



Lelan Dan Watkins

May 26, 1936 - September 25, 2025

Lelan Dan Watkins, 89, of Huntsville; passed away Thursday, September 25, 2025, at Veterans Administration Hospital in Fayetteville. He was born Tuesday, May 26, 1936, at Fayetteville; to Isaac and Ruby Lea Hall Watkins.

On Friday, June 26, 1964, at Drakes Creek, Lelan married the love of his life, Wilma Sue Williams. Together they shared 61 wonderful years of marriage and were blessed with two children, Lyndall and Kathy. He worked at EPC as a supervisor for several years before going to work for the Huntsville School District as a Maintenance Man and was a devoted member of the Church of Christ for 57 years. He proudly served his country in the United States Army and spent a year in Korea. He had many fond memories of his time in the service. Lelan had a deep love for music, especially playing the guitar and singing, and he found great joy in spending time outdoors. Whether he was fishing, gardening and sharing his harvest, or hunting ginseng, he was happiest close to nature. Always busy with his hands, he could build just about anything—though his birdhouses and windmills were a true specialty. Known for his wonderful sense of humor, positive spirit, and encouraging words, Lelan brightened the lives of those around him. He loved visiting with friends, and his greatest joy was the time he spent with his family, whom he cherished deeply.

Lelan was preceded in death by his parents, Isaac and Ruby Watkins

He is survived by his wife, Wilma Watkins of the home; one son and daughter-in-law, Lyndall and Melissa Watkins of Huntsville; one daughter and son-in-law, Kathy and Kim Williams of Huntsville; one brother, John Watkins of Huntsville; four sisters and three brothers-in-law, Lela and Robert Harriman, Letha and Max Clark, Glenda Clark all of Huntsville, and Linda and Lonnie Clark of Combs. He is also survived by three grandchildren, Haley and Shane Jordan, Hanna Williams, and Holly Hernandez; and five great-grandchildren, Ava Hernandez, Bennett Jordan, Ayden Hernandez, Amos Hernandez, and Barrett Jordan.

Funeral Service will be 2:00 PM, Tuesday, September 30, 2025, at Brashears Funeral Home with Glen Thomas officiating. Pallbearers will be Kim Williams, Tim Clark, Dan Boling, Keith Watkins, Caden Watkins, and Isaac Watkins. Interment will immediately follow services at Drakes Creek Cemetery, Wesley, AR.

Services are entrusted to Brashears Funeral Home and Crematory of Huntsville.

Cemetery Details

Drakes Creek Cemetery

21650 Arkansas State Highway #295
Wesley, AR 72773

Previous Events

Funeral Service

SEP 30. 2:00 PM (CT)

Brashears Funeral Home and Crematory
509 North Gaskill Street
Huntsville, AR 72740
(479) 738-2123
<https://www.brashearsfuneralhome.net/>

Tribute Wall



“ To each of the family my prayers and condolences. I worked with Lelan at EPC. I enjoyed working for him and with him. He was a wonderful person to know.



Alvin L Herrington - October 01, 2025 at 07:26 PM

JC

“ Remembering this fine man from when he worked at the school. In the recent past he ground some corn meal for Camp Harvest. Praying for His peace to guard your hearts & minds.

Joel & Lisa Rowlett Carlson - September 30, 2025 at 09:38 PM

YF

“ Your HMS Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Lelan Dan Watkins.



Your HMS Family - September 30, 2025 at 10:08 AM

DD

“ So sorry about your loss. Know Lelan is in God's loving arms, happy and well.

Dorothy Dyer - September 30, 2025 at 10:08 AM

VB

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Vail & Wynonia Boller - September 30, 2025 at 01:53 AM

CG

“ So sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family.

Charlinda Reeves and Charles Gurley - September 29, 2025 at 11:45 PM

LW

“ Levi, Kellie, Weston and Hazel Watkins purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Lelan Dan Watkins.



Levi, Kellie, Weston and Hazel Watkins - September 29, 2025 at 06:55 PM

CJ

“ Church of Christ at Japton purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Lelan Dan Watkins.



Church of Christ at Japton - September 29, 2025 at 04:19 PM

JG

“ sorry for the loss of Son, i remember his kindness when i would come to Japton and see so many people. Prayers to Kathy, MsWilma and Lyndel. may you find healing

Jennifer Gloer - September 29, 2025 at 03:49 PM

JP

Prayers for the family. I know he will be greatly missed

Joy Parker - September 29, 2025 at 05:29 PM

DD

Dear Sue and family - Farrell and I were so sad to hear about Lelan's passing. Not sad for him because we know he is rejoicing with the Lord, but sad for You guys and for all of his family and friends. He was a sweetheart, and we both regret that we didn't visit y'all more. We enjoyed it so much when we did, but it always seems like time gets away from us. I didn't see the obit until this evening and realized we had missed the service. That's another thing that made me feel so bad. I know he's going to be missed by everyone who knew and loved him. I'm so thankful for Jesus who made it possible for us to meet again. May the Lord bless and comfort you all in the days and weeks to come. We love you guys, Farrell and Diann Davis

Diana Davis - September 30, 2025 at 10:19 PM