



## Stanley Arnold Watkins

June 10, 1950 - January 29, 2026

Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford

Stanley Arnold Watkins passed away on January 29, 2026, at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Oxford, Mississippi.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, February 7, from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford (601 Commerce Parkway, Oxford, MS, 38655). The funeral service celebrating his life will begin immediately following the visitation in the chapel of Coleman Funeral Home.

Stanley was born on June 10, 1950, in Hornersville, Missouri, but moved to Abbeville, Mississippi, as a young child and resided there the remainder of his life. Stanley graduated from Lafayette High School and attended Northwest Mississippi Community College and Mississippi State University before receiving his degree from the University of Mississippi in Exercise Science.

After graduation, Stanley worked as a Private Investigator for a Memphis firm and then began work for the Mississippi Department of Environmental Services for thirty-six years.

Stanley met Alice Goines in 1986, and they married on Dec. 4, 1987, and remained happily married for 38 years until his death. Their devotion to one

another was apparent to all. Alice was with Stanley through all his procedures, surgeries, and treatments during his almost six-year battle with cancer. During that time, he continued to live life to the fullest and was a favorite of health care workers wherever he went.

Stanley was an avid outdoorsman, loving hunting and fishing, He also was extremely knowledgeable about the plants and animals of North Mississippi. Before Google, when any family member had questions about what a certain tree was or what kind of bird or snake or other “critter” they had encountered, they asked Stanley.

Stanley had a fun-loving nature, often playing pranks or “pulling people’s legs” with a good tale. However, he could not hold a candle to his wife Alice, the “Queen of Practical Jokes.” Stanley loved his immediate and extended family, always ready for any family gathering, especially if it involved a corn hole competition.

Stanley was preceded in death by his parents, Harvie and Juanita Watkins, and a brother, Steve Watkins.

Stanley is survived by his wife Alice Goines Watkins, his sisters Peggy Thomas (Keith, deceased), Penny Colston (Bob), Pam Brown (Jim, deceased), and Patty Lusby (Joe), and his brother, Stacy Watkins (Martha) as well as his cherished stepmother, Bobbie Watkins, and stepsister Kristy Hollowell (Kerry). In addition, he leaves behind many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews, who loved their Uncle Stanley.

Stanley’s legacy is one of a man who enjoyed life and was loved by many friends and family who will continue to share stories of their times with him.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to American Cancer Society (<https://>

donate.cancer.org).

The staff at Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford is honored to serve the family during this challenging season of life. Condolences may be expressed online on his Tribute wall at [www.colemanfuneralhomeox.com](http://www.colemanfuneralhomeox.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Abbeville Cemetery

CR 201  
Abbeville, MS 38601

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 7. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford  
601 Commerce Parkway  
Oxford, MS 38655  
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## Funeral Service

FEB 7. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford created a Webcast in memory of Stanley Arnold Watkins



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**Coleman Funeral Home** - February 06 at 03:15 PM

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“ Stanley was a dear cousin that will be missed forever. At family reunions he always had time to talk and visit with us. To the family I am so sorry of his passing. Prayers and blessing to all the family. I am from the family of Junius Luther Bizzell and Beulah M DePriest Bizzell my grandparents, my parents Jerry Taylor and Louise Bizzell Taylor . From my cousin Jerry Lynn Bizzell and me Debra Taylor

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**Debra L Taylor** - February 15 at 09:36 PM

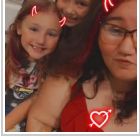
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“ Gary T. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Stanley Arnold Watkins.



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**Gary T.** - February 06 at 05:21 PM



“ *I will forever love my uncle Stanley even tho I haven't seen him in a few years. I will forever cherish my childhood memories with him.  
Love Jessica Ann Haire-Nix*



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**Jessica Nix** - February 04 at 09:51 PM

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“ *The ladies at Pregnancy Center of Oxford purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Stanley Arnold Watkins.*



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**The ladies at Pregnancy Center of Oxford** - February 03 at 02:10 PM

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“ *I am so sorry to hear about the passing of my dear and former colleague Stanley. He was such a joy to work with at Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ). Stanley was knowledgeable, professional and very caring as a regulator. I sincerely enjoyed working with Stanley. God Bless Stanley. May he Rest In Peace!  
Gloria Tatum, Former/Retireed Chief,  
Field Service Division  
MS Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ)*



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**Gloria Tatum** - February 03 at 01:50 PM