

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
*Robert "Bob" James Watkins*

WHO WAS BORN

April 4, 1929

Forest City Township, Meeker County, Minnesota

AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME

April 27, 2023

Wheaton, Minnesota

FUNERAL SERVICE

Tuesday, May 2, 2023 - 10:30 a.m.

Trinity-Mt. Olive Evangelical Lutheran Church

Johnson, Minnesota

OFFICIANT

Reverend Donald Main

MUSICIAN

Missy Sigler, Organist

CASKET BEARERS

All of Robert's Grandchildren:

Dan Watkins | Brian Watkins | Jeremy Pommier | Neil Pommier

Nicole Jones | Anna Pommier | Casey O'Leary

Molly Tangen | Mitch Watkins | Taylor Watkins

HONORARY BEARERS

All of Robert's Great-Grandchildren

HONOR GUARD

Minnesota State Patrol Honor Guard

INTERMENT

Trinity-Mt. Olive Evangelical Lutheran Church Cemetery

Johnson, Minnesota

APPRECIATION

Robert's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.

Your many expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Following the interment, please join the family for food and fellowship in the church fellowship hall.

*Mundwiler and Larson Funeral Home - Graceville, Minnesota*

When I come to the end of **MY JOURNEY**  
And I travel my last weary mile,  
Just forget if you can, that I ever frowned  
And remember only the *smile.*  
Forget unkind words I have spoken;  
*Remember* some good I have done.  
Forget that I ever had heartache  
And remember I've had loads of fun.  
Forget that I've stumbled and blundered  
And sometimes fell by the way.  
Remember I have **FOUGHT** some hard battles & won,  
ere the close of the day,  
Then forget to grieve for my going,  
I would not have you sad for a day,  
But in summer just gather some *flowers*  
And remember the place where I lay,  
And come in the evening  
When the sun paints the sky in the west.  
Stand for a few moments beside me  
And **REMEMBER ONLY MY BEST.**

**R**obert James Watkins was born on April 4, 1929, on the family farm in Forest City Township of Meeker County, MN, to Samuel and Frances (Wimmer) Watkins. He attended country school in Forest City Township and graduated from Litchfield High School with the Class of 1947.

