



## GRADY BROWN WATKINS

December 8, 2023

Grady Brown Watkins age 77 of Bessemer, Alabama was called home by his Lord and Savior on December 8, 2023 He grew up in Oak Grove and later graduated from Hueytown High School Class of 1966 where he enjoyed playing football, baseball and basketball. He worked in several industries but ultimately started his own business as a professional painter which he did for most of his life. He loved the Lord and was a member of Brooklane Baptist as a young adult and later in life he went back to his childhood church, Pleasant Ridge Baptist.

He is preceded in death by his wife Marie Knighten Watkins; parents, Eugene Watkins and Imogene Hopkins Watkins of Hueytown; siblings John Watkins, Billie Jean Stripling, Elizabeth Sims, and Bobby Watkins.

He is survived by his daughters Kelly Watkins Wallace (Brian) and Kristie Kessler. His grandchildren; Josh Wallace (Alyceea}, Amanda Wallace, Casen Wallace, McKennon Kessler, Raegan Kessler, and Sydney Kessler. His great-grandchildren; Abel Sumal, Colten Wallace, Gabby Wallace, Caleb Sumal , Millie Wallace and Luke Wallace. A host of beloved nieces and nephews.

The service will be Tuesday December 12, 2023 at People's Chapel in Hueytown, AL. Visitation 12:30pm, Service 2:00pm. Kyle Sullivan of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church will be officiating. Burial will follow at Pleasant Ridge Baptist.

The family requests that memorials be made to the Greater Birmingham Humane Society.



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“ *My heart hurts.....Grady was in my family for such a long time. I have many memories of the times spent with him. He will be missed but I am glad that he is now once again happy and healthy. So happy that Kelly and her family got to make more memories while he was staying with them. His friends, family and especially his loving daughter Kelly will be in my heart and prayers at this difficult time. No matter the situation, final goodbyes are never easy.*

*Tammie*

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