



## Jimmy Donald Watkins, Sr.

August 11, 1950 - January 12, 2016

Jimmy Donald Watkins, Sr., 65 died January 12, 2016, at his home. He was born August 11, 1950 in DeWitt to Willie and Hazel Davis Watkins. He was a truck driver, but always loved farming. He would rather be on a tractor and looking for deer and turtles. He was a member of the General Assembly and Church of the First Born, and remained a faithful member until his death.

Jimmy was preceded in death by his parents; granddaughter Agaytha Wright, and two sisters Linda Mannis and Dawauna Sue Watkins.

Survivors include his loving wife, Zelma Hardee Watkins; four children Don Watkins (Teresa) and Michael Watkins (Larrina) both of DeWitt, Jewley Wright (Richard) of Agra, OK, and Amylynn Rodgers of Oilton, OK. He was a devoted and loving grandfather to 23 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. He always made sure they knew how proud he was of them. Also surviving Jimmy are three brothers Bill Watkins of Wichita, KS, Tommy Watkins of Garfield, AR, and Marvin Watkins of Pea Ridge, AR; and two sisters Willien Wright (Oscar) of DeWitt and Janett Kuming (Mark) of Pea Ridge, AR.

Visitation will January 15 from 5-7 p.m. at Essex Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 2:00 January 16 at the General Assembly and Church of the First Born with burial following in Forks LaGrue Cemetery by Essex Funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall

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“*Bro. Jimmy was a strength & a comfort to us. It was evident to us that the faith was his whole life. We're going to miss him dearly...but know that his race is run, and he has hope of a far better home. Once when our son was going through a hard trial, he told him..."the sun is gonna shine again."And for bro. Jimmy, that sun is going to shine again with joy. Sending all of our love and prayers to Sis. Zelma & the family.*

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