



Steve B. Watson

April 12, 1961 - May 18, 2024

Steven “Steve” B. Watson, 63, of Monrovia, passed peacefully from this life on Saturday, May 18, 2024, while in the comfort of his home and surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Indianapolis on April 12, 1961 to George Oliver and Ruth L. (Darnell) Watson.

The youngest of four children, Steve was raised on the family farm where he learned at an early age the value of hard work and discovered his appreciation for pigs. His fondest memory as a young boy was playing with the Spaniels puppies that his parents bred, but was upset when people came to buy them, although more would be born. He attended Monrovia High School, where he was the President of the Student Council, a member of the National Honor Society, a ten-year member of 4-H, and was a talented athlete playing on the basketball, baseball, and football teams. In his senior year, Steve was an integral part of taking the undefeated football team to the conference play-offs, earning the championship title.

After proudly graduating with the class of 1979, Steve enrolled in Franklin College where he also played on the baseball team and was a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity. Majoring in journalism, with a minor in sociology, he surprisingly made it through the program in four years (his words, not mine) and graduated with a bachelor’s degree in 1983. While at a frat house rush party, Steve was introduced to his future wife and the mother

of his two sons, Dawn Swaim. She pinned him to the wall and the pair made an instant connection. Dating for two years, Steve and Dawn were married at the Monrovia Christian Church on October 1, 1983, and their love affair lasted nearly 43 years. Originally settling on the west side of Indy, they quickly made their way back to Steve's roots in Monrovia where they built their forever home on West Union Road.

Upon graduation, Steve initially took a job for the Southport Gazette for a brief period, then secured employment with the State, first as an adjudicator for 18 years, then was promoted to supervisor in 2001. With a five-year plan in place and set into motion, they brought their first son, Stuart, into the world, and three years later Grant was born. A dedicated and loving father, Steve was continuously there for his two sons, coaching all their youth sports as well as serving as the President of the Youth Basketball League for many years. He proudly passed on his knowledge of pigs to Stu and Grant and even his precious granddaughter, Olivia, and took both boys to the Indiana State Fair where they each received Grand Champion Ribbons in 4-H, which was a major accomplishment!

Easy going and always smiling, Steve continually put his family first. When he and Dawn were married, she came first, then the boys came along, and he was fourth. With the birth of his first grandchild, Livvy, he was the fifth. He was strong, sincere, sometimes stubborn and forever selfless. Although it took him a lot to get mad, when he did, you listened! He not only raised two upstanding men, but played a key role in mentoring their friends, who still remember his words of wisdom. Eternally calm, cool, and collected, he was the voice of reason, often saying "now let's think about this for a minute" just before a bad decision was about to be made. He was a master chef, regularly hosted cookouts, family get togethers, was an avid sports fan and the family and friends regularly congregated to his garage to watch his favorite sports teams, Pacers, Colts, and IU Basketball.

Taken from this life, his family, and friends all too soon, Steve fought the good fight for as long as he possibly could, but ultimately lost his battle with pancreatic cancer. He will be forever missed and leaves a void in the hearts and lives of all who were honored to know and love him. Steve wants everyone to know that he had an incredibly happy life. He was proud, fulfilled, and the luckiest guy on the face of the earth. Now, as Steve said “enough about me, grieve a while, but not too long. Now pull up your bootstraps and carry on”.

Steve was preceded in death by his father, George Watson; grandparents, Archie Darnell and Elva (Pickett) Darnell, and Flo (Oliver) Watson; and brother-in-law, Pat Wilson.

He leaves behind his wife, Dawn Watson of Monrovia; sons, Stuart Watson (Desirae), and Grant Watson (Andrea) both of Monrovia; mother, Ruth Watson of Monrovia; siblings, Ann Pruet (Ron) of Danville, Julia Wayman of Speedway, and Mike Watson of Monrovia; granddaughter, Olivia June Watson of Monrovia; one grandson on the way; and in-laws, Carol Wittenmyer (John) of Crawfordsville, and Scott Swaim (Cynthia) of Wittier, CA: nephews, Nick Pruet (Jana) and Clay Pruet (Amanda), both of Danville; and niece Andrea Wittenmyer of Crawfordsville.

