



## Patricia "Patsy" Watson

May 4, 1936 - May 4, 2012

Patricia Ann "Patsy" Watson, 76 of Fort Smith, passed away Friday, May 4, 2012, in a Fort Smith hospital. She was born in St. Paul, Nebraska, May 23, 1935 to Bill and Elsie Watson. At the age of 5, she and her brother Robert were taken to St. Joseph Orphanage in North Little Rock, where she lived and worked until 1997, except for about 15 years in the 1950's and 1960's, when she worked with the Good Shepherd Sisters in Hot Springs. She was a dependable and able laundry and kitchen worker.

From 1997 until her death, she was lovingly cared for in several nursing homes in the Fort Smith area. She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Robert and Tommy. She is survived by her loving caregivers and a host of friends, including the Sisters of St. Scholastica Monastery, Fort Smith.

Visitation will be at St. Anne's Church, North Little Rock on Monday, May 7th from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., with the funeral Mass at 10:30 a.m. Burial will follow at Calvary Cemetery in Little Rock under the direction of North Little Rock Funeral Home.

Memorials may be sent to St. Joseph Center of Arkansas (SJCA), 6800 Camp Robinson Rd., North Little Rock, AR 72118.

Pallbearers will be Kevin Walters, Tammy Fisher, Regina Walker, Leslie Spangler, Julius Greb, and Ray Buss.

Arrangements by North Little Rock Funeral Home, 1921 Main Street, 758-1170.

Online obituary and guest registry at [www.nlrfh.com](http://www.nlrfh.com).

# Previous Events

## Interment

MAY 7.

Calvary Cemetery  
Little Rock

## Visitation

MAY 7. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Anne's Catholic Church  
6150 Remount Road  
North Little Rock, AR 72118

## Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 7. 10:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Its really sad this has happened but it's also happy time bcus patsy has finally got to see he brothers again im going to miss her especially when I walk down the hall and she has her call light on for me to take her to the bathroom or to show me something in her newspaper she will be very miss may be gone but definitely will not be forgotten rip patsy I love you*

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**Michelee Mesa - Barling - Friend** - May 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Patsy, God assuredly has a big birthday party planned for you in heaven. He needed you with Him now to craft all the details! And how happy you must be to see Tommy and Robert again. I know how much you have missed them both. And your two cats and Lassie.....I bet God prepared a place for them to be near you too. My favorite photo is the one of you and Robert holding your cats on the lawn of St. Joseph's. Your smiles couldn't have been any bigger!

Thanks for teaching us that simplicity is the key to great joy. You understood what it meant to 'pick up your cross DAILY and follow me'. You never complained. If you were given something you didn't need, you offered it to someone who did. Your 'wish list' was small, and you expressed gratitude for everything that you received. Always, without fail, you said 'thank you' as if you had been given the world, and a personal note would soon follow. Your notes were delightful and easily recognizable as they would be adorned with an assortment of stickers! Amazingly, you could recall the precise day a letter or package arrived as if you had a master list! And at Christmas, we could always count on a special card from you celebrating Christ's birth. You closed asking God's blessings upon us and reassured us that we were all in your prayers. Who could want anything more when one of God's dearest angels was praying for us! You touched our hearts in so many ways.

I'm glad I got to see you in March. I wish there had been more visits. I will always cherish that time, and the many other memories I have of you and Robert at St. Joseph's. The sisters took such great care of you both, and you loved them so much.

God has given you your wings, Patsy! We can only imagine your joy. Please continue to pray for us until we meet again. We love you forever!

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**Mary Coleman and Family - Little Rock, AR - lifelong friend - May 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM**