



## Dr. John Henry Watts, Sr.

August 13, 1938 - April 26, 2008

Name: Dr. John Henry Watts, Sr.

Dateline: Greer

Dr. John Henry Watts, Sr., 69, of 105 Canebrake Dr., died April 26, 2008 at Allen Bennett Memorial Hospital.

A native of Columbus County, NC, he was a son of the late Willie James and Mattie Moore Watts, a member of Good News Baptist Church and a US Navy Veteran. He received his Ph D in Psychology from Pacific Western University. He retired from Blue Cross and Blue Shield Insurance of South Carolina following more than 30 years of service. He was also a Preacher of the Christian Faith.

Surviving is his wife, Marian Tripp Watts of the home; four children, John Henry Watts, Jr. of Greenville, Grace Long of Sumter, Amy Wills (Victor) of Tamassee and Michael Andrew Watts of Greer; three sisters, Judy Johnson, Kathleen Mc Clay and Karen Gentry all of North Carolina and two grandchildren, Ben and Emily Long of Sumter.

Funeral services will be 4 p.m. Monday at the Wood Mortuary Chapel conducted by the Rev. Ralph L. Neal and the Rev. John Henry Watts, Jr. Burial will be in Westwood Cemetery.

The family will be at the home. Visitation will be from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Sunday at

The Mortuary.

Memorials may be made to Tabernacle Children's Home, 3931 White Horse Road, Greenville, SC 29611.

Online condolences may be made to [www.thewoodmortuary.com](http://www.thewoodmortuary.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ I find myself reflecting on the countless memories that formed the fabric of our time together with Uncle John. It’s hard to put into words the impact he had on all of us, but I hope to capture a piece of his spirit in this letter.

I remember Uncle John’s amazing Donald Duck impersonation, which never failed to make me, Stan, Marlene, Darlene, Katherine and Clay burst into laughter. That silly voice would echo in our minds, a joyful reminder of the playful spirit he brought into our lives. Our Kentucky Fried Chicken picnics in the park stand out as highlights of our childhood – those sunny afternoons filled with laughter, games, and delicious food. And who could forget the board games? Uncle John was not just a coach, but a teammate. I remember playing tennis matches with Uncle John. He always cheered me on and encouraged me to keep trying, regardless of how many times I missed the tennis volleys.

Our Christmases spent together were nothing short of magical. The warmth of family, the twinkling lights, and the excitement of unwrapping gifts brought us closer and helped create lasting memories. Uncle John had a special way of making each holiday feel unique and special. His generosity never went unnoticed when he gifted us tools to chase our dreams upon graduation. He believed in us and our potential long before we believed in ourselves.

But perhaps what I cherish most about Uncle John was his unwavering faith. He was a beacon of light, always ready to offer uplifting Bible verses, sharing the richness of scripture and the beauty of Bible culture with us. His wisdom challenged us to think deeper and live more fully. Every conversation was an opportunity for growth, and he invested his time and energy into understanding our hopes and dreams, always reminding us that, with hard work and perseverance, we were capable of achieving anything in keeping with our God-given talents that we set our minds to. Uncle John’s love and guidance have left an indelible mark on my life and the lives of my family: Judy, (Mom, John’s sister), Jim (Dad), Stan, Marlene, Darlene, Katherine and Clay. He will be greatly missed – not just for the laughter he brought but for the way he

*genuinely cared about each of us.  
His legacy lives on in our hearts, urging us to pursue our passions,  
maintain our faith, and honor our loved ones.  
As we say our goodbyes, let us carry forward Uncle John's spirit of  
joy and encouragement, holding tight to the memories we've  
shared.  
May we continue to uplift one another, inspired by Uncle John's  
unwavering faith and boundless love.  
With heartfelt love and remembrance, Donna "Marie"*

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**Donna Johnson** - December 09, 2024 at 07:12 PM



*“ My sincere sympathy to the family of John Watts. I will always  
remember my days working with John at Blue Cross in Greenville.  
He was a dedicated individual to all...Dan Freeman###imported-  
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*“ My condolences to John's family at his passing. I have known John  
for many years and he was always strong in his faith and his love  
for his family. May God bless you in this time of sorrow.  
Love,  
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“ *It is with great sadness to learn of John's passing. However, I value the many experiences and good memories I have had with John. Feel blessed that John always put his family and his faith as his top priorities in life. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of sorrow.*

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