

Father's Love

A man loves his family especially his children.
A woman bore them but a real man always loves them.
I know such a man has shown his heart to his family.

He has worn many hats in life.

He was taught responsibility at a young age and never forgot.
You see he is my father and he is the one that showed me how to be
a father.

I must acknowledge him for showing his love by his actions.
He is a serious man that doesn't bite his tongue when he talks.
Yet behind that look of seriousness on his face, there is a smile that
touches our hearts because by it we know he loves us.

I'm not ashamed to say I love you Mr. Watson, father of my wife
who also became a father to me.

I thank you for the lessons in life on being a real man.
You have shown me by example how to take care of my family.

With all my love Craig
My Tribute to a Real Man, Mr. Watson

A Hero's Welcome

By: Robert Longley

*Time to come home dear brother
Your tour of duty through
You've given as much as anyone
Could be expected to do.
Just a few steps further
The smoke will start to clear
Others here will guide you
You have no need to fear.
You have not failed your brothers
You dearly gave it all
And through your selfless actions
Others will hear the call.
So take your place of honor
Among those who have gone before
And know you will be remembered
For now and evermore.*

Pallbearers

Family and Friends

Floral Bearers

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The Family's Expression of Gratitude

We, the family of Master Sergeant (Ret.) Charles Prentis Watson, Sr., sincerely thank everyone for their wonderful acts of kindness shown towards us through their prayers, calls, cards, visits, and other expressions of love, during the passing of our loved one. Your many gestures of kindness have made this difficult time easier to bear. Words are inadequate to express our appreciation to each of you. We desire your continued prayers and we pray that God will continue to bless and keep all of you in a very special way. Once again thank you.



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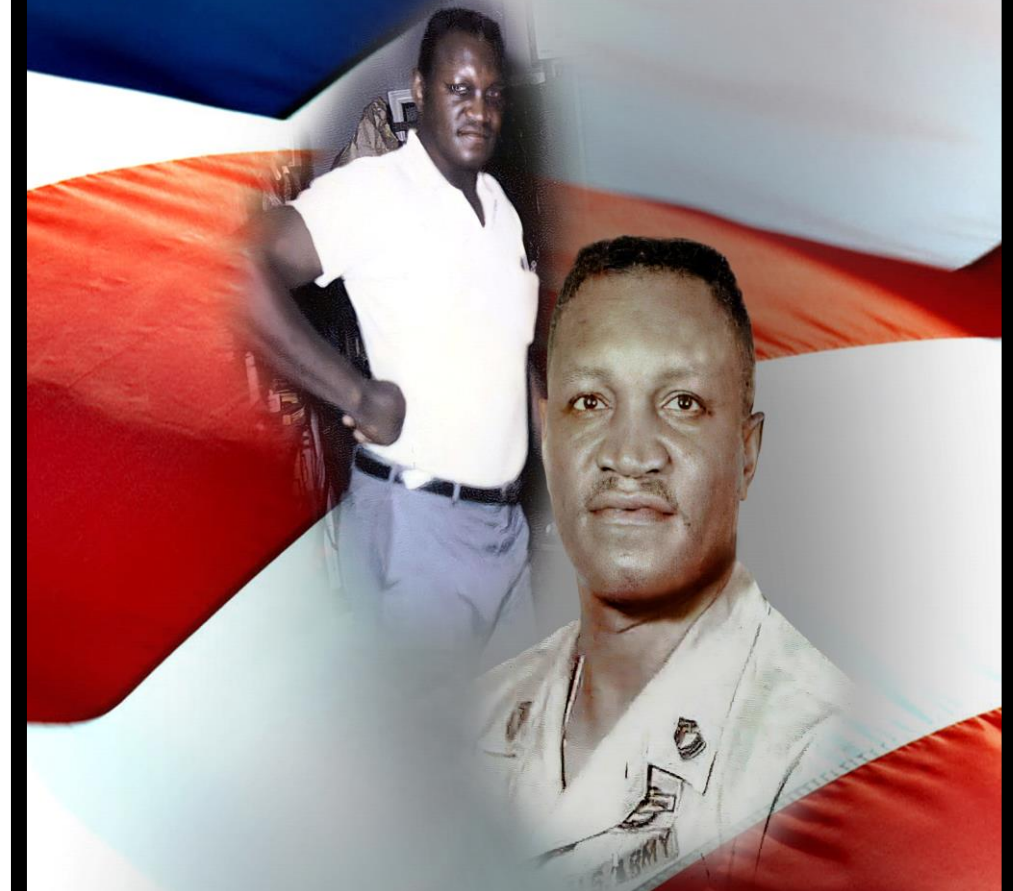
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Home Going Service Celebrating the Life of

MSG (RET.) CHARLES PRENTIS WATSON, SR.



MONDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2021
12:00 NOON

LEEY'S FUNERAL HOME CHAPEL
1831 TAYLOR STREET
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

BISHOP DAVID JOHNSON, SR.
-OFFICIATING-

Obituary

Master Sergeant (Retired) Charles Prentis Watson, Sr. was born September 27, 1933, in Rowland, North Carolina. He was the ninth child born to Leewood and Lillie Jane (Mclean) Watson. He departed this earthly life at his home on Monday, December 20, 2021.

He graduated from Southside High School, in Rowland, NC, in 1952. He was drafted into the Army in 1952. On July 17, 1957, he was united in Holy Matrimony to his high school sweetheart, Almena McCallum. To this union nine children were born: James Luther Watson, Wilhelmina Watson-Colclough, Diane Watson, Mary Louise Golston, Cynthia Watson, all of Columbia SC, Brenda Charlene Watson-Wallace, of Hinesville Ga., Charles Prentis Watson II, of Monroe NC and Sandra Renea Watson, of Columbia SC, and Baby Boy Watson.

In the military, he worked and taught in Electronics/Communication at Ft. Jackson, SC. He served as Communications Platoon Sergeant with the First Cavalry Division in Vietnam along with several other positions in the military. He fought in the Korean and Vietnam Wars. He was awarded: the National Defense Service Medal, the Expert Infantry Badge, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal W/DVC 60, the Combat Infantryman BDE, the Bronze Star Medal, the Army Commendation (2D AWD), the Good Conduct Medal, the Silver Star, and a many other commendations. In 1973 after 20 years of service to his country, he retired from the Army. After retiring, he obtained a job with The South Carolina Disaster Preparedness Agency (Now known as FEMA), which he retired from in 1993. He traveled extensively across the country while obtaining various college degrees. He started his first business Watson's TV Service in the early 60's on Beltline Boulevard, which he expanded to Watson's TV Sales & Service and Record Shop in the early 70's on Bluff Rd. Later he opened up Watson's Surplus Sales and Reutilization on Bluff Rd. Mr. Watson was a good business man and was well known throughout Columbia SC. He attended Bluff Road United Methodist Church. His favorite past times were fishing, gardening, watching Westerns, and playing Solitaire.

Master Sergeant (Retired) Charles Prentis Watson, Sr. leaves to cherish his memory: his children, Wilhelmina Watson-Colclough, Mary Louise (Craig) Golston, Cynthia Watson, all of Columbia SC, Brenda Charlene (Jeff) Watson-Wallace, of Hinesville, Ga, Charles Prentis (Sharon) Watson, II, of Monroe NC, Sandra Renea Watson, of Columbia SC, and Marius (Lisa) James, of Charlotte NC; fourteen grandchildren; twenty-six great-grandchildren; his sister, Cleo P. Southern, of Philadelphia, PA; one brother-in-law, Tat Davis, of Rowland, NC; two sisters-in-law, Carrie Moody, of Rowland NC and Sarah McCallum, of Greensboro, NC; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends, all of whom will miss him greatly.

Memories



The Order of Service

*Bishop David S. Johnson, Sr., Presiding
Progressive Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Hopkins, SC*

Musical Prelude

Processional

Final Farewell to Our Beloved Charles P. Watson, Sr.

Musical Selection

Prayer.....Deacon Julius Williams

Scripture Reading.....Minister Lewis Taylor

Musical Selection..... "Peace Be Still"
(Recording by James Cleveland)

Remarks.....Mr. William Golston, Jr.
Mr. Willie Ross Watson
Ms. Mary L. Golston

Musical Selection.....Sister Deborah Carmichael

Words of Comfort.....Bishop David S. Johnson, Sr.
Progressive Church, Hopkins, SC

Recessional

Postlude



Committal, Benediction and Interment

2:00 p.m.
Fort Jackson National Cemetery
4170 Percival Road
Columbia, South Carolina