



Maclean Robert Watkins

July 7, 1925 - December 1, 2015

Dateline: Godfrey

Maclean Robert Watkins, 90, died at 4:07 a.m. Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at Alton Memorial Hospital. Born July 9, 1925 in Alton, he was the son of Maclean Lawson and Sarah Edith (Miller) Watkins. Mr. Watkins served in the Marines during WWII and was a Purple Heart recipient. He was a member of the VFW Post 1308 and Elm Street Presbyterian Church where he sang in the choir. He played minor league baseball with the Chicago Cubs for the Iona Cubs in Kansas. He enjoyed reading, a glass of Scotch and was an avid Cardinal fan. In 1982 he retired from Laclede Steel as a data processing manager after over 20 years of service. On August 18, 1951 he married the former Doris June Harter in Alton. She preceded him in death on December 27, 2013. Surviving are two daughters, Karen Robnak (Dave) of Creve Coeur, MO and Janet L. Huber (Rick) of Godfrey, one son, Robert K. Watkins of Godfrey, four grandchildren, Michael and Steven Robnak and Ryan and Jennifer Huber, and two sisters, Patricia Blair and Martha Fry. Along with his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by a daughter-in-law, Patti Watkins and a sister, Dorothy Seago. Visitation will be from 3:00 p.m. until time of memorial service at 6:30 p.m. Friday, December 4, 2015 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. Pastor Bill Veith will officiate. Memorials may be made to Elm Street Presbyterian Church. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 4. 3:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home Inc
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Alton, IL 62002
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Service

DEC 4. 6:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Maclean Robert Watkins*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Maclean Robert Watkins*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *My thoughts are with you. I am grateful for all the beauty your dad's voice brought to this world.*

Patti Wilson Marcum

Patricia Marcum - December 09, 2015 at 08:05 AM



“ *Bob, Karen, & Janet,
We were thrilled to be part of Uncle Bob's 90th birthday celebration this summer.
His smile and laughter was such a natural part of him.
Both he and Aunt Doris have left us with many wonderful memories to treasure.*

Our love to you all.

Sarah & Chuck

Sarah Mattingly - December 05, 2015 at 07:50 PM

CT

“ *Bob was such a blessing to Elm Street Presbyterian and the choir. Will miss him singing 'O Holy Night' at this time of year- one of his favorites.*

Cherilyn Trusty - December 04, 2015 at 06:02 PM

DG

“ *My condolences to the family during this very difficult time Bob will be missed dearly I am so glad to have had the pleasure of spending the last 4 year's getting to know him and most of all being able to call him my friend I will cherish the memories we made and I know he is in a better place prayers to the family and friends and all that loved him #gonebutneverforgotten #untilwemeetagain love always Darla Grizzle*

Darla Grizzle - December 04, 2015 at 09:41 AM

JP

“ *Bob, Karen & Janet,*

Uncle Bob had a great, long life. He was always upbeat. His voice had a smile in it. Such a sweetie, although I am pretty sure when all of you were school age that he could be tough, as he should have been. One year we rushed out of choir before the end of our Christmas Eve service and drove to Elm Street Pres. We got there just in time to hear him sing "O Holy Night". It was beautiful! He still called me Janie last July when we were home for his birthday. I am so glad all of you let us help him celebrate his 90th birthday. What a joy that was! I still have a video in my phone of him singing "Sunrise Sunset" at the party. He had a good life with Aunt Doris and I am sure he missed her these last two years. He dearly loved all of you and the grandchildren. He was so proud of his family. He will be missed by us all, but I know he is singing in heaven and still watching those Cardinals.

Please know that we love you and that our thoughts and prayers are with all of you and your families. God bless.

*With all my love, Jane
and Ken, Alex and Hayley*

Jane Pendergrass - December 02, 2015 at 05:13 PM

GL

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family at this time of loss.
Bob will be sadly missed.
-Greg and Cathy Lister*

Greg Lister - December 01, 2015 at 11:19 PM