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James "JR" Richard Watkins, 85, of Ringgold, Georgia, passed away on Tuesday, October 14, 2025. He was born to the late Charles Richard and Elsie Mae Watkins in Chattanooga, Tennessee. JR was a lifelong resident of the Chattanooga and Northwest Georgia area and was of the Baptist faith.

JR is preceded in death by his parents, Charles Richard Watkins and Elsie Mae Mealor, and daughters, Tammy Vaughn and Robin Watkins.

Those left to cherish his memory include his loving wife of fifty-five years, Sofia Linda Watkins of Ringgold, Georgia; daughter, LeeAnn Stewart of Ringgold, Georgia; son, David Watkins of Alamo, Georgia; sister, Francis Chambers of Chattanooga, Tennessee; son-in-law, Brian (Robin) Vaughn; grandchildren, Austyn Mumea, Brandye Stewart, James Stewart, Stormy Taylor, Windy Fincher, Misty Fincher, Katelyn Walker, Thomas Vaughn, Stephanie Ryder, and Franklin Daniel; and several great-grandchildren.

A memorial service to celebrate JR's life will be held in the chapel of W.L. Wilson and Son's Funeral Home at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 25, 2025. Friends are invited to visit with the family in the chapel thirty minutes before

the service begins. The family appreciates your prayers and support during this difficult time.

An Online guest book can be found at www.wilsonfuneralhome.com. W. L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Homes, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, is handling the funeral arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **25**. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

W. L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Home-Ft. Oglethorpe Chapel
555 West Cloud Springs Road
Ft. Oglethorpe, GA 30742
(706) 866-5555
info@wilsonfuneralhome.com
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ I have lived across the street from JR for 35 plus years. He was a very good man, would help anyone . He loved to talk politics . He loved to grow his tomatoes and cucumbers. He loved his family very much. He will be missed by all that knew him. Prayers for the family . Wanda Reilly

Wanda Reilly - October 15, 2025 at 02:54 PM

CG

“ Connie Morgan Green lit a candle in memory of James "JR" Richard Watkins



Connie Morgan Green - October 15, 2025 at 12:14 PM

BW

“ Brenda E Wint lit a candle in memory of James "JR" Richard Watkins



Brenda E Wint - October 14, 2025 at 07:20 PM

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Have you told Rita?

Sophia aka Nikki - October 16, 2025 at 03:00 AM