



## JoAnn Dempsey Watkins

March 16, 1932 - October 3, 2022

Frankfort – JoAnn Dempsey Watkins, age 90, passed away at home on Monday, October 3, 2022. Services will be held at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home on Friday, October 7, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. with Rev. Everett Hawkins officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be held at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. service time on Friday.

Mrs. Watkins was born in Frankfort on March 16, 1932, to the late Lou Ellen and Mary Lawrence Dempsey. She was a graduate of Peaks Mill High School. Mrs. Watkins served at the Franklin County Clerk's Office and retired from Harrod Brothers Funeral Home after 42 years of service as the office manager. Mrs. Watkins was a member of Faith Baptist Church.

She is survived by her children, Mark Watkins (Jackie), Ann Bohannon, Ellen Anderson, and Laura Chilton (John); by seven grandchildren, Chad Bohannon (Sally), Ashly Anderson (B.J.), Oakley Watkins (Kim), Wesley Watkins, Ian Chilton, Andrew Chilton, and Aaron Chilton; and by 6 great-grandchildren, Blake Bohannon, Kalyb Bohannon, Kai Bohannon, Baker Bohannon, Idella Watkins, and Gia Watkins. She was also blessed with several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Oakley Brawner Watkins and by her brothers, Omer Dempsey, Willard "Brooks" Dempsey, Foster "Shorty" Dempsey, Robert "Bob" Dempsey, Jimmy Dempsey, Letcher Dempsey; and sisters, Marguerite Myers, Mary "Mag" Hoover, Alice

Woodard, Louise Barber, and Jean Woodard.

Serving as pallbearers will be Chad Bohannon, Oakley Watkins, Wesley Watkins, Ian Chilton, Andrew Chilton, and Aaron Chilton. Honorary pallbearers will be her nieces and nephews, Alvah and Lorraine Barnes, and Barbara Howard.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to Bluegrass Hospice Care.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Memorial Gardens

3250 Versailles Road  
Versailles, KY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 7. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Harrod Brothers Funeral Home  
312 Washington Street  
Frankfort, KY 40601  
(502) 227-4526  
hbfh@harrodbrothers.com  
<https://www.harrodbrothers.com>

## Service

OCT 7. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *JoAnn Dempsey Watkins*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *Louise SArgent9Betty's Friend0 lit a candle in memory of JoAnn Dempsey Watkins*



**Louise SArgent9Betty's friend0** - October 06, 2022 at 01:52 PM



“ *Marc and I send hugs and condolences, so sorry to hear of your loss.*

**Karen Smith Morganti** - October 06, 2022 at 10:12 AM



“ *63 files added to the album LifeTributes*



**Harrod Brothers Funeral Home** - October 05, 2022 at 11:50 AM

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“ *Ms. JoAnn, I did not know you, but if you were anything like your daughter, I know the sun shined on you all the time, as it will continue to do so. RIP, Blessings for your soul.. Family friend...*  
*Rieda*

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**Rieda** - October 05, 2022 at 10:22 AM