



Mrs. Leola Shelton Watts

October 1, 2011

Leola Shelton Watts passed away peacefully at Givens Health Center on October 1, 2011 from complications related to Alzheimer's Disease.

Leola was born in Greeneville, Tennessee, the 8th child of Crit and Dora Mae Shelton and was raised in the Shelton Laurel Community of Madison County before moving to Asheville in 1945. Mrs. Watts was a member of First Presbyterian Church for over 60 years. She was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, Henry C. Watts, Sr. in 2005.

Mrs. Watts is survived by a daughter, Marilyn Gail Soesbee and husband, Johnny, of Pinehurst, NC; son, Henry C. Watts, Jr. of Asheville; grandchildren: Scott Soesbee of Atlanta and Ashley Brooke Watts of Bend, Oregon; brother, Ferrell Shelton of Thomasville, NC; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

A private service will be held at Grace Episcopal Church on Merrimon Avenue with burial at the Western Carolina State Veterans Cemetery. The family requests memorials or donations be given to the Alzheimer's Association, Western Carolina Chapter, 3800 Shamrock Drive, Charlotte, NC 28215 in memory of Leola.

Mrs. Watts will be remembered as a loving mother, grandmother, and friend,

but most of all for her generous caring and giving to others.

The family would like to personally thank the caregivers at Givens Estates for the years of love and care they gave to Leola. Special thanks also to the family care team from CarePartners Hospice.

Cemetery Details

Western Carolina State Veteran's Cemetery

Old US Hwy. 70
Black Mountain, NC 28711

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Leola Shelton Watts*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. May "the God of all comfort" (2 Corinthians 1:3,4) comfort and soothe your heart. His promises, found in the Holy Scriptures, can offer much hope. It assures us at John 5:28,29 that our loved ones will be remembered and brought back to life in the resurrection. Please allow God's Word to strengthen you and help you to endure this most difficult time.*

G.FordJr - October 21, 2011 at 10:08 AM



“ *To the Watts Family; please know that our hearts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Henry, if there is anything we can do we will try.*

Jerry and Jane Grant

Jerry and Jane Grant - October 11, 2011 at 01:19 PM



“ *Henry, We are so sorry for your family's loss. Please give our love to Ashley as well and know that we are thinking about you.*

Marcia and Rick Grant

Marcia and Rick Grant - October 05, 2011 at 02:00 PM

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“ Gail & Henry,

We will always treasure the friendship and love that Leola and Henry showed to us after we moved to Ashville. They made us feel a part of the family. The good memories of the visits together will always be in our hearts. You have our condolences of your loss.

Earl & Judy Shelton

Earl Shelton - October 05, 2011 at 09:29 AM