



## James Watkins

March 2, 1951 - November 8, 2020

James Watkins, 69, of Copan, OK, died Sunday in Copan. He was a lifelong area resident, who was born in Bartlesville, grew up in Dewey, made Copan his hometown and lived surrounded by loving family, friends coworkers and neighbors.

James - or Jim as he was known and Jimmy to some - was born the son of William "Bill" and Betty (Long) Watkins on March 2, 1951 in Bartlesville. He was the middle child with three older and younger sisters and the siblings were raised in Dewey. Jim attended Dewey schools graduating with the Class of 1970. Jim was very fond of the Volkswagen Bug he owned in high school, but he never knew where it was or who was driving it because his friends borrowed it while Jim was at school or work.

While attending a dance at the Copan Round-Up Club, Jim met the love of his life April Grant. They married on March 30, 1973, and enjoyed 47 years together. In 1977 they moved to their current home in Copan and raised two children Jamey and Kimberly. Jim worked as a machinist most of his life at Reda Pump, Phillips and for Central States before retiring a few years back.

Jim was active in the kids' many school activities and helped coach their ball teams. When the kids were small, the family enjoyed camping and the outdoors. Hunting and fishing along with small engine repair is what Jim

enjoyed doing. He could regularly be found junking for lawn mowers and weed eaters to rehab.

Together Jim and April enjoyed riding their Honda Gold Wing touring motorcycle, owning three bikes over the years with the last one a trike, and riding with the "GWRRA" Gold Wing Road Riders Association. Jim was kind and always willing to volunteer, serving on the Copan Volunteer Fire Department for several years, and most recently as a cook with the Copan Senior Citizens. Jim was known for his handlebar mustache and his love for everyone around him. He will be dearly missed and fondly remembered for his big smiles and bigger heart.

Jim is survived by his loving wife April of the home; mother Betty Watkins of Dewey; daughter Kimberly Camacho and Sam of Bartlesville; six sisters, Daisy Dupas and Gus, Billie Pierce, Bonnie May, Wilma Young, Carolyn Owens and Marie Miller; six grandchildren, Trenton Watkins, Grant Starr, Mason Veach, Samuel Camacho Jr., Marcus Camacho and Natasha Camacho; two great grandchildren Braden and North Starr; and a host of other family and friends. He is preceded in death by his father, son James "Jamey" Eugene Watkins II, and daughter-in-law Corina Watkins.

Jim's family will receive friends at the Davis Family Funeral Home – Dewey Chapel, 918-534-3030, 113 S. Osage (Hwy. 75), Dewey, on Sunday, from 4-6 p.m. Visitation will also be held on Sunday from 12-6.

Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. on Monday, at Northpoint Assembly of God. Interment will follow in the Dewey Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Carter Davis and the Davis Family Funeral Home – Dewey Chapel. Online condolences and remembrances may be shared at [www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com](http://www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com).



# Cemetery Details

## Dewey Cemetery

HWY 75 North  
Dewey, OK 74029

# Previous Events

## ALL DAY VISITATION

NOV 15. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Davis Family Funeral Home - Dewey Chapel  
113 S Osage Ave  
Dewey, OK 74029  
(918) 534-3030  
davisfamilyfuneralhome@gmail.com

## Family and Friends Gathering

NOV 15. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Service

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NOV **16**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Northpoint Assembly of God  
1515 N Osage Ave  
Dwey, OK 74029

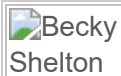
# Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James Watkins*



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**Davis Family Funeral Home** - November 13, 2020 at 06:32 PM



Becky Shelton

“ *April and family - I am so sorry for the passing of Jimmy. I know my mom (Ruby Schlepp) would be very sad. You've been wonderful neighbors to her. Should you need anything, please know we'll do our best to help.*

*Becky & Johnny Shelton*

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**Becky Shelton** - November 15, 2020 at 11:18 AM

AP

“ *When I would see Jimmy and April eating out or somewhere, Jimmy always acted like he knew you forever. Both April and him were so bubbly happy. April I feel for you at this time in your loss. God Bless you and your family.*

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**Annette Parker** - November 14, 2020 at 08:52 PM

TB

“ *Teresa Timmons Brown, Grew up with and went to school with Jimmy, always the same when I saw him, friendly and Happy, His presence in Copan will be missed, Praying for the family.*

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**Teresa Timmons Brown** - November 13, 2020 at 08:21 PM

KB

“ Kelli "Dude", Barry, Brooklyn, and Owen Blevins purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of James Watkins.



Kelli "Dude", Barry, Brooklyn, and Owen Blevins - November 13, 2020 at 05:09 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Watkins.



November 13, 2020 at 09:46 AM

EE

“ You will be missed. You was always the life of the party at our table reunion time. You will always be remembered.



Elizabeth Payton Eccleston - November 11, 2020 at 11:07 PM

LV

“ Love, Albert & Sandy Veach purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James Watkins.



Love, Albert & Sandy Veach - November 11, 2020 at 06:49 PM

SF

“ Steve and LouAnn Snow Clegg and family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of James Watkins.



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**Steve and LouAnn Snow Clegg and family** - November 11, 2020 at 10:19 AM

CM

“ I was so sad to hear of Jimmy's passing and my heart goes out to April, his mother and all the rest of his family. I went to school with Jimmy (elementary and high school) and have so many happy, funny memories of him. We always sat in Mike's car waiting for school to start and sometimes through band hour. He made me laugh continuously. If I ran into him after we graduated through the years he was always so friendly, as if no time had passed at all, and still just as funny. Good bye for now, old friend. Than you for the laughs.

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**Connie Elliott May** - November 10, 2020 at 10:56 PM

CG

“ Rip uncle Jimmy. You knew how to make us all laugh. Now you are up there with Jamey, Papa bill, uncle bill, uncle David, and Arron, and uncle Garland. Love and miss you. Till we meet again



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**Christal Green** - November 10, 2020 at 06:03 PM



“ I’ve known Jimmy all of my life. We were neighborhood kids. I grew up with all the Watkins kids. Betty was our spare Mom. Love them all.

Jimmy was a very special person. Always laughing, so much fun to be around.

I remember when we were about 6 years old we got into an argument. I hit him in the mouth with my fist. His lip started bleeding and we both cried. Lol Kids being kids.

In later years he and April lived across the street from my mother in Copan. They always looked out for her. She loved them and their kids. My heart is broken for his family.

Jimmy blessed everyone he knew just by his presence. Love to all.



Connie Duncan Mason

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Connie Mason - November 10, 2020 at 05:04 PM



“ Janie Stull Collins lit a candle in memory of James Watkins



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Janie Stull Collins - November 09, 2020 at 11:34 PM