Visitation will be held from 3 to 7pm, on Thursday, May 23, 2024, at Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel in Monrovia. A Celebration of Life Service will begin at 1pm, on Friday, May 24, 2024, at the funeral home, with an additional hour of calling prior. Pastor Jim Shields will officiate services and burial will follow in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Hall. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made by mail to the Monrovia 4-H Supporters, c/o of Jane Crone, 3882 W. Hinshaw Rd, Monrovia, IN 46157, and envelopes will be provided during

services. Per Steve's request and strongly encouraged, no formal attire, please dress casual and comfortable. To upload a picture on his tribute wall, share a favorite story, send the family an online condolence, sign the online guest registry, or light a candle in his memory, please visit www.lightmemorial.com.

Cemetery Details

Mt Pleasant Cemetery, Hall

5409 W. Hurt Road
Monrovia, IN 46157

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 23. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel
585 East Main Street
Monrovia, IN 46157
(317) 996-2101
<https://www.lightmemorial.com>

Additional Visitation

MAY 24. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel
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Celebration of Life Service

MAY 24. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

BB

“ My deepest condolences to the Watson family. My heart breaks for all of you. Pancreatic cancer took Joe at 66 and now your Steve way too soon. May you find comfort in all the precious memories you shared. Bev (Haymaker) Beikman.

Beverly Beikman - May 23, 2024 at 08:34 PM



“ Steve was my supervisor at the DDB. The unit Y days were great memories! Steve was the best boss anyone could ask for...easy going, always looked out for his employees, and led us with his amazing presence. So many years later, I still make his coney sauce recipe!
- Melissa Baker

May 23, 2024 at 07:50 PM

BW

“ Brady W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steve B. Watson.

Brady W. - May 23, 2024 at 02:20 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Steve B. Watson.



May 23, 2024 at 02:11 PM

AL

“ Andy and Kim Lock planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steve B. Watson.

Andy and Kim Lock - May 23, 2024 at 02:11 PM

LM

“ Love, Everyone at Real McCoy & Malcolm purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Steve B. Watson.



Love, Everyone at Real McCoy & Malcolm - May 23, 2024 at 11:59 AM

DD

“ Thinking of you all Ruth, Ann, Julia and Mike from Dean Dillon

Dean Dillon - May 23, 2024 at 11:31 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Steve B. Watson.



May 23, 2024 at 11:03 AM

RF

“ Ron Berry & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steve B. Watson.

Ron Berry & Family - May 23, 2024 at 11:03 AM

DC

“ Dr. Amy and the Staff @ Country Critters purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Steve B. Watson.



Dr. Amy and the Staff @ Country Critters - May 23, 2024 at 07:36 AM

DC

“ Dr. Amy and the Staff @ Country Critters planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steve B. Watson.

Dr. Amy and the Staff @ Country Critters - May 23, 2024 at 07:36 AM

JF

“ John & Amy Faulkenberg & Family purchased the *Your Light Shines* for the family of Steve B. Watson.



John & Amy Faulkenberg & Family - May 23, 2024 at 07:34 AM

JF

“ John & Amy Faulkenberg & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steve B. Watson.

John & Amy Faulkenberg & Family - May 23, 2024 at 07:34 AM

FS

“ From Steve & Anita Schrader purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Steve B. Watson.



