

# Lyda May (Johnson) Watkins

May 3, 1869 – June 7, 1942



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## Lyda May Watkins Dies Early Sunday

Mrs. Lyda May Watkins, 73, wife of Fred L. Watkins, died at 4:10 o'clock Sunday morning at her home in Monroe. She was a lifelong resident of Adams county.

Surviving besides the husband are two sons, Marion L. Watkins of Bourbon and Chester N. Watkins of Muncie; one daughter, Mrs. Forest Ray of Monroe; two brothers, Marion E. Johnson of Ashley and John E. Johnson of near Monroe; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the residence and at 2 o'clock at the Monroe Friends church, Mrs. Susie Sproul officiating. Burial will be in the Ray cemetery, west of Monroe.

The body has been returned to the residence from the Lobenstein funeral home.

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Monday, June 8, 1942

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Funeral Tuesday for Prominent Monroe Woman; Ill 6 Weeks

Mrs. Lyda Mae Watkins, 73, wife of Fred L. Watkins of Monroe, died at her home at 4:10 o'clock Sunday morning. Death was due to complications and same after an illness of six weeks.

Mrs. Watkins was born in Adams County on May 3, 1869, a daughter of Samuel and Susan Johnson. She spent her entire life in the vicinity of Monroe. She was converted to the Christian faith early in life and was a member of the Monroe Friends Church.

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