



Randy Watkins

September 21, 1962 - March 23, 2026

Randy James Watkins, 63, of Cullman, passed away on Monday, March 23, 2026, at his residence, surrounded by his loving family. Randy was born on September 21, 1962, at Cullman Hospital to Robert Archie and Onzell Margieree (Kelso) Watkins. A 1980 graduate of Good Hope High School, he began working full time while continuing his education at Wallace State Community College and later at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Randy dedicated the final 26 years of his career to BASF in Huntsville before retiring last year. During his time there, he built not only a strong career but also many lifelong friendships.

In his free time, Randy enjoyed cooking, cheering on the Crimson Tide (Roll Tide!), and, most of all, spending time with his family and friends. He had a generous spirit and loved opening his home to host gatherings and holidays where everyone was always welcome. Randy never met a stranger and had a way of making people feel at home.

Randy will be remembered most for his warmth, kindness, and the deep love he had for his family. One of Randy's final wishes was that everyone would come to know Jesus

Christ as their Savior, just as he had. His faith brought him comfort and peace,

and he hoped others would find that same assurance in their own lives.

Visitation will be held Thursday, March 26, 2026 the evening before his service, from 5:00 PM-7:00 PM, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. The funeral will take place the following day, Friday, March 27, 2026 at 3:00 PM in the chapel, with his dear friend Bro. Tim Kelly officiating. Randy will be laid to rest at Good Hope Cemetery.

Randy was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Robert Wayne Watkins and John "Johnny" Edward Watkins; sisters, Margie Hill and Bonnie Watkins. He is survived by his sisters, Linda Sue (Herman) Haney and Betty (Ricky) Smith; aunt, Mary White; nieces, Brittney (Anthony) Blackmon, Michelle (Daniel) Todd, and Windy (Stephen) Todd; nephews, Ricky Farr, William (Alice) Haney, and Robert (Jacob Motes) Smith; special great-nephew, Lane Blackmon, and a whole host of great-nieces, great-nephews, and great-great-nieces.

Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is overseeing his arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Good Hope Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 26. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Cullman Heritage Funeral Home
255 County Road 1435
Cullman, AL 35058
(256) 734-0208
info@cullmanheritage.com
<https://www.cullmanheritage.com>

Funeral Service

MAR 27. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Graveside Service

MAR 27 (CT)

Good Hope Cemetery

Tribute Wall

JP

“ *First of all I want to express my sincerest sympathy to his family. Randy always talked about his family and how proud he was of them. I worked with Randy (Sugar Daddy) at BASF. He turned out to be one of the most awesome friends . He called at least once a week, what you doing? Just working I would say, he would say aww now tell the truth. He was a thoughtful caring person of other people. I will miss him. I was so glad I was able to attend his celebration of life, it was a great service. Prayers for all his family and friends.*

Jackie Polston - March 28 at 12:44 PM

YF

“ *Your BASF Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Randy Watkins.*



Your BASF Family - March 26 at 09:16 AM

YF

“ *Your BASF Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Randy Watkins.*

Your BASF Family - March 26 at 09:16 AM

CG

“ *Rest In Peace My Dear Friend. I will miss you checking on me. Fly High my friend you are no longer in pain. Gone but your kindness will never be forgotten. Love You*



Cheryl Geske - March 25 at 02:05 PM

BT

“ *RIP My dear sweet cousin!* ❤️🙏❤️

Brenda Watkins Tylkowski - March 25 at 01:07 PM

SV

“ *Scott & Buffie Vining purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Randy Watkins.*



Scott & Buffie Vining - March 24 at 08:35 PM

EG

“ I have many memories of all the sleepovers and dinners at his home. He will always be a good man in my/our heart, he wanted to see everyone safe and happy which made hik happy. I'm going to be honest with my memories. I remember him having special moments with a lot of our family members, I don't think I even road in a car with him. I always felt like he didn't like me. He wasnt mean or anything so it wasn't like that, just very “simple”. I also missed out on time when I was younger. With that said, It wasn't until the last couple years I've felt different and learned differently. I wish we would have had alittle longer to get to know one another more, even just 1 more day. Come to find out all those years it was “he thought I didn't like him”. Honestly we are alot alike we both wear our hearts on our shoulder and both have a huge heart with a ton of love and needing and wanting to be loved and HE VERY MUCH WILL ALWAYS BE LOVED.



Another good memory is his Rum Cake I don't think anyone could make it the way he did. He was a great cook which he hosted our entire family every year on many occasions to keep the family together even on bad days. That's the man I will remember is him thinking of others and getting me tipsy for the first time with his rum cake, just kidding. His cake was moist and very sweet just like him...Im just happy i got to be in his life rather then not at all. Until we are all together again I love you Uncle Randy. Xoxoxo

Emily Grimes - March 24 at 08:05 PM

GP

“ Worked with Randy for many years at BASF. He was the best co worker someone could ask for. I retired and we kept in touch. He will be missed by so many.

Ginny Primrose - March 24 at 08:04 PM

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“ Ginny Primrose purchased the *Arrive in Style* for the family of Randy Watkins.



Ginny Primrose - March 24 at 07:59 PM

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