



Shirley JoAnn Watkins

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November 9, 1936 – February 21, 2025

Shirley Joann Watkins, 88, of Allen, TX, passed away on February 21, 2025. She was born in Tahlequah, OK, to parents Arvin (Butch) and Gretchen Fritts. On November 17, 1956, she married the love of her life, Norman Watkins, and they shared many wonderful years together.

Shirley was a devoted member of her church, Northrich Baptist, and found great joy in singing in the choir. She loved spending time with friends and family, enjoying hobbies such as bowling, playing cards, and of late bingo. She was known for her kind heart, warm smile, home cooking, and the love she shared with everyone around her.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Norman Watkins; her parents, Arvin (Butch) and Gretchen Fritts; her brothers, Robert, Arthur, Preston, and Norwood; and her sister, Marie.

Shirley leaves behind a loving family to cherish her memory: her son, Lynn Watkins and his wife, Gina, of Sachse, TX; her daughter, Jody Harper and husband Doug of Jasper, TN; her grandchildren, Josh Watkins and his wife, Lynn, of Josephine, TX; Cody Watkins and his wife, Lori, of Caddo Mills, TX; and Aubree Harper of Jasper, TN. She is also survived by seven great-grandchildren, eight great-great-grandchildren, multiple nieces and nephews and her dear sister, Mamie Raschke, of Valparaiso, IN.

Shirley's warmth and love will be deeply missed by all who knew her. Her family finds comfort in knowing she is now reunited with those who passed before her.



Events


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Visitation

 **Tuesday**, February 25, 2025

 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM CT

 **Restland Funeral Home**
13005 Greenville Avenue, Dallas TX 75243





Tribute Wall

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Anonymous sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Watkins family.

February 24 at 10:29 PM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Shirley.

February 24 at 10:29 PM



Bobby & Daphne sent a Blue Caribbean Bouquet to the Watkins family.

February 24 at 8:25 PM



Leesa Kitchens posted:

I have many memories of Aunt Shirley and I always thought of her as an expert card player who gave us kids sweet tea and a muffin or cupcake as a treat! As an adult, she still had the best tea and great sense of humor too when my sister, Julia aka Toot visited. I know Aunt Shirley is hugging Uncle Norman and enjoying Heaven!

February 24 at 4:06 PM



Leesa And Doug Kitchens sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Watkins family.

February 24 at 3:53 PM



Kim, Rachel, James And Kids sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Watkins family.

February 24 at 1:47 PM





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Debbie & Tim sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Watkins family.

February 24 at 11:57 AM



The Maxwell's Family sent a Basket Full of Wishes to the Watkins family.

February 23 at 7:32 PM



Raschke Family sent an Arrive in Style to the Watkins family.

February 23 at 6:44 PM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Shirley by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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