



## Janet Sue Watkins

January 4, 1939 - January 12, 2023

Janet “Sue” Watkins, 84, of Bloomington passed away Thursday, January 12, 2023 at Hearthstone Memory Care. Sue was born on January 4, 1939, in Worthington IN; the daughter of William E. and Waneta (Faulk) Whaley.

Sue grew up near Hendricksville, IN and was the first-born daughter amongst her siblings. Sue was instrumental in the growth and nurturing of her younger siblings. The family made many memories throughout their years and enjoy reminiscing to this day. She attended school at Solsberry and during her junior year she met Bobby Joe Watkins and they graduated in 1957 and married October 25, 1958. They settled in Bloomington to raise their family.

Sue’s working career consists of Frisch’s Big Boy, The Friendly Inn, and Sarkes Tarzian. In 1963 she began her 35-year career with RCA/Thomson and Sue finished her career at Cook Medical in Bloomington for 19 years, where she retired in 2017. Sue had a very strong work ethic, and she took pride in whatever duties she was tasked with. She instilled the value of hard work into her children and grandchildren.

Sue & Bobby have two daughters, Pam Langley (companion Bryan Jones) of Bloomington and Dara (Rick) Boyer of Crawfordsville, all surviving. Sue made many fond memories for her daughters growing up and always made the

holidays and their birthdays extra special. Many memories were made on the weekends going camping and boating at Lake Monroe as well as yearly family vacations.

Sue was known as “Mam” to her three grandchildren, all of whom she was so proud of: Natalie (Drew) Crohn of Martinsville, Indiana, Kayla (Levi) Jones of Spring Hill, Tennessee, Samantha Stinnett (fiancé Garrett Vandagriff) of Sheridan, Indiana, and great-grandson, Grayson River Jones, of Spring Hill, Tennessee. Sue carried on the holiday tradition and always made birthdays and Christmas extra special for her grandchildren and great-grandson.

Other survivors include her siblings: Darold (Vivian) Whaley, Bob Whaley, Joseph “Dude” Whaley, Jim (Carol) Whaley, Helen (Phil) Sims, Martha (John) Mathews, Donnie (Jeri) Whaley, Darlene (Tony) Keller, Ramona Peoples; Brother-in-law Bill (Brenda) Watkins, many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Ola Underwood and Nancy Sheets; brothers, Grover Walters, Paul Edward Whaley, and William Leroy Whaley; sisters in-law, Janet Whaley and Alice Whaley.

Sue enjoyed taking car rides through the countryside with her husband and spending time with her family that she adored. She was a wonderful cook and was known for her many delicious meals she made from scratch over the years. She always enjoyed her time spent in the kitchen cooking or baking. She was an avid IU basketball fan and even took her own statistics during games! Sue would often load her family up and go to Monroe County airport and welcome the IU ball players back home from away games. She was known to be a ‘spitfire’ over the years and would “tell it like it is!”

Sue was a kindhearted person and would do anything to help others. Over the years she devoted her time and volunteered for events such as “Clothe-A-

Child” and donated funds for pre-paid phone cards for deployed troops. Sue was on a bowling league for many years, and she made many trips to the Grand Ole Opry in Tennessee over the years with her family to listen to that “good ol’ country music.”

The family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to the staff and caring nursing aides at Cedar Hurst and most recently Hearthstone Memory Care for helping to take care of their Wife, Mom & Mam the last several months. Also, a heartfelt thank you to all the staff of IU Health Hospice. The compassion shown by all towards Sue was evident in their interactions and care.

Visitation will be on Saturday, January 21, 2023 from 11:00-2:00pm at Allen Funeral Home, 4155 South Old State Road 37 in Bloomington. Funeral service will be 2:00pm with Glenn Kirk officiating. Burial will follow at Greene County Chapel Cemetery.

Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com)

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to IU Health Hospice in Sue’s memory.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 21. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory  
4155 S. Old State Road 37  
Bloomington, IN 47401  
(812) 824-5905  
<http://www.allencares.com>

## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



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**Allen Funeral Home and Crematory** - January 24, 2023 at 12:05 PM

MW

“ I don't recall when I met Sue and Bobby, it seems our lives have always been intertwined. Maybe it was when Dara and I went to Grandview, but I honestly don't remember NOT knowing them. They've always felt like family and we always loved running into them, which fortunately happened often. So many memories of such a wonderful woman. I loved her "tell it like it is" honesty, I loved the fire she had. She was one heck of a strong woman and was still working when she probably should not have been, but she did it. I think the last time I saw her was when we ran into them at the pumpkin patch. Greene County Chapel was having their annual fish fry at the patch and they came out. I made Bobby, Sue and my folks pose for some pictures and I am so very thankful. When someone has always been a part of your life, you take for granted they always will be. Rest in Peace, my friend. You have earned it for sure. We'll sure miss you.

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**Missy Waldon** - January 21, 2023 at 10:50 AM

KS

“ Many of us have had, or will have a day where we reflect on the passing of someone who had a significant influence on our lives. Someone who was a part of our fondest memories and held the role of the family matriarch. Someone who helped shoulder the trials and tribulations of their own immediate family along with the those of their siblings and other members of their extended family. For me, that person was Sue.

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*But for me, Sue’s biggest impression was her devotion to not only her immediate family’s wellbeing but also to unselfishly sustain that same level of involvement, commitment, attention and care to her siblings and those ever growing number extended family throughout her life. Sue was resilient and tough. She was strong and always a safe port in a storm. Family and friends knew that they could rely on her during times of happiness and times when they were in need of support or clarity. She was willing to lend a hand and offer advice.*

*One thing that I remember about growing up besides the many boating/camping trips, homemade ice cream, annual family reunions, etc. was Sue’s presence. She was always there, a glowing nucleus and center of the world which the entire family revolved around.*

*I want to express how privileged I was to have participated in all the activities and gatherings with Sue and her entire family. She was a true the rudder for the entire family with values that we should emulate and carry on.*

*Kevin Sims (nephew) & Philena Mead*

**Kevin Sims** - January 20, 2023 at 10:38 AM

“ Thoughts and words for Sue:

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*Thank you for the opportunity to share these thoughts.*

*Kevin Sims*

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**Kevin Sims** - January 20, 2023 at 09:19 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Janet Sue Watkins.*



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January 19, 2023 at 05:07 PM



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January 18, 2023 at 02:19 PM



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“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Janet Sue Watkins.*



January 17, 2023 at 04:46 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Janet Sue Watkins.*



January 16, 2023 at 12:17 PM



“ *Our heartfelt condolence to Bob and the entire Watkins family. Sue was a sweet lady. We were friends, coworkers and shared the same neighborhood.*

**Stan & Nancy Griffith** - January 15, 2023 at 08:00 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Janet Sue Watkins.*



January 15, 2023 at 12:32 PM

ED

“ I remember Sue from RCA/Thomson days.  
Sorry for your loss. Prayers for family and  
friends!  
Edna DePierre



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**Edna DePierrr** - January 14, 2023 at 06:43 PM



“ Memories 44" Sonnet was purchased for the  
family of Janet Sue Watkins.



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January 14, 2023 at 08:20 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of  
Janet Sue Watkins.



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January 13, 2023 at 11:24 PM

LP

“ My heart goes out to Sue's family. She was a good person that  
helped many people.

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**Larry Price** - January 13, 2023 at 09:51 PM

MS

“ We all loved Sue, she was a really a hard working, friendly lady.  
 ,may God help Bob and the family in all the days to come. Mary  
 Ellen

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**mary ellen sowders** - January 13, 2023 at 08:07 PM

MB

“ condolences to The Watkins Family “ Bob is  
 my 1st cousin “ Prayers



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**marie Boruff** - January 13, 2023 at 07:33 PM