From Steve & Anita Schrader - May 22, 2024 at 04:31 PM

SS

“ This is Steve Schrader- I had the pleasure of knowing Steve for much of his life. My first vivid memory of Steve was when he came to Hubbard' s Mill with his Dad and brother Mike to pickup hog feed. The boys had their little league baseball uniforms on and huge smiles. I was sacking/ loading their feed and talking to the boys. Steve was very shy but kept that smile going. I next met up with Steve when he came to work at the State Disability Determination Bureau. I worked on and off with Steve for many years. Steve was very well liked by his coworkers. Steve, I and a group of coworkers and friends played golf on many occasions. We always had great times and created many memories. Steve was a respected and good man! He will be greatly missed. I offer my deepest sympathy to Dawn , Ruth, Mike and the rest of the Watson family. Take care!
Schrader

Steve Schrader - May 22, 2024 at 04:11 PM

VG

“ My name is Vance Greening. I worked in the same state agency as Steve for many years, though our paths seldom crossed. For a brief period in 1995, however, he was briefly assigned to train me to become what is known as a lead worker, a job to which I'd just been promoted. I found him a quiet sort of fellow, though pleasant and good-natured. Too, and important to me, given the nature of our work in helping administer a public service, he was clearly fair-minded and conscientious. I am sure he has left this world a better place.

Vance Greening - May 22, 2024 at 11:32 AM

TD

“ Tony and Stephanie DeFur planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steve B. Watson.

Tony and Stephanie DeFur - May 22, 2024 at 11:30 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Steve B. Watson.



May 22, 2024 at 11:30 AM

MF

“ Mike, Pam, and Debbie Lock and Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Steve B. Watson.



Mike, Pam, and Debbie Lock and Family - May 22, 2024 at 10:32 AM

JF

“ *Joe&Jannine / Larry&Judy Rule & Family purchased the Amazing Grace 44" Sonnet for the family of Steve B. Watson.*



Joe&Jannine / Larry&Judy Rule & Family - May 22, 2024 at 10:22 AM

TG

“ *Tyler, Joy and Tucker Gentry purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Steve B. Watson.*



Tyler, Joy and Tucker Gentry - May 22, 2024 at 08:39 AM

KT

“ *My deepest condolences to you Dawn and the rest of your. I will be keeping you in my thoughts and prayers 🙏*



Karol Thompson - May 21, 2024 at 11:20 PM

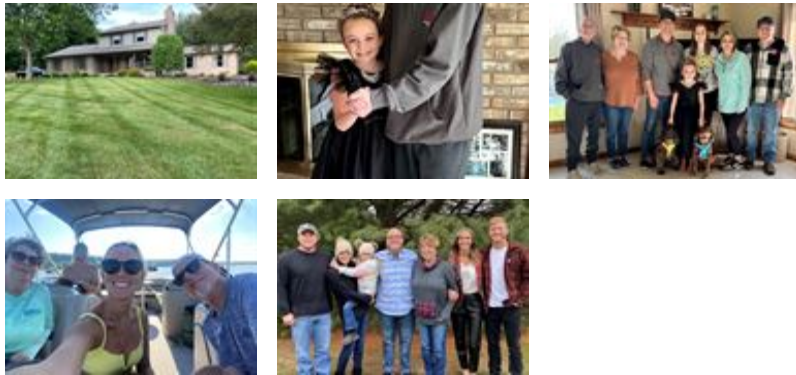
JJ

“ Like so many other people, my life has been better because Steve was part of it. There are happy party memories, as well as trips to Holiday World. He coached my son Ian in basketball and baseball. He and I fought many windmills, most while being coworkers for over thirty years. The roles of Don Quixote and Sancho Panza changed back and forth from time to time. He was always there for me in a pinch, and genuine. He had integrity and was guided by what was just & fair. Incredible observant, he could "reach" people. He successfully trained & supervised hundreds of people, always finding apt ways to illustrate a point or principle with a story-Just like when he coached. His lessons helped those he touched beyond work or athletics. One secret I think was he put all at ease with either a crockpot of steamed weiners & potluck lunch, corny dad jokes & self deprecating humor or the old, "walking down the stairs" gag. He may have said, "Man, I don't care!" from time to time, but everyone knows he did. Almost forgot another important thing-he was humble (mostly). Yes, we all will miss him, but pragmatic Steve would want us to, "Get on with it". Submitted with love, John Judson

John Judson - May 21, 2024 at 10:47 PM



“ 258 files added to the album LifeTributes



Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel - May 21, 2024 at 03:16 PM

DF

“ Danny & Ashleigh Goodman & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steve B. Watson.

