



Danny Dale Watkins

February 14, 1946 - July 3, 2024

Frankfort – Danny Dale Watkins, age 78, went home to be with our Lord on Wednesday, July 3, 2024, after a three-month illness. Services will be held at 2:00 p.m. at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, with Rev. Mike Napier officiating. Burial will follow at Lebanon Community Cemetery. Visitation will be at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday.

Danny was born on Valentine's Day in 1946, to the late Irvine and Virginia Harrod Watkins of Frankfort. He was a graduate of Bald Knob School, Franklin County High School (Class of 1964), and the University of Kentucky. Danny was a member of Crestwood Baptist Church, the National Rehabilitation Association, the National Hospital Association, the National Hearing Officers Organization, and the Kentucky Society of CPAs. After two-and-a-half decades of service, he retired as a CPA from the Kentucky State Government. Following, he enjoyed living on and operating the multi-generational Watkins Bros. Farm. He was the youngest and last of the remaining three brothers, Ronald and Carl Thomas Watkins.

Danny was a lover of life, family, friends, and good character. His caring presence will be dearly missed by all.

He is survived by three step-children, John Hunt Davis of Sulphur, Kentucky;

Beth Davis Lambert (Bobby), of Franklin, Tennessee; and David Renwick of Frankfort; a niece, Laurie Watkins of Frankfort, and nephew, Mark Thomas Watkins, of Frankfort; five grandchildren, Caroline Davis Campbell (Reid) of Frankfort; twins, Jack Nelson Davis and Samuel Jo Davis of Lawrenceburg; Olivia Grace Lambert, and Eliza Beth Lambert of Franklin, Tennessee; a great-granddaughter, Charlotte Reid Campbell, of Frankfort, and two great-nieces, Elizabeth and Vanessa Watkins, of Frankfort.

In addition to his parents and brothers, he was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Mary Goin Watkins.

Serving as pallbearers will be Mark Watkins, David Harrod, Daryl Snook, Roy Gene Snook, Sam Davis, and Jack Davis.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to the Lebanon Community Cemetery Fund or the American Lung Association.

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory.

Cemetery Details

Lebanon Cemetery

2101 Lebanon Rd
Frankfort, KY 40601

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 9. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Harrod Brothers Funeral Home
312 Washington Street
Frankfort, KY 40601
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Service

JUL 9. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



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Harrod Brothers Funeral Home - July 08, 2024 at 09:23 AM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss , he was a very goo, kind and loving man.

joyce Holtz - July 06, 2024 at 06:57 PM

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Danny and I were best friends in 3rd and 4th grade at Bald Knob. The last time I saw him a few years ago, we reminisced about those days. It was good to talk to him again and know he was the same great guy I'd known when we were young.

Susan Duvall foster - July 08, 2024 at 01:35 PM

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Danny's Eulogy:

I thank all of you for gathering here today to memorialize and celebrate the life of Danny Dale Watkins. We are all here right now, sharing these moments, because Danny has touched each of our lives in some unique & impactful way. In these time of loss we can all go through moments of disparity and uncertainty. I promise you that you are not alone. This room is filled with the love and support of your family and friends so please don't be afraid to lean on each other. We are what's left here to share in the grief for the loss of our loved one. However, Danny did not leave us without some ever-lasting gifts. For he gave us many comforting memories that shall live on in our hearts forever.

Danny was born on Valentine's Day in 1946... And he was definitely a lover! A lover of family, friends, life, god and integrity. The influence and fellowship he contributed to us is now collected here in this room and is a connection that we can celebrate for the rest of our days. It is all that remains of Danny here now in this world.

Danny was an accountant, and I believe he had calculated the value in his relationships and determined that they were worth more than any riches a man can collect. He knew that love, integrity, and fellowship scored very high on the spreadsheets of man and of god. Danny did not judge people by their social, political, or educational opportunities but by the soul and character individuals carried in their hearts. He valued honesty and integrity and you always knew were you stood with him. I admired this about my Uncle Danny.

Danny did not have any biological children, but he was a father to so many. David, John, Beth, Laurie, Scott, myself & many others. He looked out for us all and loved each of us dearly...as if we were his own. We know this, not just from his words. But from the lifetime of commitment he had to our betterment. When I was nearly 30 years old; my sister & I lost our father on the 2cnd day of July 2002, Danny without hesitation stepped up and filled in for him with a natural intent. Effortlessly taking on that responsibility and became a beacon of hope through such a tragic and dark time in our lives. Throughout the years he made himself dependably available to us. Offering advice, love, and support. I know my dad in heaven is proud of the promise he so honorably fulfilled to him. Now Danny has went on to be with our lord and his parents and siblings on this 3rd day of July. 22 years and 1 day after my father passed; and perhaps the closeness of those two dates is a reflection of the similarities these two men shared and their upbringings that shaped their characters.

Danny lived his life in his own admirable way. He enjoyed it with enthusiasm but also took it seriously; not wasting the valuable time he had here. We really never know how long we got. We are here today and gone today. So do not take your time for granted. It is precious! Marcus Aurelius said "Do not act as if you were going to live ten thousand years. Death hangs over you. While you live, while it is in your power, be good!"

Danny purposely enjoyed life and took the time to marvel at the beautiful world around him and intent fully shared his love with us all. Henry Thoreau is often quoted for saying "Most men lead lives of quiet desperation and die with their song still inside them," This was not the case for Danny. Danny's song was heard by us all. And that song was beautiful. He knew to seize the gifts that life offers for us all to enjoy while he was here. The lessons Danny's life leaves us with today is that we all have a death awaiting us. And how that should be embraced as a reminder to live our lives to the fullest potential enjoying each and enjoy every moment to the best of our ability. We are all sad to say goodbye to our dear loved one for now. But remember it is just until we see him again.

Mark Watkins - July 15, 2024 at 05:11 PM