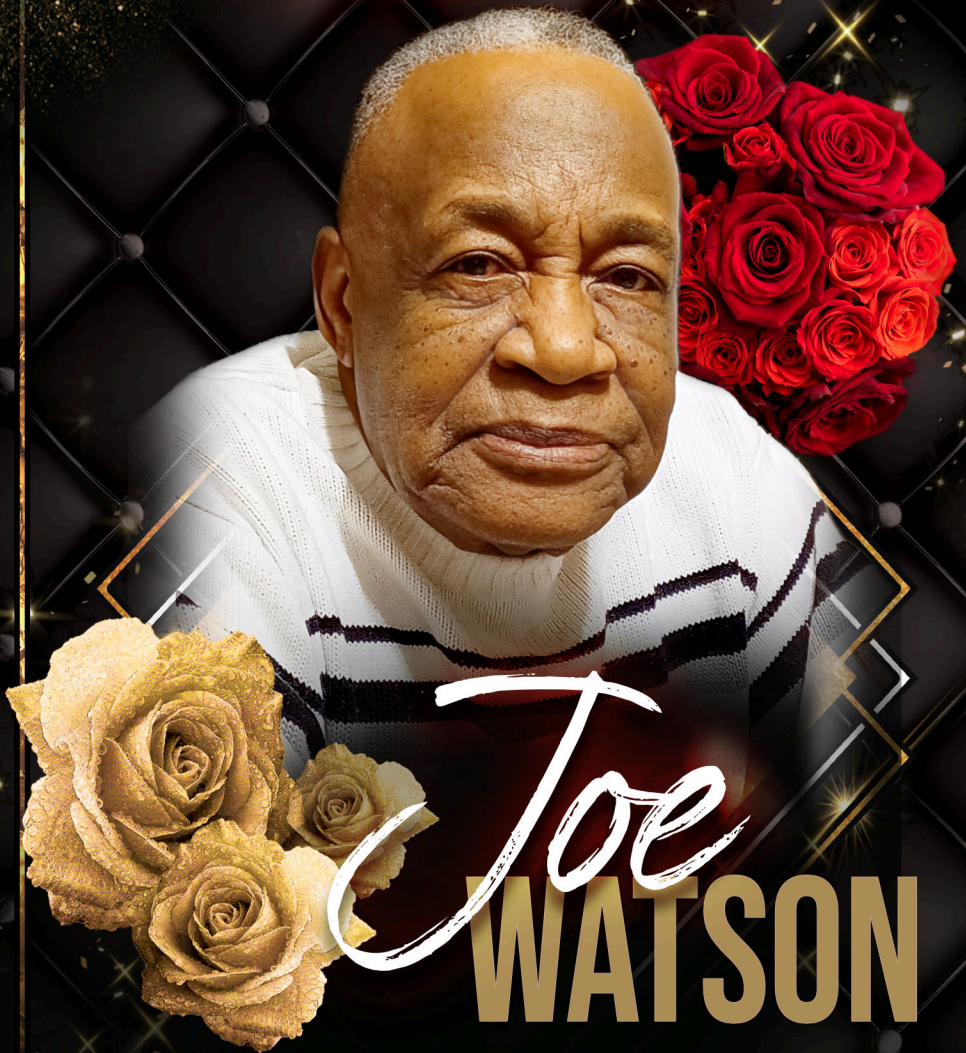


A CELEBRATION OF LIFE



Joe  
WATSON

JAN 19, 1939 - NOV 6, 2024

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2024

WAKE: 12:30 PM - FUNERAL: 1:00 PM

WATSON'S FUNERAL HOME

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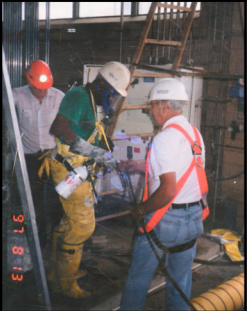
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PROCESSIONAL ..... THE FAMILY  
FAMILY VISITATION..... 12:30 PM – 1:00 PM  
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    OLD TESTAMENT..... PSALM 23:16  
    NEW TESTAMENT..... JOHN 14:1-3  
MUSICAL SELECTION..... “AMAZING GRACE”  
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/RESOLUTIONS.....  
REFLECTIONS/REMARKS (2 MINS) .....  
OBITUARY..... PLEASE READ SILENTLY  
MUSICAL SELECTION..... “HIS EYE IS ON THE SPARROW”  
EULOGY..... REV. CALVIN WADE  
RECESSIONAL.....

