



JAMES EDWARD WATKINS

March 13, 2025

James Edward Watkins “Jim”, 68, was called home on March 13, 2025. He is finally resting after a long battle with progressive supranuclear palsy.

Jim was born in New Albany, Indiana and grew up in Jeffersonville, Indiana. Immediately after high school, he joined the army where he served as a military policeman at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland. After leaving the army, he earned his degree from the University of Indiana. After completing his degree and remembering how much he loved his police work, Jim began working in the security industry. That decision became the beginning of a 40-year-long, successful career devoted to people’s safety.

He was preceded in death by his father, James Robert Watkins, his mother, Mary Deloris Clark Griffith, his sister, Marietta Watkins King, and his brother, Robert Wayne Watkins. Jim is survived by his wife, Jo Wilson Watkins, his son, James West Watkins, his sister, Kimberly (Brent) Watkins Fisher, his step-father, Harrison Joseph Griffith as well as 4 nieces and 8 great nieces and nephews.

Peoples Chapel Funeral Home, 195 Brooklane Dr, Hueytown will hold the

visitation on Monday, March 24, 2025 from 9:30 AM until 10:30 AM. The funeral service will be at 10:30 AM at the Funeral Home. Burial with military honors will follow at 12:30 at The Alabama National Military Cemetery in Montevallo.

Tribute Wall

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“ I am Jim’s Aunt Ella on his daddy’s side. I have so many memories of Jim. When Jim and his brother Bobby were young I babysit them while their dad worked. I live in Bowling Green, Kentucky and when they were young, I would bring them to Bowling Green on the weekend to go to church with me when we go back to Indiana on Sunday we sung gospel songs all the way back. Jim loved singing. I love that they were able to go with me. I also remember him and Bobby being were Little rascals at times. 🤪 I would threaten every day to beat them, but I never did. My latest memory of Jim is when he was in my wedding and the night before the wedding we all went out to eat and he just kept everybody laughing. All through the years I can say that Jim never disrespected me always was loving and kind. I will miss you, Jim. I want you to know that Ella loves you so very much. I wish that we had lived closer together where we could have spent more time with each other but one day we will. 🙏

Louella Watkins - March 19, 2025 at 09:28 PM

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“ Jim, who was a General Manager on my team, spearheaded a golf outing for a number of Birmingham team members for my 40th birthday (25 years ago) - we would up playing 36 holes and drinking a boatload of beer - it was a wonderful day and exemplifies Jim’s thoughtfulness.

Philip Mosley - March 18, 2025 at 03:11 PM