



# **Dorothy Mae Watkins**

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**D**orothy Mae Watkins, 90, of Chattanooga, passed away Saturday, April 12, 2025, in a local hospital after battling several illnesses. Dorothy, together with her husband, William Richard Watkins, Sr., established Grace Fellowship Baptist Church, which she attended with steadfast commitment until the deterioration of her health.

Dorothy received her education within the Lauderdale County school system located in Rogersville, Alabama. She was employed at Erlanger Health Care System for 25 years in Environmental Services and was an active member of the Widow's Harvest Ministry along with demonstrating her dedication to community services.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her loving husband, William Richard Watkins, Sr.; her daughter, Edna Earl Baker; her son, Jommie Watkins; and her granddaughter, Stacey Barrow; her grandfather, Jesse King (Rogersville, AL); her mother, Margaret King Fuqua (Rogersville, AL); and her father, Sims Fuqua, Sr. (Rogersville, AL). Additionally, she was preceded by her sisters, Mary Ellen Fuqua, Alice Fuqua Nance, and Margaret Mangrum, as well as her brothers, Deloris Fuqua, Sims Fuqua, Jr., Robert Fuqua, Elisa Fuqua, and Herman Fuqua, Sr.

She leaves to cherish her memories her devoted son and caregiver, Michael DeWayne Watkins, and his brothers, Anthony "Tony" Watkins and William Richard Watkins, Jr., all of Chattanooga; her daughters include Dorothy (Alfred) Johnson, Linda Patton, Maxine Barnes, Tanika Barrow, and Juanita Barrow, all of Chattanooga. She also helped raise two grandchildren, Nikela Henderson and Curtis Brandon Barnes, both of Chattanooga. Among her siblings are sisters, Marvelene Fuqua and Millie Ann Murphy, both of Buffalo, NY; and brothers, James (Ellen) Fuqua, Hudson (Dorothy) Fuqua, Wayne Fuqua, all of Rogersville, AL, and Grandson (Monica) Fuqua of Buffalo, NY. Additionally, she is survived by her brothers-in-law, Edward Watkins and Hayward Watkins, both of Chattanooga, Ben Thomas Watkins, of Rogersville, Benford (Mona) Watkins, of Ohio; 28 grandchildren, 68 great-grandchildren, and 17 great-great-grandchildren, along with numerous nieces, nephews, and friends. Special recognition goes to her three nieces, Jessie Fuqua,



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of Rogersville, Patricia Fuqua Cole, of Florence, AL, and Sandy Mangrum, of Madison, AL; her dear friends, Betty Morgan, Katie Smith, and Gwendolyn Norman also held a special place in her heart, as did the members of The Church of The Firstborn.

Dorothy will lie-in-state on Friday, April 18, 2025, from 12:30-5:00 p.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Funeral service will be Saturday, April 19, 2025, at 12:00 noon (CST) at Little Zion Baptist Church, 955 County Road 610, Rogersville, Alabama 35652 with Pastor Alfred Johnson, Sr. as the Eulogist. Burial in Little Zion Baptist Church Cemetery. Per the family's request, please send flowers directly to the church instead of the funeral home.



# Events

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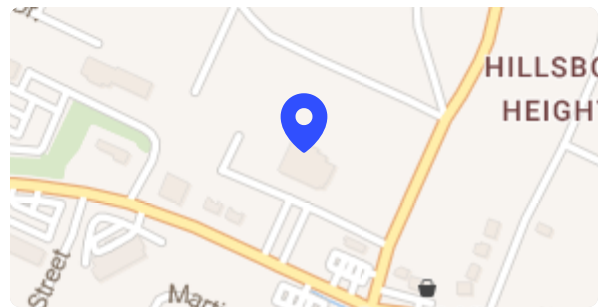
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## Lie-In-State

