



## Laura Franklin Watkins

September 6, 1929 - August 4, 2025

The service for Laura Franklin Watkins will be live streamed through the Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church website.

Laura Lee Franklin Watkins was born September 6, 1929, in McDonough, GA to the late Sammie Lee Robinson and Nellie Robinson. Laura departed her earthly home Monday, August 4, 2025.

Early in life, she had a deep connection to her father and his love for business. As he endeavored to create generational wealth by purchasing land and automobiles, she was there to learn and share in his passions.

Laura attended the Henry County Training School where she achieved her high school diploma. She later worked for South Fulton Hospital as an operating room technician. After retirement, she began working at J. Riggins Warehouse.

She united in life with the late Wilbert Pearson, to this union a son was born. She later united with the late Elbert Franklin, to this union, seven children were born. Last, united in life to the late Willis Watkins.

Laura walked through life with a keen sense of confidence. With love, she said what she meant, and meant what she said. She instilled in all of her children

the skill of soulful culinary arts, and to achieve all that life offers. You couldn't tell her that raising eight children as a single mother was impossible! One of her charming features was her uncanny resemblance to singer Shirley Caesar. Her love of God led her to attend Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, where her father helped build the original sanctuary. Laura's sense of humor, spirit, and steadfast love for her family was an inspiration to many who knew her.

Laura leaves to cherish in her memory a sister Ruth Joyce. She is preceded in death by her sisters Inez Robinson, Leala Mae McKibben, and Doris Barnes.

She leaves to cherish in her memory six sons, Wilbert Pearson Jr., Albert Franklin (Wanda), Donald Franklin, Winston Franklin, Stanley Franklin (Constance), Glenn Franklin (Tamarra), and one daughter Melissa Steward (Marvin); nineteen grandchildren, a host of great grandchildren; several nephews, nieces, cousins, family members and friends. She is preceded in death by one daughter Norma Jean Franklin.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

AUG 8. 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

W.D. Lemon & Sons Funeral Home - McDonough Chapel  
300 Griffin Street  
McDonough, GA 30253  
(770) 957-4337  
info@wdlemonfuneralhome.com

## Service

AUG 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church  
397 Racetrack Road  
McDonough, GA 30253  
<http://www.wesleychapelmc.org>

## Interment

AUG 9 (ET)

Rose Garden Cemetery  
743 Iris Lake Rd.  
McDonough, GA 30252

# Tribute Wall

AT

“ I will miss you dearly, Ms Laura.

Angela Thomas



Angela Thomas - August 27, 2025 at 04:19 PM

CC

“ I have only met you a couple of times, yet I have known of you for years through Tammy. God has called you home, so may you now rest in peace. ❤️ Cartelle

Cartelle Clayton - August 09, 2025 at 04:31 PM

PF

“ To the Family and my Dear friend Tammy...With Deepest Sympathy on the Loss of your Mother and Grandmother as I can remember Hannah was a Sweet gentle soul..full of Wisdom and truth always told it like it was..but in a meaningful and funny way. Just know to be absent from the body is being Present with the Lord .take your rest Hannah ..God grants us 3 scores plus 10..you were Truly Blessed and Highly favored 🙏 God's grace on your 95 Blessed years on this side of Heaven 🌸🎈🎈



Pam Guthrie and Family - August 08, 2025 at 07:39 PM

YP

“ Yolanda Peek lit a candle in memory of Laura Franklin Watkins



Yolanda Peek - August 08, 2025 at 02:06 PM

MW

To the family. I express my sincere heartfelt sympathy. May God keep you all in perfect peace sharing loving memories You shared..  
M Deloris Walker and Garcia Q Walker

M DELORIS WALKER - August 09, 2025 at 09:43 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Laura Franklin Watkins.

August 08, 2025 at 01:36 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Laura Franklin Watkins.



August 08, 2025 at 01:36 PM

KS

“ My heartfelt condolences. I pray that you find peace during this time. I love you all.  
Kimberly Story

Kimberly Story - August 08, 2025 at 11:35 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Laura Franklin Watkins.



August 07, 2025 at 09:48 PM



“ Paula & Shea & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Laura Franklin Watkins.

Paula & Shea & Family - August 07, 2025 at 03:48 PM



“ Paula & Shea & Family purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Laura Franklin Watkins.



Paula & Shea & Family - August 07, 2025 at 03:48 PM



“ From Gail Bell & Family purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Laura Franklin Watkins.



From Gail Bell & Family - August 07, 2025 at 02:45 PM

QS

“ Grandmom Hanna, we are so grateful for our recent visit with you!  
We will miss you and your beautiful smile! Love you,  
Trina, Tina, and Angel

Quetrina Sims-Shelton - August 06, 2025 at 06:42 PM

MC

“ Our Prayers and condolences from Michael and Arita Crawford.

Michael Crawford - August 06, 2025 at 05:24 PM

AM

“ My Deepest Heartfelt Condolences to the  
family!  
From the ChatmanMccrae household.



Alicia Mccrae - August 06, 2025 at 08:31 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Laura Franklin Watkins.

August 06, 2025 at 08:28 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for  
the family of Laura Franklin Watkins.



August 06, 2025 at 08:28 AM

NF

“ *My Deepest Condolences and Prayers to the Family!!* 🙏💜🙏

*Nancy Funny & Family*

**Nancy Funny** - August 05, 2025 at 07:42 PM

TF

“ *You are going be missed my lovely grandmother.* 🦋

**Tammy Franklin-Wideman** - August 05, 2025 at 12:07 AM

LG

“ *Sending our Deepest Prayers and  
Condolences To The Family  
From The Barnes Family*



**LaGreta Greene** - August 04, 2025 at 08:45 PM