



## Sellavene "Ceil" Watkins Law

December 6, 1936 - June 5, 2024

Sellavene "Ceil" Watkins Law, age 87, passed away peacefully Wednesday, June 5, 2024 at Monticello House in Jackson. The family wishes to express their appreciation to Monticello House, The Villas of Jackson, Villa Memory Care and Crown Hospice for their exceptional care and compassion for Ceil in her final season of life.

She was born on December 6, 1936 to Clystia and Oneal Watkins in Leachville, Arkansas.

She attended school in Holland, Missouri. After graduating she attended Southeast Missouri State University, where she met her future husband, Lloyd Law. After her first year in college, Ceil moved to Iowa. Lloyd joined her and they married on August 12, 1955. They returned to Cape Girardeau, where they both continued their education at Southeast Missouri State University.

When Lloyd began his career as an administrator for Jackson R2 Schools, Ceil stayed busy taking care of their family and home. They were active supporters of the Jackson community and schools. They enjoyed attending music, sports, and various other school events with their four children.

Ceil and Lloyd were former members of First Baptist Church in Jackson. Ceil was involved in ladies ministries, taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School for many years. She was also a member of Eastern Star and VFW

Auxiliary.

Ceil worked as a secretary for several local businesses and retired after serving as the pastor's secretary at First Baptist Church in Jackson.

Ceil and Lloyd later became members of Shawnee Hills Baptist Church. They enjoyed spending time with their church family, serving others and volunteering. Ceil spent many hours working in the church library. During her retirement years, Ceil volunteered in her community and spent time traveling, reading, quilting, and spending time with family and friends. She especially treasured her visits with her dearest friend, Mable Carnell.

Ceil and Lloyd enjoyed attending their grandchildren and great grandchildren's special events. Lloyd and Ceil remained married for 63 years until Lloyd passed away in 2018.

Ceil will be remembered fondly by her friends and her surviving family which includes her children, a daughter Janie (Robert) Cox, three sons, Terry (Glenda) Law, Ricky (Susan) Law and Brian (Amy) Law. Her grandchildren, Jordan (Kasey) Cox, Jason (Kara) Cox, Amie( Ben) Shoemaker, Travis Law, Jenna (Mason) Imlay, Gabrielle (Joe) Furr, Sadie (Dakota) Carey, Lauren(Daniel) Robinson, Whitney (Wesley) Durrwachter, and great-grandchildren, Noah, Jobi, Katy Jane and Lawson Cox, Kinley Shoemaker, Garrett and Elizabeth Imlay, Sawyer and Maverick Furr, Dax and Crew Carey and Ian Durrwachter. Her sisters Lavern Talbert, Vicky (Larry) Conley and sisters-in-law Bobbie, Linda and Freeda Watkins, many nieces, and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, a grandson Nathan Law, brothers, Troy, Harvie and Marvin Watkins, sisters, Nancy Perry, and Debbie Pelley, brothers-in-law James Perry and Lonnie Talbert, sister-in-law Juanita Watkins, three nephews Michael Talbert, Howard and Steve Watkins.

Memorial contributions can be made to Missouri Baptist University, Society of Fine Arts at [www.mobap.edu/give](http://www.mobap.edu/give).

There will be a celebration of life service at Fruitland Community Church officiated by Dr. Jordan Cox and Pastor Mike Parry on Monday, June 17th, beginning at 3:00 P.M.

Online condolences may be made at [www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com](http://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com).

Ford & Sons Funeral Home - Mt. Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUN 17. 3:00 PM (CT)

Fruitland Community Church  
6040 North St  
Jackson, MO 63755  
(573) 204-0724

# Tribute Wall

JF

“ Joe and Gabrielle Furr purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Sellavene "Ceil" Watkins Law.



Joe and Gabrielle Furr - June 16, 2024 at 07:26 PM

RG

“ Rick, Sadie, Gabrielle planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sellavene "Ceil" Watkins Law.

Rick, Sadie, Gabrielle - June 16, 2024 at 08:07 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Sellavene "Ceil" Watkins Law.



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DG

“ Dg purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Sellavene "Ceil" Watkins Law.



Dg - June 10, 2024 at 04:33 PM

GL

“ I’m really going to miss you Ceil she wasn’t just my mother-in-law but also my friend. You and I could tell each other anything that we couldn’t tell anyone else. Our vacations together were special especially our trip to Hawaii great memories. I’ll see you again someday so keep watching over us from Heaven. I love you

Glenda Law - June 07, 2024 at 12:05 PM

DP

“ Sorry for your loss,you are in my thoughts and prayers 🙏🙏 I love and miss you Ceil now spread those wings and fly like the beautiful Angel you are rest in peace ❤️

Debbie Petty - June 07, 2024 at 09:00 AM

SJ

Ceil was my neighbor years ago and Loyd was my son's school principle. She had the sweetest personality. Sincere sympathy to her family.

Sue Jones - June 07, 2024 at 08:33 PM

SL

“ 2 files added to the album family



susan law - June 07, 2024 at 08:32 AM

KC

*Janie, I'm so sorry to hear your mother has passed. That's a great photo of her w/family & a nice obituary.*

*Praying for your family  
Kim Estes Crowden*

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**Kim Crowden** - June 07, 2024 at 09:37 AM