



Ray M. Watkins

October 11, 1934 - June 12, 2016

Ray M. Watkins, 81, of Petersburg, passed away on Sunday, June 12, 2016. He was born on October 11, 1934 to Manuel and Alva Maud (Ray) Watkins in Chandlerville, IL. He later married Mary Virginia Farmer on April 25, 1953. She passed March 11, 2005.

Ray is survived by his children: Kathy (Kenny) Pratt of Oakford, Karen (Rick) Boensel of Oakford, and Gordon (Brenda) Watkins of Petersburg; eight grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; one nephew Allen Betz; and his companion of 9 years, Mary Boehm.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, a sister Gladys Betz, and granddaughter Kristina Boensel.

Ray was a lifelong farmer and an employee at Curry Ready Mix in Petersburg. He served as a member of the School Board for 13 years, and a member of the Panther Creek Township for 35 years. He enjoyed antique tractor pulling and horseback riding.

Funeral Services will be held on Wednesday, June 15 2016, 10 AM at the Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg, IL. Interment will follow at the Oakford Cemetery. The family welcomes guests for a visitation on Tuesday night, June 14, 5 to 7 PM at the Hurley Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be

made to Petersburg Rural Fire or to the Oakford United Methodist Church.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.hurleyfh.com . Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg is assisting the family with arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Oakford Cemetery

Oakford, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 14. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Petersburg
122 West Douglas Avenue
Petersburg, IL 62675
(217) 632-2500
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ray M. Watkins*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Kathy and Karen I am so sorry for your loss. my prayers to you both and your family.*

Paula Russell - June 16, 2016 at 11:24 AM



“ *Prayers for family.
Peggy miller hinz--- granddaughter of
Lee and Faye Schoonover*

Peggy Hinz - June 15, 2016 at 01:19 PM



“ *You are in our thoughts and prayers. Windell Milner*

Windell Milner - June 14, 2016 at 08:35 PM



“ *I knew Ray a lot of years. We were both born in '34. He was one of the good guys as I like to say of someone special like he was. Ray raised some fine children as well as being a good man. Kenny Brown*

Kenny Brown - June 14, 2016 at 05:56 PM

JS

“ We would like to give our greatest sympathy on the loss of your father he was a kind and caring man . It was a pleasure just knowing him Mike and Jackie Sharp



Jackie Sharp - June 14, 2016 at 02:49 PM

PA

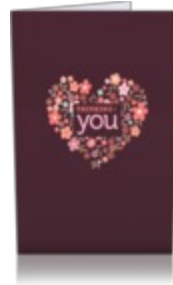
“ Paul and Shirley Abbott purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Ray M. Watkins.



Paul and Shirley Abbott - June 14, 2016 at 11:16 AM

SC

“ Susan C. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Ray M. Watkins.



Susan C. - June 14, 2016 at 11:06 AM

BO

“ Bobbi lit a candle in memory of Ray M. Watkins



Bobbi - June 14, 2016 at 07:53 AM

BO

So sorry for your loss thinking of you with love and prayers.

Bobbi - June 14, 2016 at 07:55 AM

MN

“ *Mary Neely lit a candle in memory of Ray M. Watkins*



Mary Neely - June 14, 2016 at 06:59 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ray M. Watkins.*



June 13, 2016 at 08:25 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ray M. Watkins.*



June 13, 2016 at 06:43 PM