



Mr. Joe G. Watkins

May 5, 1939 - December 24, 2015

Joe G. Watkins, 76, of DeWitt died December 24th. He was born May 5, 1939, to Richard "Dick" and Lena Mae Watkins. He was a devoted amateur radio handler and received awards including the Mobile Diamond Award. He retired from the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department after 40 years of service.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Linda Irvin Watkins; two brothers Charles and Jack Watkins; and one sister Barbara Ann Watkins.

Survivors include his step children Cyndi Vent and Kevin Hicks; two grandchildren Megan (Nathan) O'Brien and Alex Vent; two brothers Bobby (Phyllis) and Tommy (Elsie) Watkins; and one sister Joyce Capps.

Funeral services were held December 28 at Essex Funeral Home with burial in Forks LaGrue Cemetery by Essex Funeral Home. www.essexfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

DH

“ Joe was a good friend to a lot of ham radio operators all over the country. He helped many of out with radio contacts in new counties. He will be greatly missed.

Dave Hyatt - April 27, 2018 at 01:11 PM

DW

“ While I never met Joe in person, I spoke to him many times on the radio. He was always a great guy, and will be sorely missed on the Century Club Nets.

Dave Tipton, W5DMT - April 27, 2018 at 01:11 PM

HH

“ I have not seen Joe since h,s,,but my memories of Joe as teammate have lived on with respect and fun loving times. I 'm saddened with our loss. To me JOE was fun to be around , and he made you smile with his fun loving personality. He leaves us with my respect. Harold Horton

Harold & Betty Horton - April 27, 2018 at 01:11 PM

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“ I will miss Joe, we spoke on the phone often about county hunting at least one or more times a week. I tried to keep his spirits up after Linda passed away. I knew something was up because I stopped getting calls and I could not reach him. The last time I spoke to him he was really down but I did manage to get a couple of laughs out of him. I for one will miss him greatly. It has left a hole in my heart. My wife and I are praying for the family members. God Bless you all.

Hollis E. Thigpen (KC3X) - April 27, 2018 at 01:11 PM

JC

“ *Ted M. & Jacquisue Carr
10615 Sulphur S[rings Rd
Pine Bluff, AR 71603*

*We are very sorry to hear of Joe's passing. May the Lord Bless you
and keep you in His prsence.*

Jacquisue & Ted Carr - April 27, 2018 at 01:11 PM

WJ

“ *I spoke to Joe many times on the radio. He was always helping
people and myself unbelievable number of times. It is a great shock
to everyone as we heard Joe on the radio daily. He was so friendly
and helpful to everyone. I wish I had met him to thank him. Joe will
be missed by everyone.*

William Jansen - April 27, 2018 at 01:11 PM

MW

“ *I had the pleasure of "working" Joe many many times over the years
while county hunting. It was a shock to hear of his passing. Rest in
peace Joe. County Hunting has lost another great one.*

Mike WOMU

Mike Fatchett WOMU - April 27, 2018 at 01:11 PM