



## Thomas Palmer Watts

March 4, 1950 - January 14, 2025

Thomas Palmer Watts was born March 4, 1950, in Hobart, Oklahoma, to Thomas Gerald Watts and Mildred LaFern Funk Watts. He died Tuesday, January 14, 2025, in Owasso, Oklahoma, at the age of 74 years. Tom graduated from Will Rogers High School in 1968. He continued his education at Oklahoma State University. Tom married Mary Ann Harris, December 27, 1969, in Tulsa. He was a veteran of the armed forces having served his country honorably with the United States Navy. Tom began his professional career as a homebuilder in 1978 and later established American Heartland Building Company. He was joined by his son Matthew and together they had a respected legacy of quality homes in the Owasso and surrounding areas. Tom enjoyed a variety of pastimes including woodworking, mission trips and fly fishing. He was a strong man of faith and active at Battlecreek Church Owasso Campus. There he was involved with their community group, Hello Team and the Bunk Bed Ministry. Tom loved his friends and family. He was affectionately known as "Papa" to his grandkids.

He leaves behind

Wife: Mary, of the home

Children: Michelle Holden and husband Steven, of Edmond, Oklahoma

Angela Jarrard, of Tallahassee, Florida

Matthew T. Watts and wife Naomi, of Sperry, Oklahoma

Grandchildren: Hunter Holden, Troop Holden, Roman Holden, Tiana Johnson, Siera Jarrard,

Chloe' Jarrard, and Damian Watts

Great grandchildren: Asher Watts, James Watts, and Brody Holden

Sister: Barbara Watts Moses of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma

Brother: Richard Watts and wife Joyce, of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma

And a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas G. and LaFern Watts, of Tulsa.

Funeral service will be held 2:00 p.m. Monday, January 20, 2025, at First Baptist Church in Owasso. Officiating ministers will be Rev. Richard V. Watts, Rev. Wes Holland, and Rev. Charley Westbrook. Honorary pall bearers: Hunter Holden, Troop Holden, Roman Holden, Damian Watts, Joshua Moses, and Samuel Moses.

For many years, Tom and Mary served the Lord in missions working with the church in San Felipe, Venezuela. Tom had a passion and truly loved working with people.

In lieu of flowers the family request donations be made to:

First Fruits Ministry

303 W Fargo St.

Broken Arrow, Oklahoma 74012

For the Central Baptist Church of San Felipe

Arrangements and services were entrusted to Mowery Funeral Service of Owasso.

# Previous Events

## LIVE STREAM SERVICE

JAN 20. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church Owasso  
13307 E 96th St N  
Owasso, OK 74055  
(918) 272-2294

## Memorial Service

JAN 20. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church Owasso  
13307 East 96th Street North  
Owasso, OK 74055

# Tribute Wall

NJ

“ Nick J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Palmer Watts.

Nick J. - January 20, 2025 at 02:23 PM

TF

“ The Kubala Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Thomas Palmer Watts.



The Kubala Family - January 19, 2025 at 09:14 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas Palmer Watts.



January 18, 2025 at 05:15 PM

VM

“ Verne and Rosemary McCabe purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Thomas Palmer Watts.



Verne and Rosemary McCabe - January 16, 2025 at 10:03 PM

PL

“ Mary, we were so sorry to learn of Tom’s passing. May your sweet memories bring you comfort.

Patti and Bob Liles - January 16, 2025 at 09:22 PM

KO

“ I worked with Tom on the Hello Team at the Battle Creek BA campus. He was always so great to talk to and work with! He was a tremendous man and will be greatly missed!

Ken Orr - January 16, 2025 at 09:02 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Thomas Palmer Watts.



January 16, 2025 at 08:16 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thomas Palmer Watts.

January 16, 2025 at 08:16 PM

TS

“ The Schenck’s purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Thomas Palmer Watts.



The Schenck’s - January 16, 2025 at 06:28 PM

KW

“ Our sincere condolences to all of our Watts Family in Oklahoma. I'm sorry that I am currently out of the country and will not be able to attend services and see family. I admired Tom for all of his many talents as a carpenter and builder. His family values and Christian faith were admirable.  
He and Mary were always very kind to me and welcomed me to their home on numerous occasion. Grateful for the fellowship we shared. Much love- Kevin Watts

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**Kevin Watts** - January 16, 2025 at 10:09 AM

VW

My prayers of peace are with you. Sorry about Tom but I know first hand that God knows what He is doing.

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**Vicky Wright** - January 18, 2025 at 11:47 PM

ES

“ I meet Tom years ago when he was a struggling trim carpenter , had him and John Davis trim a house out by the turnpike I was building. Later Tom and I at one point teamed up and started a business building house's. I framed many of them when there were only three stoplights in Owasso and three maybe 4 places to eat. He was a great Christian who was proud to show and share his beliefs. May peace be with Mary and the kids. Love ya! Ernie

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**Ernie Son** - January 15, 2025 at 06:55 PM

EN

“ We didn’t know Tom until we were privileged to have him build our home. During that process, we talked several times a week. One day he called, not to give a progress report, but to excitedly tell me that a friend, who was a missionary, I believe from South America, had stopped with him at a home he was building and had led a group of painters, who were sub-contractors of Tom’s to the Lord. Yes, Tom had the reputation of being a top and honest builder, but more importantly, he was a strong Christian man who is now in the presence of another carpenter.

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**Elmer and Robbie Neel** - January 15, 2025 at 04:40 PM