



Rev. Dr. Melvin Watson

March 27, 2011

Melvin Watson, son of the late J. Everett and Mattie Marie (Nolan) Watson, was born December 3, 1924 in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. He was the first of six children.

At the age of 12, Melvin accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his Savior and was baptized at the Lebanon Baptist Church in Gatlinburg.

In 1941, Melvin enlisted in the United States Army just prior to the attack on Pearl Harbor. He served his country faithfully during World War II and until his honorable discharge in 1945.

In December 1946, Melvin surrendered to the call to preach. He preached his first official sermon at Riverview Baptist Church in Clinton, Tennessee and was ordained in April 1947. Over the next several years, Melvin pastored in North Carolina, Tennessee, Ohio, and in Missouri. While in Missouri, he pastored Bethlehem Baptist Church near Richland, Pine Creek Baptist Church in Lynchburg, Primrose Baptist Church in Bonne Terre, Hickory Hills Baptist Church in St. Robert and First Baptist Church in St. Robert. At the time of his death, Melvin was a member of the Berean Baptist Church where he attended as long as his health permitted.

Melvin was united in marriage to Evelyn Ogle and to this union was born four

children: Larry, Conelia, Jimmy, and Janice. Melvin and Evelyn shared more than 16 years of marriage before she preceded him in death. Also preceding him in death was three of their children, Conelia, Janice and Jimmy.

On January 29, 1959, Melvin was united in marriage to Wanda Barringer in Ringgold, Georgia. They shared over 52 years of marriage together and were blessed with one daughter, Annette.

Melvin went home to be with his Lord on Sunday, March 27, 2011 in the Sunset Village of the Ozarks of St. Robert. He had attained the age of 86 years, 3 months and 24 days.

Melvin will be sadly missed, but fondly remembered by his wife, Wanda of the home; two children: Larry Watson (Betty Jo) of Kingston, TN and Annette Snyder (Kirby) of Plato, MO; one sister: Helen Peppers (Ronald) of Oxen Hill, Maryland; one brother: Von Watson (Glenda) of the state of Tennessee; nine grandchildren: Jason, Darrell, Samantha, Josh, Simone, Patty, Alesha, Justin and Kimberly; six great grandchildren: Jeremiah, Jason Tyler, Destiny, Trinity, Emili and Jason; brother-in-law: Charles Barringer of Florida; good friend: Harold McKinnish of North Carolina; several other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents, wife Evelyn and three children, Melvin was preceded in death by three brothers: Euall, Mayford and Inman Mark (I.M.) and an adoptive daughter, Seon Bass.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, March 31, 2011 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert with Pastor Scott Chastain officiating. Denny Marr read the obituary and recalled his wonderful memories of Rev. Watson. Pianist Dorothy Marr sang "What A Day that Will Be". Soloist Cassie Allen sang "Somewhere Around the Throne" and the song "Beulah Land" was played. Serving as escorts were Tim Gormley, Luis (C.J.)

Bearga, Jim Shrieves, Don Sanders, Artie Wright and Randy King.

Burial with military honors followed in the Sunset Memorial Estates Cemetery. Military honors were provided by the Missouri Honors Team of Rolla, Missouri. Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Melvin Watson to the Berean Baptist Church Building Fund or to the Gideon Bibles and may be left at the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Rev. Dr. Melvin Watson*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - March 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Rev. Dr. Melvin Watson*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM

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Pastor Watson was a nice man who allowed to me to live in his home as a foster child in 1986 I really appreciated it. Also helped me with my marriage in 1997 I hope he is in Heaven with Jesus in peace.

Alberta Gallo - June 13, 2023 at 09:50 PM



“ *Melvin will be sorely missed. I wish I had known him when he was younger and could communicate and remember things better. He was a pleasure to see every day at Sunset Village and was usually smiling and friendly. My thoughts are with his family. I know he will be missed by his wife who was with him for so long and faithfully.##imported-begin##Loretta Richter, LPN##imported-end##*

April 04, 2011 at 04:14 PM



“ Mrs. Watson, Annette, You will never know just how much Bro Watson meant to me. He had faith in me when I had none. He was one of a kind and will be greatly missed. Please know that you are in our prayers.###imported-begin###Dorothy Marr###imported-end##

March 30, 2011 at 03:02 PM



“ God bless you and your family at this time of loss. Thinking about the many blessings and memories that were enjoyed by knowing Rev. Watson and your family. Sincerely, Connie Kowalski Day###imported-begin###Connie Kowalski-Day###imported-end##

March 30, 2011 at 11:27 AM



“ Mel was i0one of the best people I knew. I knew him most of my life and he was certainly a true friend. one I will never forget.###imported-begin###Linda Hendrix###imported-end##

March 29, 2011 at 11:23 PM



“ Brother Watson,
You are such a vivid part of my memories from my years in St. Robert and from St. Robert Baptisit Church. I will always cherish the times I spent at your house in my teenage years. It was like a second home for so long.
May you rest in peace and rejoice in heaven.
I will never forget you.
Teresa Kowalski (Oldfield)###imported-begin###Teresa Kowalski Oldfield###imported-end##

March 29, 2011 at 09:13 PM



“ Bro. Watson will always hold a special place in my memory, and I am sure he holds a special place in Heaven. He was a dear friend and pastor many years ago. My thoughts and prayers are with Wanda and Annette and the rest of his family.##imported-begin##Jerry and Wanda Owens##imported-end##

March 29, 2011 at 09:00 PM



“ Annette so sorry to hear of the loss of your dad##imported-begin##Bill and Sue Anderson##imported-end##

March 29, 2011 at 09:00 AM



“ Pastor Watson was a wonderful, caring and compassionate man and he will be missed by all that knew him. He was always there for everyone when they were in need and he always had a kind word for everyone. I know he is celebrating in his homecoming with his Lord and Savior. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends.##imported-begin##Jerri Shreve & Neva Shrieves##imported-end##

March 28, 2011 at 07:58 PM



“ We are praying for you and your family##imported-begin##Dr. Dennis and Ann Crowder##imported-end##

March 28, 2011 at 01:58 PM



“ *Melvin Watson was a man of God. When he prayed the windows of heaven were shaken. I am glad to have had him for a friend and fellow servant of our Lord Jesus Christ.##imported-begin##Bill Dudley##imported-end##*

March 28, 2011 at 12:53 PM



“ *Watson family: May the good Lord be with you during this time. My thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Pamela Cox##imported-end##*

March 28, 2011 at 09:56 AM



“ *Dear Wanda,*

We are so sorry to hear about the loss of your mate, Rev. Mel Watson. It is with great fondness and love that we remember our days there at FBC, St. Robert. Please know that you are in our prayers and thoughts. What a joy it will be to see Bro. Watson in Glory one day as we walk the streets of gold together and worship the One who saved us by His grace.

*Because He Lives,
Danny and Cheryl Stephens##imported-begin##Danny and Cheryl Stephens##imported-end##*

March 27, 2011 at 10:19 PM



“ Wanda you are in my prayers I remember the Red Kitchen days when Mel used to come in and always enjoyed waiting on him hes in a a much better place now with all his old friends##imported-begin##Stephanie Fenton##imported-end##

March 27, 2011 at 08:36 PM