Linda purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rodney Darrell Watkins.



Richard and Linda - April 11, 2016 at 10:25 AM

GB

“ *David: Keeping you in my prayers at this sad time. Gloria Wright Blair*

Gloria Wright Blair - April 11, 2016 at 02:55 AM