

Ollie L. Watson, 82, of 1709 E. Elm, West Frankfort, died at 5:50 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27, 1980, at the Union Hospital in West Frankfort. Mr. Watson was a retired coal miner. He retired from the Orient No. 1 mine in 1957. He was a member of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of West Frankfort and the United Mine Workers of America.

He was born May 14, 1897, in Lola, Ky., to John and Susan Watson. His first wife, the former Daisy Estes, died in 1956. He then married the former Lina Melvin.

Survivors include his wife, Lina, three sons, Earl W. Watson of Tuscola, Leonard H. Watson of Posen, and Junior Ray Watson of Blue Island; two daughters, Betty Willmore of Tuscola and Virginia Eldridge of Inverness, Fla.; 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; a stepson, Jim C. Brown of West Frankfort; and a stepdaughter, JoAnn Zernich of Lansing.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Lem and Reed Watson.

Funeral services were held at the Parker-Reedy Funeral Home in West Frankfort. Burial in the Fluorine Cemetery in Rosiclare, where graveside services were held.