

## Bruce Watkins Funeral Program Collection (AC88)

### ***Introduction:***

The Bruce Watkins Funeral Program Collection centers on Watkins Brothers' funeral programs from 1980 to 1982. The collection also features an incomplete Parrish program from 1989.

### ***Descriptive Summary:***

Creator: Watkins Brokers Funeral Home

Title: Bruce Watkins Funeral Program Collection

Date Range: 1980- 1982

Size: 0.16 linear feet (1 box)

Collection Number: AC88

### ***Donor Information:***

Found in Collection

### ***Citation Note:***

Bruce Watkins Funeral Program Collection (AC88), Black Archives of Mid-America, Kansas City, Missouri.

### ***Administrative Information:***

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### ***Historical Sketch:***

The Bruce Watkins Funeral Program Collection features funeral programs from people who used the Watkins Brothers Memorial Chapels in Kansas City, Missouri, for their services between 1980 and 1982. The collection also includes an incomplete Parrish program from 1989. The Watkins Brothers Funeral Homes and Chapels have been a long-standing presence in Kansas City's Black community. It was established by Theron B. Watkins and his brother J.T. in 1908.

***Scope and Content Note:***

The funeral programs have been separated by date and year.

***Collection Inventory***

- f. 1 1980 Funeral Programs
  - a. Obsequies of Helen Brown
  - b. Obsequies of Nattie Emmons
  - c. Obsequies of Dakota Leach
  - d. Obsequies of Jack Thomas
  - e. Obsequies of Lucille Doris Moore
  - f. Obsequies of Mr. Thomas J. Herndon
  - g. Obsequies of Mr. John Thompson
  - h. Obsequies of Mr. Charles B. Garner
  - i. Obsequies of Mr. Walter Daniels
  - j. Obsequies of Mrs. Elon M. Smith
  - k. Obsequies of Mrs. Hattie Bennett
  - l. Obsequies of Mr. Samuel T. Stanley
  - m. Obsequies of Mr. Walter C. Christian
  - n. Obsequies of Mr. Louis "Jambo" Mathes
  - o. Obsequies of Mrs. Iva C. Thomas
  - p. Obsequies of Mrs. Ruth Bell Martin
  - q. Obsequies of Mr. Ulyssus Samuel Jenkins
  - r. Obsequies of Mr. Oscar Paul Jenkins (2 copies)
  - s. Obsequies of Mr. Harry Boston (2 copies)
  - t. Obsequies of Mr. Martin Johnson (2 copies)
  - u. Obsequies of Mr. Albert E. Hobby Jr.
  - v. Obsequies of Mrs. Birdie Lee Kearney
  - w. Obsequies of Mrs. Maurine Toney (2 copies)
  - x. Obsequies of Mr. Henry McAdams
  - y. Obsequies of Mrs. Hettie Moore

## f. 2 1981 Funeral Programs

- a. Obsequies of Mrs. Adlisa E. Howard
- b. Obsequies of Mrs. Ella Frances Bentley
- c. Obsequies of Mrs. Alberta Reginald
- d. Obsequies of Curtis McDonald Walton
- e. Obsequies of Mrs. Mamie Evans
- f. Obsequies of Mr. George Lee Christian
- g. Obsequies of Mr. Harry W. Smith
- h. Obsequies of Mr. Aurie H. Thomas (4 copies)
- i. Obsequies of Mr. Ora Lee Conner
- j. Obsequies of Mrs. Onie Brown
- k. Obsequies of Eddie Lee Hall
- l. Obsequies of Mr. Cordell Anthony Guy Cornelius
- m. Obsequies of Mr. William M. Brown, Jr.
- n. Obsequies of Mrs. Isabell Rochelle Taylor
- o. Obsequies of Mrs. Amelia Taylor Williams (2 copies)
- p. Obsequies of Mrs. Ruby S. Kimber (2 copies)
- q. Obsequies of Mr. Dotha Andrew Wilson (2 copies)
- r. Obsequies of Mr. Robert Lee Myers (Pete)
- s. Obsequies of Mr. Floyd E. Buchanan Jr. (2 copies)
- t. Obsequies of Mrs. Lillian B. Denmon
- u. Obsequies of Mr. A.D. Dixon
- v. Obsequies of Mr. Lloyd G. Morgan
- w. Obsequies of Mrs. Myrtle Rice
- x. Obsequies of Mrs. Annie Lee Moore
- y. Obsequies of Mr. Fred J. Ward

## f. 3 1982 Funeral Programs

- a. Obsequies of Mr. Stewart A. Cox
- b. Obsequies of Mr. Charles Edward Diggs

- c. Obsequies of Mr. Clarence Leverette Sr.
- d. Obsequies of Mr. Oscar Herbert Logan
- e. Obsequies of Mr. Carl Turner

f. 4 1989 Incomplete Parrish Program

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**Sources:** “Watkins Heritage Chapel | Kansas City, MO Funeral Home and Cremation.” Watkins Heritage Chapel | Kansas City MO Funeral Home and Cremation. <https://www.watkinsheritage.com/>.