

## Ms. Nish Watkins

June 16, 1975 - July 26, 2025

Funeral services for Nish Watkins, 50, of Carthage, Texas will be 1:00 p.m. Friday, August 1, 2025, at Still Waters Cowboy Church with Mr. Kyle Keeling officiating. Burial will follow in the Odd Fellows Cemetery under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. Visitation will be 6-8:00 p.m., Thursday evening at the funeral home.

Vanisha Renee “Nish” Watkins was born June 16, 1975, in Tyler, Texas. She passed this life July 26, 2025, in Dallas, Texas. Nish was one of three children born to the marriage of Doris Annette Watkins and Lucky Watkins. She was raised and schooled in Carthage, Texas graduating with the Bulldog class of 1993. She graduated from Panola College where she studied Cosmetology and Emergency Medical Technologies. Nish spent her career as a beautician. She loved her family, time with kids and grandkids, her twin and following the Carthage Bulldogs and Dallas Cowboys as their biggest fan. She is preceded in death by her parents.

Nish is survived by her loving children, Mishael Gillispe and Dylan Clark, Colton Gillispie and fiancé Madison Tarjick-Weems, Tristian Boniol and fiancé Dinah Humphrey; twin brother, Vance Watkins; brother, Scott Watkins and wife Vicky; grandchildren, Rider, Emerson, Easton, Tinlee, Cashton, Isabelle; numerous nieces, nephews, special friends, Melissa Poindexter, Tabatha Dickson and JD and Leanne Martin and her beloved dog Tipsey.

Serving as pallbearers will be J.D. Martin, Jason Moe Price, R.L. Briggs, Ricky Reeder, Gene Farmer, Justin Hodge, Tristian Boniol, Colton Gillispie and

Vance Watkins. Honorary pallbearers will be Aidyn Cariker, Kamdyn Martin, Jamie Scott, Tim Anders, Reggie Allain, Wesley Stutes, Lindy Britton, Billy Anders, Trevor Wedgeworth, Don Knight, Aaron Weaver and Alfred Wenthe. In lieu of flowers the family suggest donations be made directly to Hawthorn Funeral Home to help with funeral expenses.

# Cemetery Details

## Odd Fellows Cemtery

Carthage, TX

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 31. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hawthorn Funeral Home  
307 West Wellington Street  
P.O. Box 188  
Carthage, TX 75633  
(903) 693-3816  
info@hawthornfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.hawthornfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

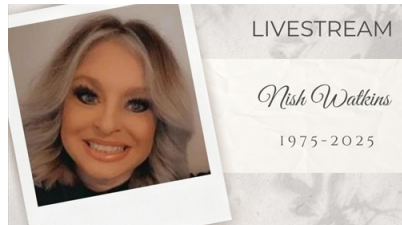
AUG 1. 1:00 PM (CT)

Still Waters Cowboy Church  
1699 TX-315  
Carthage, TX 75633  
(903) 241-5335

# Tribute Wall



“ Hawthorn Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Ms. Nish Watkins



Hawthorn Funeral Home - July 30, 2025 at 05:17 PM

MG

“ Mishael Gillispie lit a candle in memory of Ms. Nish Watkins



Mishael Gillispie - October 06, 2025 at 03:52 AM



“ I had the opportunity to attend Panola College with her. Always the life of the party. Always smiling. My condolences to the family and friends.



Shawnee Fuller - August 04, 2025 at 04:26 PM

PA

“ I miss Nish so much, Nish was a friend to everyone. Sending prayers to her family and friends. She will be sorely missed. I love you Nish forever and always ❤️😭

paulasaxton - August 03, 2025 at 11:41 AM

VL

“ Nish, Nish, Nish... It is killing me that I won't be able to be at your service today. Having no ride 🙏 is getting the best of me today.

You were the first girl I met in Carthage 20 yrs ago. At the legion hall I'll always remember your kindness. It's hard sometimes for a girl in a brand new small town to meet other girls. I already knew several guys, but girls are harder to meet...they don't know you and don't want to most times. But not you, you walked straight up with your hand out and then a hug. It's always been my pleasure just knowing you. At the V many nights, you being my hairdresser for how many years. My neighbor for how many years. I remember the day you moved in. Marcus was here and we came and helped Colton move some stuff in. I was happy just knowing you were here  
You always greeted me the same, with a smile and a hug and a "hey babe". And so many others you greeted just the same.  
You had a way of brightening up the room just coming in, or the mood of any situation. And I hope you can see the devastating effect your death has had on this entire community.  
RIP my friend, I'll never forget you, I love you and I'll see ya on the other side. 🙏🥺

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**Vinita Lewis** - August 01, 2025 at 01:32 PM

MN

“ Nish was a kind soul & good hearted she will be missed by so many. Praying for her kids & grandkids & family & friends.



