



Rachel Smith Watson

October 18, 1920 - May 25, 2022

Rachel S. Watson, October 18, 1920-May 25, 2022 of Albany, GA, passed away in her home on Wednesday, May 25, 2022.

Funeral services will be held at 2 PM, Tuesday, May 31, 2022 at Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors. The Rev. Chuck Knight of Porterfield United Methodist Church will officiate. Prior to the service, the family will receive friends beginning at 1 PM at Kimbrell-Stern. Burial will follow in Crown Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Watson was preceded in death by her husband, James Carl Watson, and her sister, Bina Lou Gammage. She was born in Cedar Springs, GA, daughter of the late Thomas Homer Smith and Callie Wiley Smith. Mrs. Watson graduated from Andrew College and, later went on to earn her Masters in Education through the University System of Georgia. She was a dedicated teacher, and taught the fifth grade at Lake Park Elementary School. Serving as an educator for decades, she had the privilege and opportunity to guide and touch the lives of the children she taught. She had been a member of Porterfield Memorial United Methodist since the early 1960's, and was a member of her Sunday School Class and the Methodist Women's Circle 12.

Mrs. Watson was a loving mother and considered seeing her children grow up the happiest years of her life. She was an excellent cook—and an avid

gardener with a green thumb. She loved the outdoors and enjoyed fresh water and deep-sea fishing in her earlier years.

Mrs. Watson is survived by her daughter: Carla Watson Stoutmyer (Jeff), Atlanta, GA; son: Joseph "Joe" Thomas Watson, Chattanooga, TN; nieces: Sara Ginter (Dan), Columbus, GA and Jane Rice (Randy), Charleston, SC, as well as many nieces and nephews from her husband's side of the family.

Those desiring may send memorials to Porterfield Memorial United Methodist Church, 2200 Dawson Road, Albany, GA 31707.

You may sign the online guestbook at www.kimbrellstern.com.

Cemetery Details

Crown Hill Cemetery

1907 Dawson Rd
Albany, GA 31707
(229) 883-6600

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 31. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors
1503 Dawson Rd.
Albany, GA 31707

Funeral Service

MAY 31. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DA

“ Thoughts and prayers to the family and friends of Rachel. She was a fine teacher and a friend to all...many children were blessed to call her their teacher.



Darlene Adams - June 28, 2022 at 06:37 PM

CS

“ What a wonderful woman and mother. I had so much respect for her. As a young man dating her only daughter, with long hair, ragged jeans, and few prospects, she showed the greatest kindness to me. One can never repay those people in our lives that gave them courage or showed them a different side of themselves. Thank you...

Charles Salter - June 21, 2022 at 04:51 AM

CP

“ Mrs. Watson was one of my favorite teachers of all time. In my courses for future teachers, I often used her as an example of the kind of classroom instructor we all should strive to become. Kind and compassionate, I will always remember how she made me feel - loved, capable, accepted, and worthy.
Cheryl Powell

Cheryl Powell Perry - June 04, 2022 at 03:57 PM

LN

“ Rachel was my neighbor for 10 years and a beloved friend. We kept in touch by phone for the last 33 years and I was so sad to hear of her passing. She a dear lady and will be missed. Love to Carla and Joe, Leslie Newton

Leslie Newton - May 31, 2022 at 10:36 AM

MB

“ She was such a positive influence in my life. She was such a wonderful teacher who defined the word commitment. As a boy are Lake Park I looked forward to her classes. As an adult I was always proud to see her in Church. She always had a smile and Kind word.

Michael S. Meyer von Bremen - May 30, 2022 at 09:58 PM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Rachel Smith Watson.



May 30, 2022 at 09:48 AM

VB

“ Virginia Bryan lit a candle in memory of Rachel Smith Watson



Virginia Bryan - May 29, 2022 at 09:06 AM

JL

I had Mrs. Watson for 5th grade at Lake Park Elementary. She was an excellent teacher. I kept in touch with her over the years. I grew up a few houses away from her. I knew her children. She was a fine woman who cared about her students, friends, and family. She will be missed.

Joe (Joey) Lawrence - May 29, 2022 at 09:42 PM

JH

*“ Me and my family send our heartfelt condolences to the Joe and Carla.
We were not blessed to know Mrs. Watson, but it is clear from Joe and reading about her life that she was a great woman and that this is a significant loss.*

James Holland - May 29, 2022 at 08:54 AM

NR

“ Mrs. Watson was my teacher at Lake Park in the late 60's! Fond memories.

Nancy Reimer - May 28, 2022 at 05:37 PM

DH

“ Much love to Joe and Carla. Mrs. Watson was such a sweet kind lady. A beloved teacher at Lake Park Elementary and a wonderful neighbor. I'm quite sad to hear this news.

Debbie Hambley - May 25, 2022 at 04:51 PM

KM

Mrs. Watson took me to school when I was growing up and attending Lake Park. When we were bored during the summer she always had suggestions of fun things to do! So glad I knew her. My prayers for her family Karen Kugler Mack

Karen Kugler Mack - May 25, 2022 at 05:59 PM



We are sending healing prayers to Carla & Joe. What a blessing to have had such a wonderful mother for this long. Ms. Rachael was one of a kind and the best neighbor, with the best stories to tell. It was a privilege and an honor to have known her.

Jimmy & Winnie Hart

Winnie Hart - May 26, 2022 at 02:02 PM