



Joane Watkins

August 8, 1935 - April 15, 2025

Ms. Joane Margaret Watkins was born in Chicago, Illinois on August 15, 1935, to Mr. Parks and Mrs. Louise (Thompson) Watkins. She graduated in 1953 from John Marshall High School. She attended Roosevelt University, while working as a caseworker for the Department of Human Services, in the Austin, Garfield and Lawndale communities. She worked hard to assist her clients to improve their quality of life. She'd received a Birthday Resolution from President Obama for her 80th Birthday. She'd recently received a Congratulatory Award letter from President Joseph Biden Jr. and the, 2025 President's Lifetime Achievement Award, for serving over 50,000 volunteer hours in the Austin community as a board member of, Diondai's Place Breast Cancer Support. Ms. Watkins enjoyed mentoring and participating in events at the Austin Branch Library, "THE GOODMAN THEATRE," The Lupus Walks, Juneteenth Peace Walk and many others. She loved her family very much. She enjoyed volunteering, family events, music, dancing and traveling. She was the Matriarch of the Thompson-Watkins Family Tree and a descendant of the freed slave, Mr. Wade Watkins from Halls, Tennessee. As the Matriarch, Ms. Watkins opened her heart and doors to everyone. Ms. Watkins was preceded in death, by her parents, Parks, and Louise Watkins her children, Louis Michael and Barbara, her siblings, Lawrence & Lorraine Watkins, Lillian Broussard, Laura Harden, Lenora Godwin, Lois Davis, Barbara Harden and Nancy Bains. She's survived by her six children, Sheila Smith (Ronald), Sharon Cobbs, Diondai Brown-Whitfield (Edwin Whitfield Jr.), Joseph Veal

(Karen), Judith Stroger, and G. Sean Crittleton. She also leaves to mourn, seventeen grandchildren, thirty great-grandchildren, twelve great-great grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, and friends. She was loved and will be deeply missed.

Cemetery Details

Queen of Heaven Cemetery

1400 S Wolf Road
Hillside, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 30. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Doty Nash Funeral Home
8620 S Stony Island Ave
Chicago, IL 60617
(773) 768-4845
info@dotynash.com
<https://www.dotynashfuneralhome.com>

Wake

MAY 1. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Martin dePorres Catholic Church
5122 West Washington Blvd.
Chicago , IL

Mass

MAY 1. 11:30 AM (CT)

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