

Pallbearers

Vernon Holmes

Xavier Norton

Monroe Felton III

Bryce Harper

Acknowledgments

Your sympathy in our recent loss will long be remembered. Thank you sincerely for all that you have done for us in our time of need. Thank you for the many ways in which you helped us during the loss of Lorine Watkins. We deply appreciate your kindness.

The family of Lorine Watkins

INTERMENT

Glen Forest Cemetary
4512 Xenia Ave.
Yellow Springs, OH. 45387

REPAST

First Baptist Church
600 Dayton St.
Yellow Springs, OH. 45387



Lorine **WATKINS**

JUNE 5, 1944 - DECEMBER 8, 2023

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2023
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
600 DAYTON ST.
YELLOW SPRINGS, OH. 45387
10:00AM VIEWING] 11:00AM SERVICE

REMEMBERING

Lorine

Lorine Watkins, a dedicated educator, beloved wife, mother, sister, and cherished citizen of Yellow Springs, passed away on December 8, 2023, at her residence. She was born on June 5, 1944 in Cleveland, Ohio to the parents of Virginia Ethel and Monroe Felton Ashley, Sr.

Lorine's passion for education led her to pursue a Bachelor's Degree from Wilberforce University where she met her soulmate and husband, Thomas E. Watkins, Sr. Together they created a warm and loving home, raising two sons, Thomas, Jr. and DuShaun, who will forever carry her memory in their hearts. Throughout her 34 years of service within the Springfield City Schools district, Lorine inspired her students and fellow educators alike.

As a first grade teacher, she nurtured the minds of young learners, shaping them into confident individuals ready to embrace the challenges of the world. Her dedication to education extended beyond the classroom walls, leaving an indelible mark on the lives of generations to come. Lorine made a profound impact on the lives of countless students and colleagues throughout her 36-year career in the public school system.

Lorine valued her faith deeply. She was an active member of First Baptist Church in Yellow Springs. Her commitment to her church community was matched by her involvement as a proud Life and Silver Star member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., Rho Chapter, where she fostered lifelong friendships and contributed to various charitable endeavors.

She was a life member of both the local and national Wilberforce University Alumni Associations. She was also a member of Delta Kappa Gamma Education Honors Society.

Outside of her professional and community commitments, Lorine found joy in creating beautiful arts and crafts. Her creative spirit and talent were appreciated by all who had the privilege of receiving one of her thoughtful handmade gifts.

Lorine Watkins is survived by her loving husband, Thomas E. Watkins, Sr.; her devoted sons: Thomas E. (Vanessa) Watkins, Jr. and DuShaun (Brette) Watkins; as well as her beloved sisters: Laverne Holmes, Sherry (Billy Hairston) Cephus, and Rose (John) Embry. She also leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, Virginia Ethel and Monroe Felton, Sr. and brothers, Monroe Ashley, Jr. and George Ashley.

Lorine Watkins will be remembered as a resilient and compassionate educator who dedicated her life to shaping minds and empowering future generations. May her spirit of perseverance and commitment remain an everlasting inspiration to us all.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Scripture Reading

Linda Cox

Ecclesiates 5:25

John 4:7-8

Prayer

Pastor William Randolph

Remarks

*Brette Watkins, Rose Embry,
Sherran Cephus, Jacqueline Brown,
Dameka Baynes, Sandra Harper*

Reading Of Obituary

Linda Cox

Selection

Jasmine Cooper

The Eulogy

Pastor John Freeman