## INTERMENT

PRIVATE

## REPAST

MORNING STAR BAPTIST CHURCH  
10250 SHAKER BLVD – CLEVELAND, OH 44104  
3:00 PM



# Obituary

Joe Nathan Watson (passionately known as “Watson”) was born in Meridian, Mississippi on January 19, 1939 to Annie Mae Graves and Addy Alexander, who preceded him in death. Joe was the oldest child of four who all preceded him in death, Shirley, Edna and Verbell.

Joe graduated from West End High School in 1956. As a child, Joe spent the majority of his childhood with his maternal grandparents, Henry and Doanie Watson in Butler, Alabama. In the late 1950’s, Joe came to Cleveland, Ohio to find a better life. He really didn’t know what he wanted to do. First, he made his private connection with God by joining Mount Horeb Baptist Church and through this journey he later became a deacon. He owned a restaurant until it burned down. Shortly after, he was fortunate enough to find seasonal work with Horvitz Construction Company, Local 860, he was a proud union man. Working at Horvitz created a new venture for him. Joe was introduced to cement and building bridges. He mastered the process while working on many Cleveland bridges and thruways (I-90, Route 2, I-71 and I-77). Joe became passionate about his work and began a successful side business laying concrete. Joe continued his employment with Horvitz (now National Construction Company) for over forty years, retiring as Head Foreman in 1998.

After retirement, Joe became an avid landscaper. His meticulous style for growing and cutting grass claimed the yards

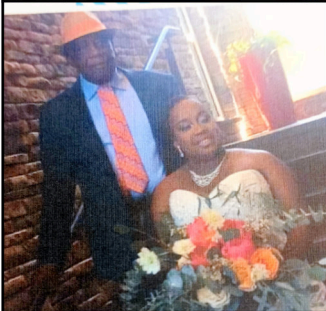
of many. Joe was a great storyteller, he loved sharing his life experiences and family memories.

Joe has always been a “busy body”. His favorite most cherished activity was bowling. He connected with many bowling alleys in Cleveland until his health started to decline. He was also an avid Cleveland sports fan. Back in the day you could find Joe watching Jim Brown down at the Cleveland Browns stadium. You could also see him wearing various caps, shirts to represent the Cleveland Guardians and Cavaliers.

Joe was a great friend to so many. He encouraged young men while working in construction. He also was a mentor to countless children in his various communities. He would help various neighbors with home maintenance projects, help to care for the elderly neighbors and constantly gave treats to any kid that asked.

Joe peacefully passed away on November 6, 2024. He is survived by his wife, Dessie, children: Florine (James Jr) Harris, Lynette Watson (deceased), Monica Y. (Arnold) Matthews, Dr. Jocelyn (Tony (deceased)) Watson-Mason and devoted niece/daughter Etoshia Jones. Joe has six grandchildren, Christopher Watson, Ashley McCray, Asja Matthews, Arnold Matthews Jr, James Harris III and Artie Harris. Twelve great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren and a host of other family and friends to cherish his memory.

*Lovingly Submitted,  
The Family*





*Family Tributes*

*To my dear husband, I will forever love and cherish the years that we were able to spend together. Now you are in the best arms, the arms of the Lord. – DESSIE*

*To the man that provided me with unconditional love, support until your last breath, thank you for everything. I couldn't have asked for a better father. I will carry you in my heart forever. – JOCELYN*

*To the man you were. The man you've always been. I will love you forever and always – ETOSHIA*

*Poppi, There's no words that can describe how much I'm missing you.*

*It is and was an honor to have you as my Dad. I will cherish our memories until we meet again. – MONI*

*Dad, Welcome Home! – LYNETTE*

*Dad, No Longer By My Side, Forever In My Heart. – LOVE FLO*

*Daddy Joe, we created memories that our hearts will hold forever.  
– ASJA & ARNOLD JR.*

*Mr. Joe, was another father I was blessed to have in my life.*

*I remember the times we challenged each other in cutting down the tree in his yard. Joe would talk and I would listen. Story after story of his upbringing and the bridges he worked on. All is not lost, I will always have his stories and many good memories.*

*Mr. Joe, always and forever. – LOVE SON-IN-LAW, ARNOLD*

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