**Friday**, April 18, 2025

12:30 PM - 5:00 PM ET

**Taylor Funeral Home**  
3417 Wilcox Boulevard, Chattanooga TN 37411-1076

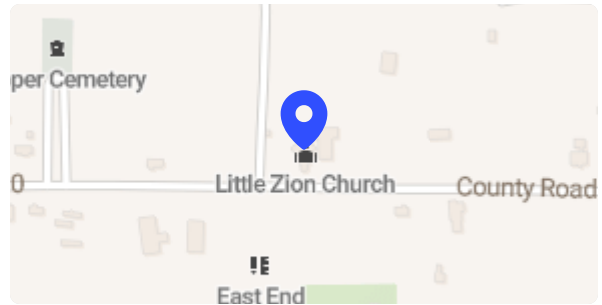


## Visitation

**Saturday**, April 19, 2025

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM CT

**LITTLE ZION BAPTIST CHURCH**  
955 County Road 610, Rogersville AL 35652-6455

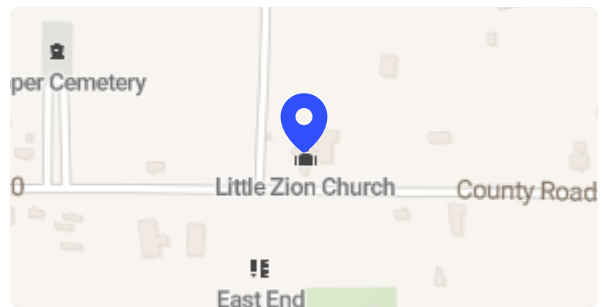


## Funeral Service

**Saturday**, April 19, 2025

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM CT

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955 County Road 610, Rogersville AL 35652-6455

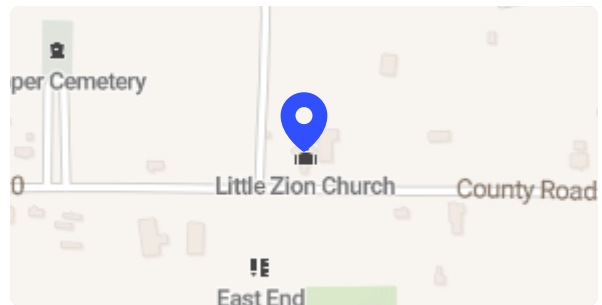


## Burial

**Saturday**, April 19, 2025

2:00 PM - 2:20 PM CT

**LITTLE ZION BAPTIST CHURCH CEMETERY**  
955 County Road 610, Rogersville AL 35652-6455





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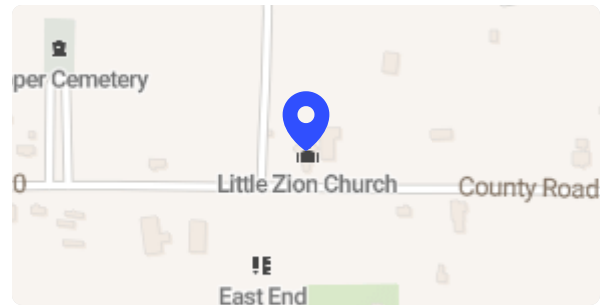
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## Cemetery Details



### LITTLE ZION BAPTIST CHURCH CEMETERY

955 County Road 610, Rogersville AL 35652-6455





# Tribute Wall

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**Vanessa Sewell** lit a candle in honor of Dorothy.



April 29 at 11:14 AM



**Vanessa Sewell** April 29 at 11:17 AM

Such a kind sweet gentle spirit with a pretty smile, almost like a second mom. My condolence to the family, and may your mom rest in the arms of the Lord!



