



## Mr. John Pafford Watkins

December 18, 1934 - May 1, 2023

John Pafford Watkins, 88, of Tallahassee, Florida, passed away on Monday, May 1, 2023.

A son of Johnson Thomas Watkins and Edith W. Taylor, of blessed memory, he was born in Wakulla County on December 18, 1934. He is also preceded in death by his wife of 51 years, Jenelle Vinzant Watkins; brothers, Larry Tucker, Jerry Tucker and Randy Tucker; and sister, Eleanor Dearing.

He is survived by his son, John A. "Al" Watkins; daughter, Sheila Watkins DeVier (husband, Charles); grandson, Charles Alfred DeVier; sister, Jeanette Anderson; as well as several nieces and nephews.

After growing up in Wakulla County, Florida, he joined the United States Air Force, retiring with rank of Master Sergeant. While in the Air Force, he was stationed at Tyndall AFB, Forbes AFB, Andrews AFB, as well as serving overseas, including Viet Nam and Korea. He also served on the semitruck brigade and was a Tactical Instructor for the soldiers going to Viet Nam. Following his military career, he was a teacher of Refrigeration Systems at both Lively Technical College and FCI. His experience in the semitruck brigade led to several years cross country truck driving in which his son followed in his footsteps. In his spare time, he enjoyed fishing and being on the water.

He was also very active in civic organizations, including Board of Trustees for Governor Ron DeSantis, the Board for Neil Dunn, Board of Congressional District 2, being active on Citizens' Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms, Judicial Watch for Elections Integrity and he was also on the Board of Directors for Integrity in Washington, DC.

Visitation is 12:00 PM, Monday, May 8, 2023, at Abbey Funeral Home, with the funeral service beginning at 1:00 PM. Interment follows at Tallahassee Memory, Garden of Peace.

The livestream service and online guestbook can be found at [www.abbeyfh.com](http://www.abbeyfh.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Tallahassee Memory Gardens

4037 North Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32303  
(850) 562-1518  
<https://www.abbeyfh.com/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 8.** 12:00 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

**MAY 8.** 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Abbey Funeral Home and Tallahassee Memory Gardens created a Webcast in memory of Mr. John Pafford Watkins*



**Abbey Funeral Home and Tallahassee Memory Gardens** - May 08, 2023 at 12:48 PM

AW

*Just found this link... John Watkins is my father... I'm so proud and very Blessed to have had him as my father 🙏 if only I could have spent more time.., Known more about the miles he had been...I truly miss my pop...may he Rest in Peace... love you pop*

**Al Watkins** - February 23, 2024 at 09:22 PM

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“ *Daddy thank you for being a loving father. I will remember the laughter and the lessons thru many years. My heart is heavy and empty with you gone. I will always cherish the times we went fishing, you always knew where the fish were on the Sopchoppy River. Daddy you were my best teacher. I love you and miss you always.*

**Sheila Watkins** - May 01, 2025 at 06:49 PM

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“ *I will miss seeing and visiting with my sweet uncle John. I love you forever!*

**Lynn Sapp** - May 09, 2023 at 07:20 AM

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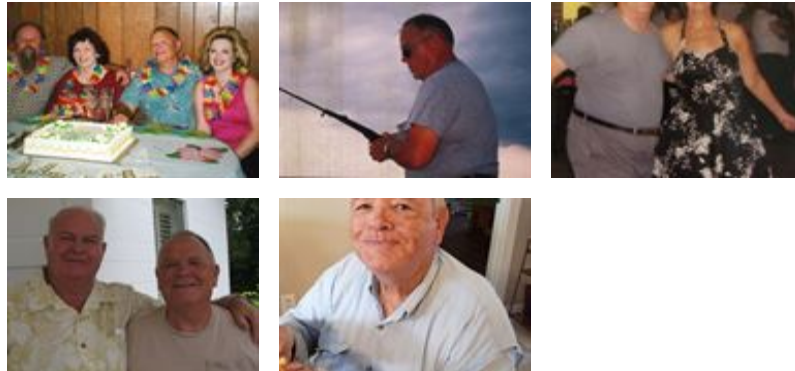
“ I'm so sorry for the loss of your brother John, I met him back in the mid 2000 when Uncle Woody and I came home for our yearly visit. We truly enjoyed our visits with him and Uncle Woody and John became fishing partners . It hurts my heart when I see the pictures of all of them together and realize that almost all of my beloved "second" Family is now gone. I hope they are all together where ever they are. Yours Truly with much Love Aunt Lorre Woodard.



Lorre Woodard - May 06, 2023 at 09:05 PM



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Abbey Funeral Home and Tallahassee Memory Gardens - May 06, 2023 at 11:12 AM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. John Pafford Watkins.



May 05, 2023 at 09:44 AM