



Rev. Choice E. Watson

January 17, 1932 - January 2, 2018

Rev. Choice E. Watson, 85, widower of Grace Hinson Watson, died January 2, 2018 at Magnolia Manor.

A native of Lyman, SC, he was a son of the late John and Ruth Hatcher Watson, a graduate of Luther Rice Seminary and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, U.S. Army and National Guard Veteran of 30 years and a member of the Irving Southworth Masonic Lodge. Rev. Watson pastored for 25 years, and served at Lyman First Baptist (associate pastor), Calvary Baptist in Lyman, Mitford Baptist in Great Falls, Bath First Baptist, Arcadia Baptist in Spartanburg, Wayside Baptist in Startex, Mount Pleasant Baptist in Landrum, and ten years as Director of Missions in the North Spartan Baptist Association. He and his wife, Grace, were heavily involved in South Carolina and Southern Baptist Disaster Relief and also served as a volunteer for the American Red Cross. He received the following awards; SCBC E.A. McDowell Award for Exemplary Christian Service, North American Mission Board Distinguished Service Award for Outstanding Volunteer Ministry through Disaster Relief and the South Carolina Baptist Convention Disaster Relief Ministry Distinguished Service Award that is named in honor of Choice and Grace Watson and additionally, South Carolina Disaster Relief Task Force Emeritus.

Rev. Watson's life mission was to spread the gospel message of Christ to anyone he came in contact with. He dedicated over half century of his life to the ministry.

By the time Choice Watson, former SC Baptist pastor and director of missions, retired in 1997, he had built a library of more than 1,200 books on religion and ministry-related subjects. The collection included his wife's books on preschool, children, and clowning ministry. He decided to donate his library to North Greenville University because of his belief in the school's mission.

The campus was made aware of the book giveaway and the library and over 100 students, faculty, and staff took advantage of the generous donation.

Surviving are one daughter, Peggy Collins (Dennis) of Braselton, GA; three sons, Tommy Watson of Wellford, Billy Watson (Angie) of Tigerville and Brad Watson (Andrea) of Lyman; two sisters, Eulala Pace and Marty Cannon (Jimmy) both of Lyman; eleven grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren and two additional great-grandchildren on the way.

In addition to his wife, Grace, he was predeceased by two sisters, Kathy Bridwell and Sally Wellman.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. Friday, January 5, 2018 at Inman Mills Baptist Church conducted by Rev. Jack Hames. Burial will follow in Wood Memorial Park with Military Honors.

Visitation will be held 6:00-8:00 p.m. Thursday, January 4, 2018, at The Wood Mortuary.

Deacons of Inman Mills Baptist Church will serve as pallbearers.

Members of the Irving Southworth Masonic Lodge will serve as the Honorary Escort.

Memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice.

The family will be at the home of his son, Tommy Watson, 138 Shady Lane Drive, Wellford, SC 29385.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com.

Cemetery Details

Wood Memorial Park

863 Gap Creek Road
Duncan, SC 29334

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 4. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

The Wood Mortuary, Inc.
300 West Poinsett Street
Greer, SC 29650
(864) 877-3351
woodmortuary@bellsouth.net

Service

JAN 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

Inman Mills Baptist Church
22 B Street
Inman, SC

Tribute Wall

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“ My deepest sympathy is extended to Rev. Watson’s family. I had met Choice and Grace many years ago through Rev. Robert & Ruth Marchbanks when I became the church secretary at Holston Creek Baptist Church. Then several weeks ago I noticed his name on the door at Magnolia Manor because my mother is also a resident down there. I went in and introduced myself to him and his son. It was so good to see him again even though he cried over loosing his dear Grace several years ago. They loved each other so much and depended on each other with a strong bond. He is now celebrating and worshipping our God with Grace and feels no more pain. My thoughts and prayers will continue to be with you now and in the days to follow. Love and Peace to the family.

Darlene Tucker - January 05, 2018 at 05:19 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev. Choice E. Watson.



January 03, 2018 at 04:22 PM

JO

“ So very sorry to hear about cousin Choice, family in our prayers. Will try to attend service weather permitting. Love to all Joan Watson Lunsford

Joan - January 03, 2018 at 01:43 PM

RM

“ Choice was indeed a choice servant of the Lord. His boundless energy and spiritual insight made him a tremendous leader of SCBC Disaster Relief. A good man and great friend.

Rick Martin - January 03, 2018 at 11:03 AM

DW

“ Choice was a dear friend and mentor. He was a hoot in Rio, Brazil and gave me the opportunity to serve many people in need on our disaster relief trips. Will miss him for a little while but have the faith that we will reunite in the presence of the Christ he served.

Doug Waldrop - January 03, 2018 at 07:05 AM

JM

“ Jamie Sallee Anne Moon lit a candle in memory of Rev. Choice E. Watson



Jamie Sallee Anne Moon - January 02, 2018 at 09:31 PM

BW

Preacher Watson was our pastor at Bath 1st Baptist Church in the 70's. Choice married us on August 4, 1978. We are still a very happy couple and are blessed that he performed our ceremony. I am so thankful that he and Grace were in our lives during those early years and the advice that they shared with us about letting God lead our lives together as a couple. I know that he will be missed by many but he and Grace are enjoying their well deserved place of rest together again.

Ben and Cindy Waller - January 04, 2018 at 02:09 PM