



Joseph Lewis Watford

January 15, 1938 - December 24, 2014

Longtime Philadelphia, Pennsylvania resident and Bertie County, North Carolina native, Joseph Lewis Watford, passed away on December 24, 2014. He was the son of the late James and Essiemae Watford. He was active until the last three weeks of his life, living -- as he had for nearly 50 years -- in his close knit Philadelphia neighborhood.

Mr. Watford had lifelong ties to Bertie County, which he sometimes referred to as "his little village."

He was born in Colerain in 1938 and enjoyed interactions with his sisters, brothers and numerous cousins. He was a faithful member of Piney Wood Chapel Baptist Church where he attended regularly with his seven siblings. He also attended St Mark Baptist church where he sang in the choir. His mother also directed the choir at St. Mark. Joseph, along with his sisters and brothers attended C.G. White High School.

His death came without pain. He simply ran out of steam on Wednesday morning, December 24, 2014. He died at a Medical Facility in the Chestnut Hill section of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He leaves behind to celebrate his life: a sister, Kathleen Watford Morris of Virginia Beach, Virginia; and a host of other relatives.

He has gone to his heavenly home to join his parents, sisters, Queen Little, Vivian Johnson, Dorothy Harrell, Bertha Miller, brothers, Leo Watford and James Jasper

Joseph never met a stranger, and he never lost his sense of wonder. A fallen leaf on the grass would often spur memories from his childhood. A chance encounter along the long winding Colerain roads could prompt an invitation for drinks and conversation, if he thought you might be interested.

In lieu of flowers and/or cash, Joseph Lewis Watford requested that donations be made to the American Cancer Society.

Previous Events

Service

DEC 30. 11:00 AM (ET)

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