



## Johnny Cleveland "J.C." Watson

November 26, 1932 - September 24, 2025

Johnny Cleveland (J.C.) Watson, 92, was born November 26, 1932, in Warrenton, Georgia. J.C. was given back to our heavenly father as a result of a long illness, September 24, 2025. He was a proud longtime resident of Hudson, New York and well known throughout the community.

The son of J.W. and Essie B. Watson, J.C. was born into a family of sharecroppers during the Jim Crow South. He spent his formative years assisting his father with the farm chores to include; raising animals and growing vegetables. J.C. was baptized in his early childhood and became a member of the Fellowship Baptist Church located in Warrenton. He received his grade school education within the Warren County Public School System.

At the age of 18, J.C. married Beauty L. (Devero) Watson and shortly afterwards as part of the Great Migration relocated to Hudson, 1957. Together they raised eleven children and are blessed with a host of descendants.

Upon relocating to Hudson, J.C. was immediately employed by American Valve Manufacturing located in Cocksackie and also worked a number of years within the construction industry. He retired from the New York State Highway Department, 1994. Shortly after arriving in Hudson, J.C. became a member of the Shiloh Baptist Church and is credited with being one of the original members of the Mitchellaires Gospel Singers. He valued his church

membership highly, where over the years he enjoyed worshipping and singing. J.C. also held prominent positions within the Hudson Color Citizen's Club.

J.C. Watson is survived by his wife, Beauty L. Watson; daughters, Patricia Watson, and Wanda Watson; sons, Jay (Connie) Watson and Julius Watson; brothers, Timothy, Walter, Nathiel, and Cecil Curry and a host of extended family members and friends. J.C. was predeceased by his; sons, William Watson, Johnny Watson Jr and Jeffrey Watson; daughters, Emily Watson, Barbara Watson-Twiggs, Bernice Burgess, and Julia Watson; parents, J.W. and Essie B. Watson; brothers, James Watson and Joseph Watson; sisters, Margie E. Tillman, Evelyn Nettie Ruth (Marion) Taylor and Mattie D. Smith.

J.C. will forever be remembered for his strong work ethic and storytelling. He also enjoyed fishing and had an incredible zest for life. Most of all, J.C. loved his wife, absolutely adored his children and was grateful for each and everyone of his descendants.

A graveside service will assemble at the Cedar Park Cemetery Thursday October 2, 2025 at 1:00pm.

# Cemetery Details

## **Cedar Park**

Hudson, NY

# Previous Events

## **Graveside Service**

OCT 2. 1:00 PM (ET)

Cedar Park  
Hudson, NY

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Beauty, I have to say I will miss Johnny I always had respect for you and him when I lived on Union Street across the street from you. I know he got some years out of the Lincoln. I want to offer my condolences to you and your family. Take care of yourself pretty Lady. Dan Oakes your old neighbor*



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**Dan Oakes** - September 26, 2025 at 06:36 PM

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*I always like JC he was a nice man gentleman and he always treated me good he didn't last very long after Jim died*

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**Marlene Millard** - December 06, 2025 at 05:36 AM