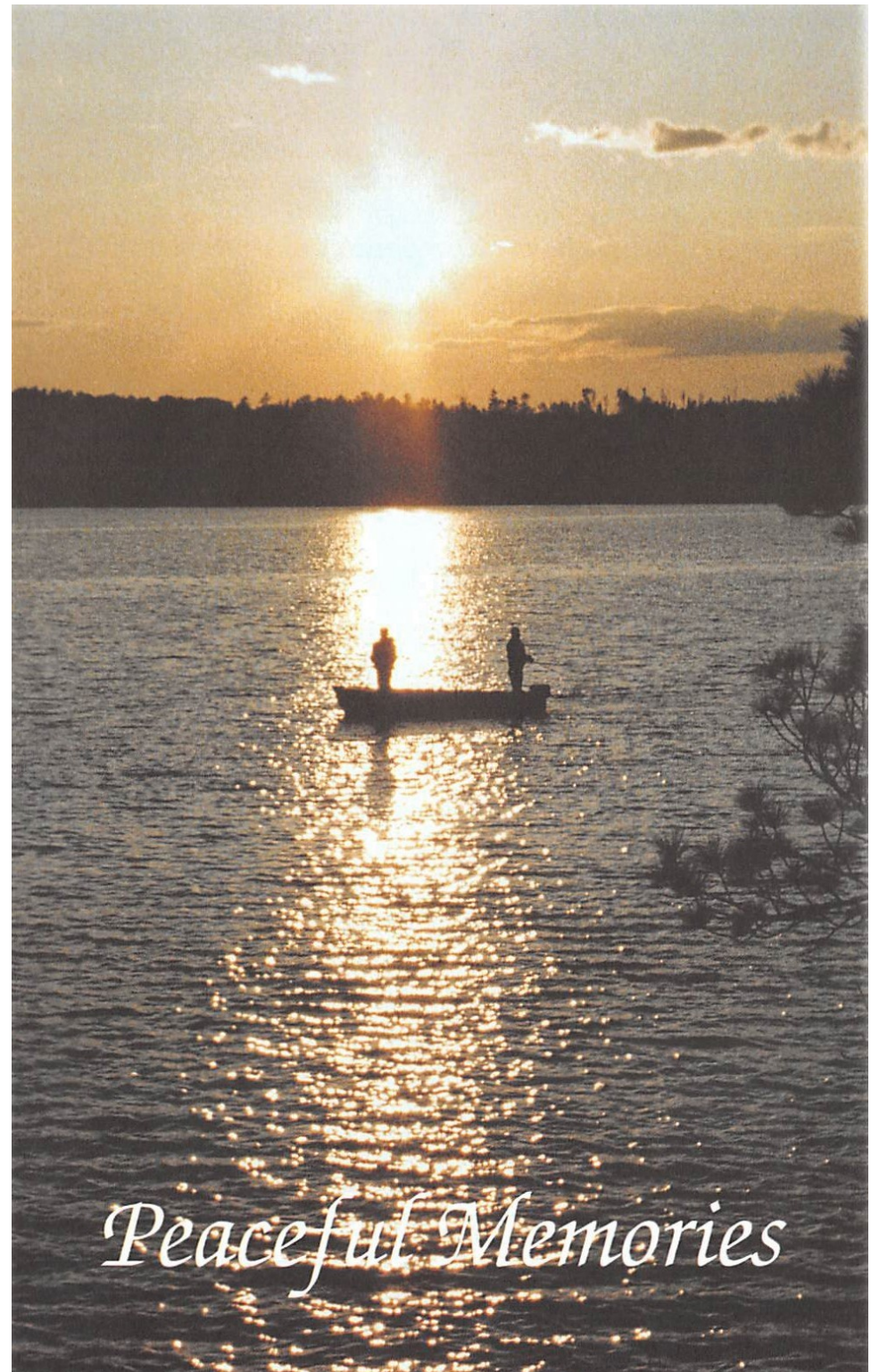
Following high school, Bob joined the United States Air Force and the United States National Guard. While enlisted in the United States Armed Forces, Bob served as a military policeman in Cocoa Beach, FL, and in the Bahamas during the Korean Conflict. Working as a police officer for a short time in Litchfield, MN, he was selected to attend the State Patrol Academy. Bob worked as a Minnesota State Trooper for 31 years. Following retirement, Bob worked part-time for the area police departments.

In 1955, Minnesota State Patrol stationed Bob in Graceville, MN. He met the love of his life, Gladys Wilke, who was a waitress at a local café. They were united in marriage on July, 24, 1956, and together, they were blessed with four children. Bob and Gladys made their home in Graceville and continued to live there their entire adult lives.

Bob enjoyed woodworking and playing cards. He was a member of Trinity-Mt. Olive Lutheran Church and the Graceville American Legion. Bob stayed active with golfing and lived for the daily time he spent with his buddies at the Graceville Senior Center. He most enjoyed the time he spent being a grandpa and great-grandpa.

Left to cherish Bob's memory are his children: Jim (Monica) Watkins of Alexandria, MN; Brenda (Dean) Pommier of Currie, MN; Sandra (Kevin) O'Leary of Wheaton, MN; and Bob (Sara) Watkins of Fergus Falls, MN; 10 grandchildren: Dan (Amanda) Watkins, Brian (Megan) Watkins, Jeremy (Tina) Pommier, Neil Pommier, Nicole (Darnell) Jones, Anna Pommier (Brooke Hermsen), Casey (Andrea) O'Leary, Molly (Craig) Tangen, Mitchell Watkins (Mary Gettel), and Taylor Watkins (Brian Dunn); 14 great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, LaNette Bremseth; along with three nieces and their families.

Preceding him in death are his parents, Samuel and Frances Watkins; wife, Gladys in 2010; sister, JoAnne (Cletus) Schloesser; brother, Vernon "Bud" Watkins; parents-in-law, Bill and Vera Wilke; and brother-in-law, Wilmer Wilke.



*Peaceful Memories*