



Arthur K. Watkins Jr.

October 27, 1937 - April 8, 2026

Hampton Falls – Arthur K. Watkins Jr., 88, of Hampton Falls died on Wednesday, April 8, 2026.

He was born in Laconia, October 27, 1937, a son of the late Arthur K. Watkins Sr. “Knox” and Thelma “Sally” Watkins.

A.K. Known as “A Dirt Artis” He moved the earth by operating the Michigan 280 rubber-tired dozer with artistic precision, treating the machine as an extension of himself. A. K’s true legacy isn’t just in the dirt he moved. In his own way he taught many. He took the time to pass on the tricks of the trade, instilling a sense of pride and safety. Back in the day, many summers ago, you would see him pushing the scrapers with the 280 moving the sand on Hampton Beach. Arthur started his professional Journey in 1956 with R.G. Watkins, then for Midway Excavators in 1973, then Jamco Excavators in 1998 until his retirement in 2016.

He shared 57 years of marriage with his late wife Linda M. (Cote) Watkins.

Surviving family members include his daughters, Wendy Bailey and her husband Bradley Jr. of Hampton Falls, Lois Kramer of Somersworth, six grandsons, Bradley A. Bailey, Ryan Bailey, Heath Wilbur, Grant Ohlson, Cody Palmer, Brian Adams Jr. (B.J.), five great grandchildren, Kelsey Ohlson, Kyle

Wilbur, Keegan Palmer, Annabell Palmer, Luca Ryan Bailey, his brother, Boyd Watkins and his wife Lisa of Manchester, nieces and nephews.

Arthur was predeceased by his wife, Linda M. Watkins, his daughter, Elaine Rogers and his sister Carol Ann St. Onge.

The family wishes to extend their gratitude to Rockingham County Nursing Home for their compassion and support.

The family invites friends and loved ones to join them in remembering Arthur K. Watkins Jr. at a Celebration of Life. The event will take place on April 19th from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM at “the House that Arthur Built for his Family”. 42 Crank Rd Hampton Falls. This gathering will provide an opportunity to honor Arthur’s memory, share stories, and celebrate the legacy he leaves behind.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR **19**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Memorial Service

42 Crank Rd

Hampton Falls, NH 03844

Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of Arthur K. Watkins Jr..



April 18 at 07:03 AM



“ Wendy lit a candle in memory of Arthur K. Watkins Jr.



Wendy - April 17 at 08:37 AM



“ *Tranquil Seas* was purchased for the family of Arthur K. Watkins Jr..



April 15 at 03:18 PM