



## Janet Spears Watson

April 9, 1939 - December 18, 2020

Janet Spears Watson, 81 of Graceville, Florida entered her Heavenly Home on Friday, December 18, 2020.

Janet was born in Pinckard, Alabama on April 9, 1939 to Grady Ben Spears and Ouida Hayes Spears. A 1958 graduate of Graceville High School, she then attended Jones Business College in Jacksonville. She worked for many years at the clerk of courts in Marianna, Florida. In 1984, she took over her family business, Grady's, where she enjoyed meeting and getting to know her customers through the years. She was such a loving soul and never met a stranger. Her laugh was contagious and her smile was always bright. After retirement from Grady's she devoted her time to her family, friends and traveling. Janet's world revolved around her family and the love she had for her family and friends was undeniable. She was very involved in the community. She was a member of First United Methodist Church of Graceville and involved in the Graceville Garden Club, Graceville Women's Club, Twix and Tween's of First Baptist Church, The Red Hat Society, and various game groups. She enjoyed spending her time playing Dominoes, Bunko, Bridge, and Hand and Foot with her friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Grady and Ouida Spears; husband of 36 years Major John F. (Sonny) Watson, Jr.; sister Celeste S. Hayes; and granddaughter Patricia Watson.

Recognized as a wonderful, loving and generous mother, grandmother, great grandmother and friend, Janet is survived by her children, Rex (Cyndi) Skipper of Trinity, FL, Larry (Sherri) Skipper of Chipley, FL, Heather (Scott) Strickland of Thomasville, GA, Forrest Watson of Tallahassee, FL, Robert Watson of Chipley, FL, and James Watson of Atlanta, GA; grandchildren, Megan (Nick) Hall, Laira (Justin) Chambers, Amber Watson, Lauren (Kameron) Keen, Blaine Skipper, Robert Watson, Jr., Bryce Skipper and Landon Strickland; great grandchildren, Abigail and Simon Hall and Slayde Chambers; nephews, Jim Ingle, Lamar White and Hal White; and various cousins.

A drive-thru visitation will be held from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday December 21, 2020 at the First United Methodist Church of Graceville followed by indoor visitation from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. A celebration of life service with limited seating will be held at 11 a.m., Tuesday December 22, 2020 at the First United Methodist Church of Graceville with Reverend Mike Pearson officiating followed by a graveside memorial at Marvin Chapel Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to the First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 376, Graceville, FL 32440.

# Previous Events

## Drive -thru Visitation

DEC 21. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church  
1111 8th Avenue  
Graceville, FL 32440

## Visitation

DEC 21. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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1111 8th Avenue  
Graceville, FL 32440

## Service

DEC 22. 11:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church  
1111 8th Avenue  
Graceville, FL 32440

# Tribute Wall

JP

“ Our dear, dear Miss Janet Watson. Lord knows you have a special place in Heaven where the Gulf of Mexico just became as lovely and peaceful than it will ever be. You are living deep within my heart just as clear as the day we began a beautiful Christian friendship in the 90's, as family built next to your wonderful home in Sea Clusion Beach. Well there sprung a love between our families that blessed all our lives. Heather and my Son Mario lived the Wonder Years and ran and biked and swam beaches and pool(laughing and keeping the neighborhood up till after 12:00. My deceased husband Mike loved you like a Mother and was closer to you that ever along with the my dear Mother Hazel. "We won't tell how Ali gave you two hugs one night in the Red Bar and was dancing around you two in that dreamy tuxedo.....his brother had gotten married that night. He knew who the classy ladies were. We loved to talk about our families and friendship. Your beauty runs skin deep and your heart beams with the zest for life. With the Grace of The Holy Spirit you found God's presence in all human beings. And you got me hooked on Sour Cream Donuts on front beach road, Hunt's Oysters, Sea Grove Market and Blue Bar back when the Lab dogs ran the town of Grayton Beach. And I guess the tabs of our shopping sprees will be read by our husbands (John Watson and Mike Papania for the next 20 years. Lady our times in Florida and the 100's of hours talking on the phone will hold a caring, loving value beyond words. You and my Mother were God's finest. We sure got each other through some rough tides. When I think of the Gulf's full moon lighting the stars and the smooth tide and the warm breezes blowing the palms. You will always be there. God Bless all of your splendid family and keep her laugh alive for this world please. Peace Miss Janet. Love Judy and Mario Papania, Starlight Indiana...save me a place sweet sister.

Judy and Mario John Papania - December 31, 2020 at 12:27 PM

AT

“ Janet is a special type of person... she loved to know she was helping someone in need... she loved her family and friends. She would never ask u to do anything she would not do and I have the upmost respect for a person of that nature... Janet is truly like a second Mother to me and always has been ... if u don't want the truth told to u then u better not ask her. I will never forgot the time she knew that I had some real issues going on and didn't really want to go out in public and she showed up at my door and told me to hurry up that I was going with her to Dothan and that was final. We went to Rollins bakery in Dothan and got us something sweet and something salty. Janet did a lot for our community that not a lot of people even know about and she is going to b missed so much. I hear she also had a hand in setting my Father up with my Mother which was awesome. Thank u Janet for everything you have contributed to my life. I love u and c u on the other side my friend!  
Anna Morrow Thomas

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**Anna Morrow Thomas** - December 22, 2020 at 03:38 AM

TJ

“ The Prices Lynn, Bill, Alex & Jai purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Janet Spears Watson.



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**The Prices Lynn, Bill, Alex & Jai** - December 20, 2020 at 06:11 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Janet Spears Watson.



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December 20, 2020 at 03:00 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Janet Spears Watson.



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December 20, 2020 at 02:57 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Janet Spears Watson.



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December 20, 2020 at 02:49 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Janet Spears Watson.



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December 20, 2020 at 01:43 PM

JS

“ Janet was a very caring and special lady. I always loved running into her when I was in Graceville. At a time when I felt my mom was very isolated, due to her own demnita journey, I will always remember learning about how Janet had stopped by and delivered Banana Pudding or some other treat. Her thoughtfulness meant so much to me and I'm sure mother as well.

*Sending prayers to the family that you can find peace and comfort in her beautiful legacy.*

*Janet (proud to share her name)*

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**Janet Souter** - December 20, 2020 at 11:29 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Janet Spears Watson.*



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December 20, 2020 at 11:25 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Janet Spears Watson.*



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December 20, 2020 at 10:51 AM

GC

“ I count Janet a very special friend. She was always considerate and kind to me and my family. She always was ready to help and serve others. She cared for the Graceville High Class of 1958. She was first in getting us together to share the memories of our times through the years. Janet, you are loved and your presents will be missed sorely. We love you and your family. Bill and Annette Clark

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**George Clark(Bill)** - December 20, 2020 at 10:30 AM