



Mr. John H. Watson

August 9, 1921 - September 11, 2014

John Horace Watson was born on August 9, 1921 in Winnsboro Louisiana to the proud parents of Horace and Dealy Watson. He was one of nine children and the Eldest boy. He began his early education in Rayville Louisiana and with the encouragement of his father he went in the Civilian Conservation Corp. commonly know as the CC Camp and completed his education there.

In 1942 he joined the United States Army and fought in WWII. While stationed in France he learned to speak a little French, which he enjoyed. He served his country until his honorable discharge in 1945. After leaving the Army he decided to make his residence in Ohio. He began working for the United Steel Co. in Youngstown Ohio and worked there until his retirement. Shortly after moving to Ohio he met the love of his life, Ms. Mildred McRae. After a romantic courtship they were married on September 13, 1947. To that union one child was born, Bruce L. Watson, and a step-daughter, Barbara Smith, whom he lovingly received as his own.

He and his wife joined Jerusalem Baptist Church where he was a faithful deacon for 40 years. After the passing of his wife, John moved to Berkeley California to be near his family. He joined Perry Temple COGIC, under the leadership of Elder Leonard Jackson, and attended regularly until his attendance.

John was an avid sports fan and loved to bowl. He won many bowling trophies and continued to bowl throughout the years. He was also an enthusiastic baseball supporter, who particularly enjoyed watching the SF Giants. He also loved to watch a good tennis match.

John will be missed and cherished by his two devoted sisters, Dora Lee Watson of Berkeley, CA and Gladys Lewis of Los Angeles, CA. He leaves to carry his precious memory, a son, Bruce Watson of Long Beach Ca. and a daughter Barbara Smith of Youngstown Ohio, two grandchildren and many nieces, nephews, church family and friends. John will be lovingly embraced in heaven by his siblings who preceded him in

death. L.T. Watson, Matilda Hunter, Wilbert Watson, Ruth Williams, Sarah Ford and Mack Watson.

Cemetery

Rolling Hills Memorial Park
4100 Hilltop Drive
Richmond, CA, 94803

Events

SEP 18 **Visitation** 11:30AM - 04:00PM

Fouche's Hudson Funeral Home
3665 Telegraph Avenue, Oakland, CA, US, 94609

SEP 19 **Service** 11:00AM

Perry Temple COGIC
3443 Market St., Oakland, CA, US, 94608