



A. Watkins

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Preston A. "Sarge" Watkins, 84, of Hot Springs died on Thursday, October 14, 2010. He was born on January 9, 1926 in Martinez, Georgia near Augusta to Bill and Marqarite Bateman Watkins

He was predeceased by his parents, two brothers and two sisters.

Survivors include his wife of 63 years and 8 months, Roberta Carpenter Watkins of Hot Springs, two daughters and one son-in-law, Sharon Tackett and Marsha and Steve Roper, all of Hot Springs, one brother, Donald Watkins of South Carolina, one granddaughter and her husband, Christina and John Pennington and one great grandson, Jacob Pennington.

He was retired from the United States Army and a retired master electrician and owner of Watkins Electric. During his army career he served during World War II in the Battle of the Bulge where he was awarded The Bronze Star for heroism in ground combat and awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action in Belgium. He was also a Korean Era veteran.

Graveside services will be Monday at 11:00 A.M. at Old Bismarck Cemetery with Pastor Darryle Sulton officiating. Military Honors will be by the VFW Post 2278 Honor Guard.