**Maxie & Joe Benton** lit a candle in honor of Dorothy.



April 23 at 8:32 PM



**Sonya Stiggers** lit a candle in honor of Dorothy.



April 22 at 9:50 AM



**Gloria Patton Griffin** lit a candle in honor of Dorothy.



April 18 at 6:32 PM



**Barbara Daniel** posted:

Our condolences and prayers to the family of Aunt Dot. We love you Barbara, Mary and Elijah

April 18 at 3:33 PM



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**Kathy Sligh** posted:

Sending our Condolences. Praying for you all. 🙏🙏 Kathy, Vickie, Gary, Jeffrey, Stephanie, Todd and Leslie 🙏🙏🌹

April 18 at 11:23 AM



**Mrs. Phyllis Parrish Crafter** April 19 at 11:43 AM

My prayers and condolence to the family Watson, a queen that wearing many hats and will truly be missed. God bless you all, Mrs. Phyllis Parrish Crafter. 🙏🙏🙏🌹👍👍



**Little Zion Mb Church** lit a candle in honor of Dorothy.

We the Little Zion MB Church Family extends our most sincere condolences to your family during your time of bereavement. We pray that in time God will lighten your heavy hearts. May he continue to keep you in the the comfort of his loving arms.

April 17 at 2:32 PM



**Joyce Fears- Widows Harvest Ministries** lit a candle in honor of Dorothy.

April 17 at 10:18 AM



**Betty Morgan** April 18 at 5:39 AM

. my condolences and prayers to the Watkins family God bless you all ❤️ love you Wayne



**Natalie High** lit a candle in honor of Dorothy.

April 17 at 8:57 AM



**Lera Richmond** lit a candle in honor of Dorothy.

April 17 at 8:26 AM





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**Hilda Harris-Hardaway** lit a candle in honor of Dorothy.

April 17 at 5:16 AM



BS

**Brenda Faye Sims** lit a candle in honor of Dorothy.

My sincere condolences to Wayne and his family in your loss.

April 15 at 5:40 PM



KS

**Kathy Sligh** lit a candle in honor of Dorothy.

Sending our Deepest Condolences in the Home Going of a Wonderful Woman. Mother you will be missed. To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. The Sligh, Kelly, Thomas and Gilbert Families.

April 15 at 11:55 AM



CE

**Carliss Egbon** April 17 at 7:42 AM

My sincere condolences. GOD Bless you Family with peace and Comfort and strength. Much Love and prayers extended to you All. Carliss Ingram Egbon



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**Cynthia Watkins** lit a candle in honor of Dorothy.

The best mother-in-law a daughter-in-law could ever have. I will miss her. May God bless her family with love and peace. Cynthia Watkins

April 15 at 5:49 AM



**Pastor Brenda Peavey Benn** April 18 at 9:59 AM

MEMBER MRS WATKINS FROM WHEN WE LIVED ON PORTLAND ST.,AND THEY LIVED ON THE ROAD BESIDE US ALL THOSE YEARS AGO, AND US GROWING UP WITH THIER CHILDREN. SHE WAS ALWAYS QUIET, AND NICE TO ME. SHE WOULD SMILE WHEN I SPOKE, AND SPEAK BACK. THAT WAS OVER 50 YRS. AGO, AND AFTER THEY MOVED, AND OVER THE YEARS SHE REMAINED THE SAME TO ME! I KNOW THE JOURNEY HAS BEEN HARD FOR MRS. DOROTHY . AND ALL OF YOU, BUT SHE IS OKAY NOW, AND I PRAY SHE, AND MY MOTHER CAN CATCH UP IN GLORY! MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS, AND KEEP YOU ALL. PASTOR BRENDA(PEAVEY) BENN & FAMILY(DOLL)



**Brenda Walters** April 17 at 9:48 AM

Sending love and prayers to the Watkins' family. I've known Ms. Dorothy and some family members for probably close to 40 years. She was a sweet lady and I know she was a wonderful mother.Brenda Walters (worked with Flossie Weill)



**Airlean Hutchins** April 15 at 7:20 PM

My condolences and prayers to the Watkins family. I worked with Mrs. Dorothy Watkins at Erlanger Hospital, and we were both members of Widows Harvest Ministries of St. Emo. We were friends for a very long time. I will miss her friendly smile and friendly personality.Airlean Hutchins and Family



**Betty Morgan** April 15 at 1:11 PM

My condolences and prayers to Wayne and family God bless you all ❤️❤️❤️



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Dorothy by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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