



## Calvin Vernell Watson

August 8, 1933 - December 20, 2020

Calvin Vernell Watson was born on August 8, 1933, in Bunker, Missouri to George Washington and Flossie (Terrill) Watson and passed away on December 20, 2020 in Rolla, Missouri at the age of eighty-seven years.

Calvin grew up in the Bunker/Gladden area and graduated from Bunker High School. He entered the United States Army on June 30, 1953 and served his country faithfully until his honorable discharge on May 14, 1955. Calvin served during the Korean War and earned several decorations, medals, badges, ribbons, and awards.

Calvin was united in marriage to the love of his life, Dormilee Midyett, on October 15, 1955 in Gladden, Missouri. Together they shared nearly sixty years of memories before her passing on January 9, 2015. Calvin and Dormilee were blessed with four children: Randy, Brenda, Dannie, and David.

Calvin was a hard worker in the Mines, and not only worked hard to provide for his family, but he taught them the value of hard work. Calvin also drove "Calvin's Golden Rocket Shuttle Bus" for Akers Ferry Canoe Rental for many years.

Calvin had such great love for his family and friends. He was a good man with kind disposition and was always willing to share his time and home with

everyone. Calvin loved the outdoors and looked forward to fishing trips with his family on Lake Taneycomo. In his younger years, he enjoyed coon hunting. Making memories with his family was most important to him, especially those with his grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Calvin is survived by, loving children: Randy Watson and wife Lisa of Salem, MO, Brenda Nivens and husband Tommy of Salem, MO, Dannie Watson and wife Linda of Salem, MO, and David Watson of Salem, MO; brothers: Buren Watson and wife Eileen of Illinois and Ronnie Watson and wife Sue of Williamsburg, MO; two sisters-in-law: Junya Mae Wofford of Salem, MO and Loma Jean Watson of Hermann, MO; grandchildren: Melanie Harrison and husband Jeremy, Brad Nivens and wife Courtney, Kristi Watson, Ryan Watson and wife Mandy, Michael Watson and wife Holly, and Alicia West and husband Tony; many great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Preceding him in death, his loving wife: Dormilee Watson; parents: George and Flossie Watson; brothers: Ondo, Elvie, Jolly, and Lovell, infant brother: Thurman; and sisters: Imo and Iretta.

Calvin will be remembered for his sweet and spunky personality, the love he had for his family and friends will be forever cherished.

Funeral Services for Calvin Vernell Watson were held Wednesday, December 23, 2020 in the Wilson Mortuary Salem Chapel with Pastor Jim Privett officiating. Daylen and Alicia shared special poems. Song Selections played were "Go Rest High on that Mountain" and "Fishing in the Sky". Serving as Pallbearers were Melanie Harrison, Brad Nivens, Kristi Watson, Ryan Watson, Michael Watson, and Alicia West. Honorary Pallbearers were his loving Great-Grandchildren. Burial with Full Military Honors was in the Miner Cemetery. Military Honors was provided by the United States Army and American Legion

Post 99. Arrangements were under the direction of Wilson Mortuary of Salem, Missouri.

Memorial Contributions may be made in memory of Calvin Vernell Watson and left at Wilson Mortuary.

Online condolences may be entered at [wilsonmortuary.com](http://wilsonmortuary.com)

# Cemetery Details

**Miner Cemetery**

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **23**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM.

Wilson Mortuary Salem Chapel

## Funeral Service

DEC **23**. 1:00 PM.

Wilson Mortuary Salem Chapel

# Tribute Wall

ED

“ My family pictured (Indiana, Illinois, Colorado) still tell the stories of Calvin shuttling Round to Akers. What a ride with “White Lightning!”  
RIP



Eric Dow - December 31, 2020 at 02:20 PM

HH

“ Dear Randy, Brenda, Danny, David and families, My thoughts and prayers are with each and every one of you during this difficult time...May your memories sustain you as you travel down the uncomfortable path of life without Mr. Watson. The world has lost a very special person.....Harold Hamilton

Harold Hamilton - December 29, 2020 at 04:49 PM

LW

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Linda Watson - December 27, 2020 at 09:47 AM



“ 262 files added to the album LifeTributes



Wilson Mortuary - December 22, 2020 at 09:22 PM

PD

*Sir Calvin Watson was a legend at Akers! He didn't like being called 'Sir', but I told him he's one of the few people who deserved the title. He was called 'Crazy Calvin', but had an great driving record. In 100 degree heat he did more than his share, flashing his famous 'Calvin Smile' while loading canoes. (if you wanted him to load faster, just have someone say, "Wow! Look at that old man picking up canoes!!") I am proud to count him as my friend. I just wish I'd bought one of his T-Shirts..... Sail on, good Sir! I believe they have a gravel bar and a fishing pole in heaven for you (along with fresh ears for your stories!)*

Paul C. Dale - December 23, 2020 at 03:49 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Calvin Vernell Watson.*



December 22, 2020 at 01:00 PM

LW

“ Brenda,

*I am very sorry for your loss. You and your family will be in my prayers.*

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**Lisa Williams** - December 22, 2020 at 10:07 AM

JM

“ Randy. So very sorry for the loss of your father. He was such a good guy to work with. Prayers for you and the family.

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**Jerry and Bev Martin** - December 21, 2020 at 11:06 PM

BC

“ Prayers to the family Bobby Camden

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**Bobby Camden** - December 21, 2020 at 10:10 PM

RW

“ I have so many fond memories of uncle Vernel and his family. But of him I recall one special visit and we discussed his military service in the Korean War. I have so much respect for him and what he did for our country. He told of the cold there and lying in a foxhole listening to the battleships fire their guns launching shells over his head into the enemy lines. He said if you watched close you could see the shells streaming overhead. I cherish the memories he shared with me. He had such a love of family and his willingness to share his time and home with all. My thoughts and prayers will be prayers of comfort and peace to my wonderful cousins Brenda, Randy, David, and Danny. May the comfort of the Father be with you all.

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**Ronald B. Watson** - December 21, 2020 at 08:35 PM