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**Marla Newell** - August 01, 2025 at 10:43 AM

JM

“ Jennifer M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Nish Watkins.

Jennifer M. - August 01, 2025 at 12:54 AM

SR

“ So very sorry for your loss. Prayers for comfort for the family. Pierce and Sallie Bell Reeves

Sallie Reeves - July 31, 2025 at 04:10 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ms. Nish Watkins.



July 31, 2025 at 01:24 PM

DJ

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Nish sometime ago. I want her family to know she always had a smile on her face no matter what. Darren Jones

Darren Jones - July 31, 2025 at 01:14 PM

SB

“ Scotty And Reagan Baker lit a candle in memory of Ms. Nish Watkins



Scotty and Reagan Baker - July 31, 2025 at 12:39 PM

SW

“ Scott & Vicky Watkins lit a candle in memory of Ms. Nish Watkins



Scott & Vicky Watkins - July 30, 2025 at 10:07 PM

SH

“ Stephen And Evelyn Harvey lit a candle in memory of Ms. Nish Watkins



Stephen and Evelyn Harvey - July 30, 2025 at 06:40 PM

TB

“ Tom fischer and Jeanie barber purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Ms. Nish Watkins.



Tom fischer and Jeanie barber - July 30, 2025 at 09:46 AM

TB

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Tom fischer and Jeanie barber - July 30, 2025 at 09:46 AM

FW

“ From Scott & Vicky Watkins-Vance Watkins purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ms. Nish Watkins.



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**From Scott & Vicky Watkins-Vance Watkins** - July 29, 2025 at 11:58 PM

FW

“ From Scott & Vicky Watkins-Vance Watkins planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Nish Watkins.

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**From Scott & Vicky Watkins-Vance Watkins** - July 29, 2025 at 11:58 PM

SW

“ One of the greatest memories I have were times spent playing card games and just sitting around laughing and spending time together! Rules of the games would just randomly be changed! Such wonderful memories of the family times spent together! So, much fun just being there cutting up, laughing- just having fun to wee hours of the night. Nish you will be missed deeply, may you rest in peace until we meet again! Love Always, Scott and Vicky Watkins



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**Scott Watkins** - July 29, 2025 at 10:55 PM

SW

“ My MEMORIES of Nish are of us as kids... We rode the same school bus. From reading all the comments, I see that she maintained the same "BUBBLY", 'never meet a stranger' personality throughout Adulthood. Her Family..., especially her Children..., are in my thoughts.



*PEACEful Rest my Dear... Keep the giggles going..., even in the afterlife...*

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**Shundra Tatum Woods** - July 29, 2025 at 11:49 AM

KB

“ I remember when she was about 10 and she would watch me put on makeup and just talk her little heart out.. she told me just recently I know I irritated you but I just loved being in your room with you . She was an amazing person and she was raised by two of my favorite people.. love you so much...will miss you

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**Kim Burns** - July 29, 2025 at 10:16 AM

DD

“ I see Nish, I think 'Hey Babe' cause that's what she called everyone. Going to miss that beautiful smile & magnetic personality. Love you, Nish. Til we meet again.



*Donna*

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**Donna Dearman** - July 29, 2025 at 07:23 AM

DB

“ You were a friend to everyone. I can rarely remember a time your face was without a smile. From a kind word to a loving hug, you always had the perfect fix to life’s problems. You will be dearly missed my friend. I love you!

David Britt - July 28, 2025 at 11:34 PM

KB

“ I will always remember my wedding day! She did my hair and then proceeded to put my bra over her because it was 10xs bigger than her! She will be missed and I love her so much. ❤️ #truestorybabe

Kinsley Burrow - July 28, 2025 at 11:12 PM

AD

“ Nish was one of the first people I met when I moved to Carthage over 20 years ago. Always had a smile on her face, a kiss for me, and lots of love. Carthage won’t be the same without Nishalicious! I’m going to miss hearing her laugh and calling me baby.

Adrienne - July 28, 2025 at 10:13 PM

AP

“ Nish was a very sweet person ❤️ had a heart of gold !!!

Amy Poindexter - July 28, 2025 at 09:11 PM



“ The best memory I have of Nish involves the Dallas Cowboys... that woman was the biggest fan I've ever met. Every game day she had her jersey on... Cowboys games just won't be the same now... gonna miss you Nish... love ya babe!!

Ray Copeland Jr. - July 28, 2025 at 08:38 PM