



## **W. D. CROWDER FUNERAL HOME**

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**ARRANGEMENTS: VIEWING AND VISITATION, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2021 10 AM-12 PM WITH FUNERAL TO FOLLOW AT 12 PM AT COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH 1312 PARHAM STREET, SPRINGFIELD, TENNESSEE 37172; INTERMENT, RESTLAWN MEMORIAL GARDEN. SERVICE WILL BE LIVE STREAMED ON W. D. CROWDER FUNERAL HOME FACEBOOK PAGE AND WEB SITE AT 12PM CENTRAL TIME.**

Gladys Lucille Watkins, the youngest of nine siblings, was born on March 19, 1935 in Springfield, Tennessee, to the late Lloyd Townsend, Sr. and Della Wells Townsend. She departed this life on Monday, September 13, 2021.

Lucille confessed Christ at an early age at First Missionary Baptist Church, Springfield, Tennessee. Pastors J.T. Martin, W.J. Speed and Martin P. Winslow. She moved to San Diego, California uniting with Bayview Baptist Church, Pastors Timothy Winters, and Terry Brooks. In 2016 she returned to Tennessee and reunited with First Baptist under Pastor Emanuel Haygood. While attending Bayview, she faithfully served on the Culinary and Health Ministries, and the Silver Strands Senior Group.

Lucille was educated in the Robertson County Tennessee School System, and was a graduate of Bransford High School, Class of 1953. She attended Tennessee State University as well as Southwestern College in Chula Vista, California.

Lucille married Larry L. Watkins and they were parents of three sons, Tony, John, and Larry, Jr.

Lucille had a heart of gold and had a genuine love for people. She had a passion for cooking and enjoyed talking on the phone (Minnie said to put the phone in with her \*smile\*). She faithfully mailed monthly cards to all her family, friends and loved ones. We all will miss our "Mama," "Granny Lucille," "Ludie," "Mrs. Watkins," "Ganna Lucille," "Sweet Thang" and her amazing meals and sweet birthday cards. It was her goal to live her life pleasing to God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lloyd, Sr. and Della Townsend; Husband, Larry L. Watkins, Sr.; son, Larry L. Watkins, Jr.; siblings, George Townsend, Elizabeth York, Rose Townsend, Lloyd Townsend, Callie Chatman, Mattie Townsend, Jewel Townsend, and Louise Smith.

She leaves to cherish her memories her sons, Tony (Benita) Townsend of Springfield, TN, and John (Margot) Townsend of Peachtree Corners, GA; widowed daughter -in -law, Andrea Watkins of Canada; grandsons, Kevin (Katie) Townsend, Michael Townsend, and Jonathan (Terrace) Townsend; granddaughters, Brittany Townsend and Isabella Watkins; great -grandsons, Isaiah West and Karter Townsend; great -granddaughters, Kristen Townsend, Makiriya Townsend, Trinity Townsend, Aaliyah Townsend, and Kailyn Townsend; nephews, Phillip Townsend, Billy (Elaine) Townsend, Thomas (Patricia) Townsend, Jimmy (Vanessa) Townsend; nieces, Keitha Fudge, Delinda Bell, Audrey Baker, Thelma Northington, Equilla Wicks, Rosa (Roy) Rogers, Pattie Townsend, and Virginia (John) Neuble; honorary niece, Ruth (Bobby) Trotter; sister -in -love, Lena Bradley of Washington, DC; a host of great nieces and nephews, cousins, friends. She was loved dearly by her devoted California families, including Minnie Williams (the Thelma to her Louise), special daughters -in -love, Diane (Don) Bradley of California and Bonnie (Joe) Otis of Texas, and the entire Bayview Baptist Church Family.