Weldon “Uncle Joe” Watson

Weldon Joe Watson, 77 passed away at Westwood Manor Nursing Home on Tuesday, October 4, 2011 surrounded by his loving family and friends.

Joe was born November 16, 1933 to Fred and Cecil Roof Watson in Pickney, NY. A graduate of Lowville Academy in Lowville, NY, Joe served his country for 20 years in the US Air Force and was a veteran of the Korean War and the Vietnam Conflict. He was employed by Cities Service for many years and later by Dry Creek Baptist Camp where he retired after serving 12 years. Joe was a member of Dry Creek Baptist Church for 25 years and taught Sunday school, worked as the church janitor, and, along with Eugene Reeves, fulfilled the ministry of Christ by taking care of the widows in the church. He was also the founder of the Dry Creek Turkey Seminars. Joe’s hobbies included hunting, fishing, and spending time with his grandchildren who were the apple of his eye.

Joe is survived by his loving wife of 48 years, Mary Ann Watson; sons Joel Watson of Salt Lake City, UT, Duane “Dink” Watson and wife, Lee Ann of Dry Creek; daughter Sheila Watson Sisco and husband, Barry of DeRidder; brothers, Stephen Watson and wife, Linda of Watertown, NY, Scott Goutermout and wife, Dorothy of Lowvill, NY, Lewis Goutermout and wife, Debbie of Altus, OK; sisters, Wilma Clemons and husband, Edward of Barnes Corners, NY, Laura James and husband, Forrest of Filmore, NY; grandchildren, Carly, Kayce, & Emily Jo Sisco, Hanna & Dalton Watson; sister-in-law Elise Simmons of Houston, TX. Joe is preceded in death by his first wife, Helen Ruth Simmons Watson, infant son, Cecil Ray Watson, and his parents.

Funeral services will be held Friday, October 7, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. in Dry Creek Baptist Church. Brother Charlie Bailey, Pastor, Curt Iles, and Dr. Joe Aguillard will officiate. Burial will follow in Dry Creek Cemetery. Visitation will begin Thursday, from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to the Dry Creek Baptist Camp or the Dry Creek Baptist Church building fund, or to the Alzheimer’s Association at ALZ.org. Contact information for Dry Creek Baptist Camp: P. O. Box 580, Dry Creek, LA 70637 (337) 328-7531; Dry Creek Baptist Church: P. O. Box 700, Dry Creek, LA 70637 (337) 328-7448. Words of comfort may be shared at www.johnsonandbrownfuneralhome.com.

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