



## Thurman Dale Watkins

January 16, 1960 - October 21, 2021

Thurman Dale Watkins, 61, of Bluefield, WV, passed away at his home on Thursday October 21, 2021.

Dale was born in Bluefield, WV, on January 16, 1960 to the late Thurman S. Watkins and Betty Jo Bell Watkins. He was of the Christian faith. Dale was a self-made man and entrepreneur. He grew up in Montcalm, WV and was a graduate of Montcalm High School. He enjoyed racing, and was Pro-Champ at both Princeton and Athens Raceways. He was a fun-loving person who made the best of every day. Dale was always thoughtful, without evening thinking about it. He would help anyone in need, never expecting anything in return.

His greatest accomplishment was his family, and his greatest achievement was loving and being loved. He was the ultimate family man, always making sure he took care of those that were his world. Being a daddy and Poppi was what he enjoyed most in life.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Darla Marshall Watkins; and sister, Shelia Jo Sutphin.

Left to cherish his memory are his daughters, Tiffany Dale Sabo and husband Michael, and Brittany Yvonne Wooldridge and husband Joshua; two sisters, Rosanne Bratton and husband Lester, and Regina Moretto and husband Thomas; grandchildren, Skylar Jade Graham, Brandon Scott Graham, Jr., Aubrey Gracelyn Wooldridge, and Ridleigh Brynn Elizabeth Wooldridge; step-grandchildren, Justin Sabo, Bryanna Sabo, Austin Sabo, and Brandon Sabo;

and many nieces, nephews, and extended family, all of whom he loved.  
A service to celebrate Dale's life will be held on Saturday October 30, 2021 at Mercer Funeral Home at 5:00 p.m. with Pastor Eddie Johnson officiating.  
The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Saturday from 4:00 p.m. until the service hour.  
In lieu of flowers, donations can be made family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **30**. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home Chapel  
1231 West Cumberland Road  
Bluefield, WV 24701

## Celebration of Life

OCT **30**. 5:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Thurman Dale Watkins*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *Dale was always so good to me. I loved sitting around and talking to him. He loved his children and grand babies so much. I hate to hear of his passing. Prayers for his family.*

**julia Justice** - December 31, 2021 at 03:11 AM



“ *Dale was a true friend.. He would do anything to make you laugh.. one year at school he bought several of us girls birthstone rings for Christmas. He said he wanted to see us Smile. That was the the heart of Dale.. He would come up with some unexpected sayings “Your so Beautiful, I want to drink your bath water” . Oooo yuk.. and crack up. Dale was Dale anytime you saw him. He never missed a beat. His heart was always open. And his door was never closed to a friend. No matter their need he had a plan. You will be missed My Dear Precious Friend. Prayers to his Loving Family*

**Connie Mitchem Bourque** - November 03, 2021 at 07:15 PM



“ *RIP Dale!!So sorry to hear this. Love to Brittany and Tiffany.*

**Gerri Broyles Lamie** - October 31, 2021 at 06:40 PM

DB

“ Dale and I shared the love of cars , he was a fun loving easy going man , we had good times . Rest in peace I will always remember your smile .

Donnie Buckner - October 31, 2021 at 08:06 AM

PA

“ I've known Dale for over 30 years. No matter where I saw him he would always take time to chat for a minute. So sad to hear of his passing -the world has lost a good man! May he Rest In Peace 🙏 My prayers go out to the family and special prayers for Tiffany and Roseanna💔

PattyJones - October 31, 2021 at 06:58 AM

EM

“ I have known Dale my whole life, his dad and my grandfather were best friends so we spent many hours at the "store" talking. Went thru school with Dale and had many fun times. So sad to hear, thought and prayers are with the family.

Ed Myers - October 30, 2021 at 12:35 PM

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Thank you

Brittany Wooldridge (Watkins) - October 31, 2021 at 12:31 AM

NL

“ I was a classmate of Dale, at Montcalm Schools, he was a fun kid in school, I have thought of him often through the years. Sorry for your loss.



Naomi PHillips Lagasse - October 29, 2021 at 06:23 PM

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*Thank u for ur kind words...*

Brittany Wooldridge (Watkins) - October 31, 2021 at 12:32 AM

GP

“ *Thinking about Dale brings back many warm thoughts and feelings. We had good days in school. He was a good friend. God bless him.*

Greg Prudich - October 28, 2021 at 08:12 PM

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*Thank you so much for your condolences.*

Brittany Wooldridge (Watkins) - October 31, 2021 at 12:32 AM

CM

“ *Dale was a true friend to me, he was always the real deal. This breaks my heart. God bless his wife and all his family.*

Cindy Goode Mullins - October 28, 2021 at 07:47 PM

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*Sunday, thank you so much for your sympathy. I was not sure if you knew or were aware, but we lost his wife, Darla on the exact same night.*

Brittany Wooldridge (Watkins) - October 31, 2021 at 12:33 AM

JB

“ *Dale And I both had mustangs in school. And from time to time we would challenge each other to a race. I believe he beat me more then I did him. Good memories my old friend and classmate. You've won your last race.*

Joel Burgess - October 28, 2021 at 03:47 PM

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*That was absolutely precious Joel. It made me cry. Me and my sister both would like to thank you for your kind words and awesome memories. Thank you*

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**Brittany Wooldridge (Watkins)** - October 31, 2021 at 12:34 AM

RJ

“ *Me , Dale and the Brady boys grew up within a stones throw of each other. We played army and cowboys and indians all over those hills behind Dales house. Great friend and great childhood memories. RIP big man!*

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**RANDY JENNINGS** - October 28, 2021 at 11:19 AM

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*Thank you so much Randy. It's so wonderful to hear the childhood memories of my dad. And my sister and I are both very thankful for all the kind words that have been spoken about him. We are going to miss him so much.*

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**Brittany Wooldridge (Watkins)** - October 31, 2021 at 12:36 AM