



## Gwendolyn "Gwen" Watson

April 20, 1912 - February 24, 2016

Dateline: Swansea

Gwen H. Watson went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, February 24, 2016. Born April 20, 1912 in Kewanee, Illinois she was the daughter of Thomas A. and Julia (Hammond) Blazier. Her relationship with our heavenly Father was the most important part of her life. She worked as a legal secretary for several law firms and later as Secretary to the Business Manager at the former Alton State Hospital. Mrs. Watson was a Hospice visitor, delivered Meals on Wheels, taught Driver's Review for the State of Illinois, and worked with language groups, helping with relocation and learning English. She served as Sunday School teacher and approximately 30 years as an organist at Calvary Baptist Church in Alton. She married James R. Watson on June 21, 1934. He preceded her in death on May 13, 2012. Surviving are two "adopted" granddaughters, Keri Lee Nguyen and Traci Lee Phan, and several nieces and nephews. Along with her parents and husband she was preceded in death by a brother Thomas A. Blazier, Jr. Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. until time of memorial service at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, February 27, 2016 at Calvary Baptist Church in Alton. Dr. Rick Patrick will officiate. Private burial will be at Valhalla Memorial Park in Godfrey. Memorials may be made to Calvary Baptist Church or to the charity of your choice. Gent Funeral Home in Alton is in charge of arrangements. Online guestbook and information may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)



# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Calvary Baptist Church  
1422 Washington Ave.  
Alton, IL

## Service

FEB 27. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Gwendolyn "Gwen" Watson

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ Gwendolyn "Gwen" Watson

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ Dear Keri and Traci,  
We join you and your family in celebrating the life of your dear grandmother Gwen. You were so faithful in caring for your adopted grandparents Gwen and JR when they needed your help in later years, just as they helped you in your early years.

*Gwen and JR were significant influences upon our Christian walk, as teachers, mentors, and friends. How faithful and consistent they were in their Christian testimony and we are confident that they are together enjoying Eternity with Jesus.*

*In the Spirit of Ps 37:4, may the Lord Bless you, and all you hold dear.*

*Because He Lives,  
we can face tomorrow.*

*Christian love from your friends,  
David and Pat Schmissey*

DAVID SCHMISSEUR - February 26, 2016 at 09:58 AM

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“ I met Gwen when she was a resident at Eunice Smith Home. She was such a sweet lady and so loving of her wonderful husband. They were a very wonderful couple. Both with smiles despite their being separated. She always tried to make things better for others at the Home. Missed her since she moved and am sure she is in Heaven with her husband and other relatives. You have so much to be proud of. She loved you both and your families so very much. Blessings at this difficult time.

Carolyn Holt

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**Carolyn Holt** - February 26, 2016 at 06:24 AM

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“ My sympathies to Mrs. Watson's family and friends. I remember Mrs. Watson from my years as a young girl at Calvary Baptist in the 1950's to my teen years and beyond. She was a lovely lady, who was short with dark hair like my mother, who was always smiling, especially her eyes and a friend of all in her many endeavors at church. I remember her from Sunday School classes to Vacation Bible School and in the church choir.

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**Theodora Tonkinson** - February 25, 2016 at 12:19 PM