



## Jo Watts

November 29, 1915 - November 4, 2012

Jo Watts, 96, died November 4, 2012 in Grapevine, TX. She was born November 29, 1915, to George P. and Lou Walden, and grew up in Plainview, Arkansas where she lived until her marriage in 1941 to Carmon Watts. They then moved to Aplin.

Her gifts and calling in life were manifested at the age of nineteen when her step-mother died leaving a five-year-old half-sister and a three-year-old half-brother. Her half-sister has commented that she was a fantastic big sister/mother, sewing clothes made from flour sacks for her to wear to school. Her half-brother remarked that she turned down two marriage proposals because she felt she was needed at home to help care for him. When Carmon proposed she accepted, fearing that she might be an old maid.

Her marriage to Carmon produced five children bringing her a life filled with the simple pleasures of raising a family. Rising early each day she baked homemade biscuits, milked a cow for fresh milk, butter, and she made ice cream using ice trays for freezing. She was a very good cook, especially known for yeast rolls and peanut brittle. They grew a large vegetable garden for canning and freezing and Jo thought nothing of picking and canning wild blackberries to make cobblers. She would get up early on Sundays and cook before going to church so that the family would have a nice lunch.

In addition to all this, Jo found time during her busy days to sew doll clothes for her daughters' dolls. She played the piano by ear and for many years did so for Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. She loved to sing and went about her

day humming hymns. Jo was the primary caregiver for her aging mother-in-law, never complaining even though it was disrupting to her two youngest sons' home-life.

Another interesting fact about Jo is that she didn't learn to drive until she was 65 years old. This not only surprised her adult children, but her lead foot often caused them to ask her to slow down a bit. She was an active member of the Aplin Extension Homemakers Club and was also active in the Perryville Senior Adult Center.

Carmon predeceased her. She is survived by her sons, Ronnie and Carol of Eagle River, AK; Doug and Trisha of Casa; Greg and Jeannie of Odessa, TX; daughters, Madge and Carroll McDaniel of Southlake, TX and Peggy and Marlin Hardman of Potomac Falls, VA; half-brother, George P. Walden of Portland, OR; half-sister Imodale Huckins of Ridgecrest CA; eight grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be 10:00 a.m. Monday November 12th, at Nimrod Cemetery by Harris Funeral Home of Perryville. Visitation will be 4-6 p.m. Sunday, November 11th at the funeral home in Perryville.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jo Watts*

January 30, 2023 at 02:08 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Our loss is heavens gain. Prayers for the family during this difficult time.A*

**Alice Moore Spires** - June 29, 2018 at 09:25 PM



“ *Greg and Doug -  
I am sorry to hear of your mother's passing. You will be in my thoughts.  
Don Pye*

**Don Pye** - June 29, 2018 at 09:25 PM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers*

**John and Alice Spires** - June 29, 2018 at 09:25 PM



“ *We are very sorry to hear of Aunt Jo's passing, my father (G.P.) always has great memories of Aunt Jo, our Love and Condolences and Prayers are with the Watts' family. Kendall Walden (G.P.'s son).*

**Kendall Walden for G.P. Walden** - June 29, 2018 at 09:25 PM

SL

“ Greg & Doug,  
Sorry for the loss of your mother. My prayers are with you and your family at this time.

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**Sharon Smithpeters Lawson** - June 29, 2018 at 09:25 PM

SS

“ Greg & Family,  
  
Sorry for your loss. Praying for safe travels for all of your family as you travel across the country to remember your mother. I pray you will enjoy each others company while remembering your mother!

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**Sharon Severson** - June 29, 2018 at 09:25 PM

SW

“ I am very sorry for your loss. May God bless each of you. May our Lord also bless the author of the most wonderful obituary I have ever read! Prays, hugs, and love sent your way.

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**Sandy Wise** - June 29, 2018 at 09:25 PM

DC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

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**D. W. & Shirley Cooper** - April 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM