



Mrs. Betty Jean Pike Watson

December 23, 1931 - November 26, 2022

Betty Jean Pike Watson, 90, passed away November 26, 2022. She was born December 23, 1931, at Olena, AR, near Almyra to Carl and Mildred Pike. Betty attended the Olena country school until she finished grade school. She then rode the Almyra school bus into DeWitt, where she graduated from DeWitt High School in 1950. While in DeWitt High School, she met the love of her life, Robert Lee Watson. After graduation they married. Robert Lee served his time in the U.S. Air Force, and Betty was always able to move from base to base with him. While stationed in Biloxi, MS, their first child, Bob, was born. In 1959, Robert Lee surrendered to the ministry, and Betty became a "preachers wife", a job she dearly loved. She enjoyed teaching teen girls and young women. Betty loved being a mother to Bob and Mark, being a homemaker and cook, and took great pride in her yard and flowers. One of her greatest blessings was being "Ma B" to Jon, Aaron, and Bethany. Betty was preceded in death by her parent Carl and Mildred Pike, brother Billy Carl Pike, husband Robert Lee Watson, and grandson Robert Aaron Watson. Betty leaves behind her sons Bob (wife Beverly) and Mark, who cared for her in her last days with love and kindness; her grandchildren Jonathan Watson (Perri) and Bethany Watkins (Mat) of Stuttgart, AR; great grandchildren Kaylee and Evan Watson and Hali and Hollyn Watkins of Stuttgart, AR, and Paxton Carr (David) of Cabot, AR; great great grandchildren Wilder and Kye Carr of Cabot; and a nephew William Pike of St. Paul, MN. She leaves behind many precious friends, including her best friend, Rita Manchester, and her

beloved pet "Mrs. Bigg."

Visitation will be from 5-6p.m. Tuesday, November 29 at Essex Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 10:00 November 30 at Unity Missionary Baptist Church with burial in Cedarcrest Memorial Gardens. Memorials may be made to Unity Missionary Baptist Church in DeWitt or to "Love a Child Inc."

Cemetery Details

Cedarcrest Memorial Gardens

Hwy 1
DeWitt, AR 72042

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **29**. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Essex Funeral Home
1405 South Grandview
DeWitt, AR 72042
(870) 946-3104
<https://www.essexfuneralhome.com>

Service

NOV **30**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Unity Missionary Baptist Church
823 W. 4th St.
DeWitt, AR 72042

Tribute Wall

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“ Even though it's been a year, I feel the need to tell you my 'Betty Jean' story.

I am now 82 and my memories have rough edges, but my family lived across the road from them on a gravel road outside DeWitt, toward Olena, when she was a teenager. The school was further down the road.

We thought she was so pretty, and she was always happy to play with us. Her mom and dad, Carl and Mildred, were so good. I remember them both, and of course the wonderful smell of pies Mildred would bake, and Mr. Carl would then put into the home made crates and take them into DeWitt to sell. He and my dad were really close and played music together. Betty wrote some beautiful letters to my dad before he passed in 1990. I treasure those, one entitled 'The Old Fiddle'. Betty said toward the end of my dad's life the two friends sat on the porch at Carls and played 'one last tune' together. I remember Betty the times when there was music playing and Betty stayed with us while the 'grown ups' danced in the room where the furniture had been moved back, and the times when we were with her in the backyard playing. In my heart I know Betty is in a good place, and they are all together. I pray God will Bless all of you, and your families

*Carolyn Townsel Feenstra
Little Rock*

Carolyn Townsel Feenstra - September 16, 2023 at 01:55 PM

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“ I'm so sorry to hear about "cousin" Betty, but she's having GLORIOUS time catching up with old friends and family in Heaven, but mostly with the loves of her life...Robert Lee and God!! My thoughts and prayers are with all the family she leaves behind!! Love to all!!



Ester Poston Hageman - November 29, 2022 at 04:54 AM

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“ Prentice And Sue Davis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Jean Pike Watson



Prentice and Sue Davis - November 28, 2022 at 08:28 AM