



*William "Pappy"  
Watts*

**Oct. 20, 1923 - May 5, 2024**

William "Pappy" Watts, 100, of Morganton, NC, died Sunday, May 5, 2024.

Born in Burke County, NC on October 20, 1923, he was the son of the late John Furman Watts and Zela Chapman Watts. Mr. Watts was a life-long attendee of Missionary Ridge Baptist Church. He was a US Army veteran of WWII and served in Normandy after the invasion. Pappy loved the mountains and enjoyed educating others about the mountains. He also enjoyed gardening, loved kids, and was known as "Pappy" to everyone.

Mr. Watts is survived by his daughter, Teresa Watts Phillips (Austin); grandson, Jordan Kendall Phillips (Amber); great-grandchildren, Skyler Phillips, Lathan Phillips, Liam Phillips, Brinley Mason, and Ansley Mason; siblings, Blanche Watts Berry and Herman Eugene Watts; and a number of nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Pappy was preceded in death by his wife, Jean Roper Watts; two grandchildren, Marjorie Estelle and William Styles Phillips; siblings, Ernest Marvin Watts, Beulah Watts Smith, LouElla Watts Wilson, John Ervin Watts, Jack Donald Watts, and Betty Watts Secrest.

The family will receive friends from 10 to 11 a.m., Saturday, May 11, 2024 at Missionary Ridge Baptist Church Life Enrichment Center (LEC). The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. in the LEC with Pastor Darren Browning officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery with military honors provided by the Caldwell County Veterans

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Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

100 Years A friend of mine has passed beyond  
A hundred years of age His kind  
are few and far between A great South Mountain sage  
A man who had no enemies Who honored life and God  
His stories touched a thousand ears Of a  
hundred years well trod. Simonetti

—Jeremy Simonetti

Teresa and family, I'm sorry for your loss. I've known Willian and like him all my life. I know he will be missed by everyone that knew him.

—Nell Pless

William Watts was my Uncle, he will be really missed he was always there around his house working on something. Planting, cultivating , mowing or clearing the ground. He would always smile and loved to talk to us when we would come by. He appreciated creation, and loved nature. I will always fondly remember the time that I was around him. I'm proud to say he was my uncle.

—Abe Watts

Teresa and family, I offer my sincere wish that you know that he is with our Lord and rest in that knowledge. What fond memories you all must have.

—Judy Pearson





I am sorry for the family's loss. Sending prayers of comfort to the family. In sympathy Rosemary and Ryann Gallegos

—Rosemary Gallegos

So sorry to hear of your precious Daddy .. you was so lucky to have him loving and living his life at home and enjoying every minute . May Gods loving Arms wrap you in love and comfort during this time . Praying for the days ahead ..

Diane .. Steve Rhodes

—Diane Rhodes

Teresa, Your Dad was A Treasure. We always talked cars whenever I seen him out. Will surely miss him. Will be praying for you and your Family. Love your family. Steve.

—Steve Rhodes



Rest Easy and join your Comrades that didn't make it home. Thank you for your service.

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Teresa, our sincerest condolences to your family . You will be in our prayers.

—Frank Family



Pappy had a well lived and well loved life. Now he has eternal life with our Lord. Rest in Peace Pappy. Prayers lifted for his family.



—Joan Williford

Teresa, what a delight it was to know William! His love of the mountains equaled mine. I loved being at the reunion and sharing stories with him. He is with Jean and his siblings now, what a joy for all to be together again! He will be missed by all who love him. May God give you grace and peace to accept the things we cannot change!

—Jacqueline Clarke Smith

Praying for comfort and peace for this dear sweet family!! He was a pleasant gentleman to encounter!! Always laughing and cutting up!! He will surely be missed by all who knew him!! He lived a long wonderful life!!

—Carolyn Stamey