



Donald Douglas Watson

August 25, 2019

Donald Douglas Watson, age 84 passed away peacefully on August 25, 2019. He was a native of Anna, Texas and lived the last several years in Barnesville, GA.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Reubin Lawrence Watson & Nezzie Shields Watson, 9 brothers and 2 sisters.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 56 years, Esmeralda Watson; son and wife, Douglas & Charlene Watson; step-children and spouses, Michael and Linda Talley; Lester & Brenda Talley; Brenda & Alvin Ray; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Donald was a veteran and served our country as a US Navy C.P.O. during the Korean and Vietnam wars. During his career in the Navy, he earned several service medals and commendation awards. He served aboard 10 Navy ships including battleships, repair ships, aircraft carriers and destroyers. As an instructor, he trained sailors in damage control. He retired after 20 years of service.

He enjoyed spending time with his wife and family, teaching Sunday School, writing and singing songs, country gospel music, honey/cinnamon buns and fishing. He loved to laugh and had an easy going sense of humor.

Donald Watson's Celebration of Life Service, with military honors, will be held on August 31, 2019 at 2:00 PM in the sanctuary of Mid-Georgia Gospel Assembly, 6225 US Highway 19 South, Zebulon, GA, with Rev. Lester W. Talley Jr. officiating.

Private family internment will be September 3, 2019; at Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Milledgeville, GA.

Please join us in honoring the life of Donald D. Watson by visiting <https://www.haistenmcculloughfuneralhome.com/> and posting your tributes and memories. Haisten McCullough Funeral Home, 1155 Everee Inn Road, Griffin, GA.

Cemetery Details

Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery

2617 Vinson Highway
Milledgeville, GA

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG 31. 2:00 PM (ET)

Mid-Georgia Gospel Assembly
6225 US Highway 19 South
Zebulon, GA

Tribute Wall



“ *Donald Douglas Watson*

October 07, 2023 at 09:35 AM



“ *We always enjoyed fellowship with Don & his family 50 years ago in Garden Grove, California!! He was a great veteran and father & step father!! We were recently blessed to visit Mike and Lester and some of the congregation in the church in Zebulan, Georgia!! We were informed Don didn't didn't have long before 'Going Home'! He has no more pain, sorrow, tears, sickness! There is 'No More Night' fore Jesus is the Light!! Rest in Peace, Don Watson!! Everything is now 'Ship Shape'!!*

Larry Dancer - August 30, 2019 at 10:39 PM



“ *Uncle Don was "one of a kind." He was a hard working devoted Christian man. No job was too small or too large and he approached both with the same enthusiasm. I remember when we were all kids back in Norfolk and Uncle Don always had a new song he had written to give us a preview of what was going to be the next "Top Ten" on the music charts. My thoughts and memories take me to his laughs, his charm, his commitment to family, and his enthusiasm for everything. He will be missed.*

With Deepest Sympathy,

Ron Tillett (Nephew)

Ron Tillett - August 29, 2019 at 02:47 PM

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“ My favorite memory of Grandpa was driving to go fishing off the pier in Norfolk, Va and listening to F.O.B. Now if you know my Grandpa, you know exactly what that stands for. He was so happy to share two of his favorite things with me that day, song writing and fishing. Wish I could go back to that day and appreciate that moment more than I did at that moment as he nervously laughed his way down to the coast. Oh, and we bought some scratch tickets that read “Virginia is for Lovers”. Glad to have that memory and that time I had with Grandpa when I stayed with them for a month in Norfolk. I have a better one for you Grandpa...F.O.G. Friends of God; see you in God’s kingdom! Oh, by the way Grandma, Grandpa snuck me money while I was there. He told me not to tell you, but I figure it is safe now, and this just illustrates what a fun Grandpa he was! Love you all down there and pray that you have a beautiful memorial service!

Michele Hardy - August 27, 2019 at 08:14 PM