



## Benjamin Alford Watkins

May 24, 1945 - May 24, 2014

Benjamin Alford Watkins, 69, of Ringgold, Georgia passed away Saturday, May 24, 2014. He was born in Ringgold to the late Lloyd and Hazel Watkins on June 6, 1944, was of the Baptist faith, a longtime employee of both Sweetwater and Salem Carpet. He loved his family more than anything.

He was also preceded in death by his Brothers, Harold and Gene Watkins, Half Sister, Juanita Brown.

Survivors include his loving Wife, Billie Jo Watkins, Daughters and Sons-in-law, Diane and Jimmy Maggard, Kathy and Gerry Riddle, Michelle and Chris Bates, Son, Brian Ferrell, Sisters, Jo Self, Joyce Epps, Martha Daniels and Sarah Hamilton, Brothers, Randall and Wayne Watkins, 9 Grandchildren, 1 Great Grandchild and several Nieces and Nephews.

The family will receive friends from 3:00 – 9:00 PM Tuesday and prior to the funeral service Wednesday at 1:00 PM in the funeral home chapel. Interment will follow in Salem Cemetery. Online register book available at [www.wilsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.wilsonfuneralhome.com). Arrangements are by Wilson Funeral Homes, Wallis-Stewart Chapel, Ringgold (706) 935-2331.

# Tribute Wall

JC

“ *Billie and children. I am so sorry to learn about Ben. Kelly called me and told me. He was such a nice fellow and I know you will miss him.*

Judy Headrick Adkins - Ringgold, GA - classmate-ringgold - June 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ *I look forward to making you a cup of coffee when I see you again. I love you, Daddy.*

Kathy Riddle - Chickamauga, GA - Daughter - May 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM

HD

“ *We love you so much Papaw. You will be greatly missed and forever loved. We were so blessed to have the best Papaw in the entire world! Rest peacefully now Papaw!! Big hugs!!*

*Love*

Holly Ellis - Chickamauga, GA - Grand daughter - May 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ *Daddy I love you very much! Thank you for being the best Daddy in the world and always being my hero!!!! you will always be in my heart! I love you Daddy!!!!!!!!!!*

michelle bates - ringgold, GA - daughter - May 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Kathy, you and your entire family are in our thoughts and prayers. What an awesome man your father was. He worked so hard to provide, not only for you guys but for anyone in need. The world is a little dimmer without him here but find comfort that he is walking in the light with the Lord.

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**Amanda and Mark Perry - Atlanta, GA - Family Friend** - May 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Thank you, Ben, for taking me in when I was a young girl. Even though you worked hard often struggled to feed and house a family of five, you didn't hesitate to take one one more.

You were quiet, but had such a wonderful sense of humor. You were a faithful husband, a committed father and grandfather, and a Child of God. I can see you in my hearts eye rejoicing with angels.

I loved you then and will always carry you in my heart. I love you now because you loved and cared for me.

Go now, we will meet again...and expect a grand tour of your mansion!

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**Debi J Blevins (Baby Huey) - Cohutta, GA - Life-long friend** - May 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM

VS

“ Ms. Billie, Kathy, Chelle, and Diane. I love you all and I'm sorry for your lose. Y'all are not only long time friends, you are my family. Anything you need, call me.

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**Vickie knicely, Susan durham - Fort Oglethorpe, GA - Sister** - May 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM