



## Billy Ray Watson

January 4, 1958 - December 30, 2022

In loving memory of our father, Billy Ray Watson 64, who passed away December 30, 2022, in Newport Richey Fl. Billy was born January 4, 1958, in Cumberland NC to the late Joseph Leroy Watson and Mary Alleen Edge. A graduate of St. Pauls High School Billy pursued a career in Machine Maintenance. He attended several technical schools and worked his way up to Maintenance Supervisor. Billy was very punctual and strived to always fix problems correctly. On several occasions, he built machines for his employers. He was an engineer without a degree most would say. Billy was known for his quick-witted humor, determination, and generous spirit. In his younger days, you'd find him playing the guitar with his late father and brother. Billy loved to be outdoors mostly fishing and site-seeing. He loved both the beach and the mountains. He spent the majority of his life in Statesville, NC. Early in life, Billy learned the importance of hard work. He was a man of strong faith and he taught us the importance of family, hard work, and doing what is right. He was a member of Victory Baptist Church.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother Joe Watson and a sister, Linda Hinson.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife Brenda (Benton) Watson and sons Davey Watson wife Stephanie of Land O Lakes Fl, Greg Watson of Bryson City NC, and Jay Sibbett wife Hailey of Geneva Il. Daughters Christy Watson of Gadsden AL, Mary Elizabeth "Beth" Burke, and husband Justin of Statesville. Sisters Elaine Sides husband John of Cookville TN. Gail

Shumaker husband Mark of Stony Point. He had sixteen grandchildren, Kaylynn, Clayton, Brenden, Jeremy, Boone, Charlotte, Holden, Christian, Sarah, Cayson, Austin, Caiden, Caleb Laiken, Atlas and Elliana.

Funeral Services will be conducted Saturday January 7, 2023, 2:00 pm at Victory Baptist Church Statesville. Rev Jerry Shoemaker will officiate. Burial will follow in Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends Friday, January 6, 2023, from 6:00 – 8:00 at Chapman Funeral Home.

Chapman Funeral Home is serving the family of Billy Watson.

# Previous Events

## Funeral

JAN 7. 2:00 PM (ET)

Victory Baptist Church  
1074 Midway Rd  
Statesville, NC 28625

*Visitation Friday, January 6, 2023 6:00 - 8:00 pm*

# Tribute Wall



“ He was my supervisor and friend, and it now April 30 of 2024 I am setting here at Holden Beach thinking of my friend Billy, still is missed and will be for a long time

Randy Sherriff - April 30, 2024 at 06:33 PM



“ Billy Ray Watson

October 05, 2023 at 11:02 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Billy's passing we grew up together on hwy 20 were neighbors and friends for many years prayers for his family

Cynthia Hall Tatum - January 09, 2023 at 07:22 PM



“ We are very sorry for your loss. We will be praying for you! May God comfort you through this difficult time. Lisa (Aiken) Hall and Family



Lisa Hall - January 06, 2023 at 03:28 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Billy Ray Watson.



January 06, 2023 at 09:30 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Billy Ray Watson.*



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January 04, 2023 at 08:19 PM



“ *Brenda, and family - Prayers going up for you all. Billy was a true gentleman and such a hard worker - I am so sorry to hear this. Hugs to you all.*

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**Renee Steele** - January 04, 2023 at 07:32 AM



“ *Renee Steele lit a candle in memory of Billy Watson*



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**Renee Steele** - January 04, 2023 at 07:30 AM



“ *KAREN RAYNOR lit a candle in memory of Billy Watson*



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**KAREN RAYNOR** - January 03, 2023 at 11:25 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Billy Ray Watson.*



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January 03, 2023 at 03:28 PM



“ *Our prayers are with your family.  
Love & Prayers,  
Michael and Teresa Register St. Pauls, NC*

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**Teresa Register** - January 03, 2023 at 03:07 PM



*My thoughts and prayers are with you all  
Sandra Rice Cribb*

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**Sandra Cribb** - January 04, 2023 at 08:35 PM