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In Memory of Earl "Ikie" Watkins

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Earl N. "Ikie" Watkins of Dexter, son of the late Earl Lawrence and Eunice Ellene Marsh Watkins, was born in Cash, Arkansas on March 18, 1930, and passed away at the Saint Frances Medical Center, in Cape Girardeau on February 23, 2019, at the age of 88 years, 11 months and 5 days.

Ikie had lived in Dexter most of his life and was a member of the First Christian Church in Dexter Missouri. He was a member of the Elks Lodge in Dexter and had served in the US Marines during the Korean Conflict.

On May 10, 1952, he married Patsy "Pat" Daniel in Piggott, Arkansas. She preceded him in death May 25, 2016.

Surviving are one son, Stephen L. Watkins of Dexter; two daughters and husband, Susan Staley of Gilbertsville, Kentucky, Carol & Trey Ward of Jackson, Missouri; six grandchildren & spouses Sarah Watkins & Jeff Wellemeyer of Cape Girardeau, Caleb & Kayla Staley of Benton, Kentucky, Rachael & Michael Becker of Columbia, Missouri, Casey & Brian Lovett of Benton, Kentucky, Jacob Ward of Farmington, Andrew Ward of Columbia Missouri; seven great grandchildren, Mia Holden, Owen Staley, Lennon Ferrell, Evan & Aiden Staley & Mason and Madden Lovett. Other relatives and many friends also survive. In addition to his parents and wife he was preceded in death by one brother, Marsh Watkins, one great grand daughter, Lillian Holden, and one daughter-in-law, Susan Watkins.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home Dexter, Missouri.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday February 27, 2019 at 11:00 am in the Watkins & Sons Funeral Chapel Dexter, Missouri with the Rev. Mike Williams of Dexter officiating.

Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery in Dexter, Missouri with Watkins & Sons Funeral Service of Dexter, Missouri in charge of arrangements.

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