Danny & Ashleigh Goodman & family - May 21, 2024 at 02:48 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Steve B. Watson.



May 21, 2024 at 02:48 PM

SI

“ Service Electric Co - Indy purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Steve B. Watson.



Service Electric Co - Indy - May 21, 2024 at 02:18 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Steve B. Watson.



May 21, 2024 at 01:11 PM

AT

“ AES Indiana, Greg Penley & Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steve B. Watson.

AES Indiana, Greg Penley & Team - May 21, 2024 at 11:51 AM

AT

“ AES Indiana, Greg Penley & Team purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Steve B. Watson.



AES Indiana, Greg Penley & Team - May 21, 2024 at 11:51 AM



“ Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Steve B. Watson.



May 21, 2024 at 11:39 AM

CH

“ I have only fond memories of my time with Steve at the DDB. He was always in a good mood and smiling 💕 I'm so sorry Watson family. You are in my prayers 💕 Thank you for always helping me with the hay 💕



Christy Hall - May 21, 2024 at 11:26 AM

LM

“ Dawn, I am so sorry. By all the comments I have seen, it sounds like your husband was a very special person who was loved by many. Praying for your heart. ❤️

LeAnn Malone - May 21, 2024 at 11:16 AM

SC

“ See Blessings, Danville Christian Church planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steve B. Watson.

See Blessings, Danville Christian Church - May 21, 2024 at 10:50 AM

SC

“ See Blessings, Danville Christian Church purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Steve B. Watson.



See Blessings, Danville Christian Church - May 21, 2024 at 10:50 AM

JL

“ Jan, Donna and Lauren planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steve B. Watson.

Jan, Donna and Lauren - May 21, 2024 at 10:20 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Steve B. Watson.*



May 21, 2024 at 10:20 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Steve B. Watson.*



May 21, 2024 at 09:46 AM



“ *Sending condolences for the family of Steve Watson. The green candle will burn in his memory for 4-H and the Monrovia Bulldogs. Cherish the wonderful memories of him; smile and laugh to help you through the process.*



Denise 'Parker" Oxford - May 21, 2024 at 08:08 AM



“ *Steve was a man of few words, but he would always talk to you. He loved to be at hog shows and would always help if asked. He will greatly be missed. Sorry for your loss Mike Marsh & Family*

Mike Marsh - May 20, 2024 at 07:18 PM

SS

“ Shelly Shane lit a candle in memory of Steve B. Watson



shelly shane - May 20, 2024 at 06:33 PM

DC

“ Thoughts and prayers for all of Steve’s family. Such a good man with a big heart and taken too soon. We will always remember all of the good times we shared for so many years.

Deb Chambers - May 20, 2024 at 06:30 PM

PR

“ Steve was such a great person. We can never understand God’s plan but I know Steve left some great memories for his family and friends to remember him by💙💛

Peggy Richhart - May 20, 2024 at 05:29 PM

HG

“ Hofschulte Genetics purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Steve B. Watson.



Hofschulte Genetics - May 20, 2024 at 05:17 PM

LB

“ Greg and I will keep you in our prayers and thoughts. Steve was a great guy, he always had a smile for me and Greg.

Luci Bierman - May 20, 2024 at 04:53 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Steve B. Watson.*



May 20, 2024 at 03:43 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Steve B. Watson.*



May 20, 2024 at 03:01 PM



“ *Scott Britton purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Steve B. Watson.*



Scott Britton - May 20, 2024 at 02:54 PM



“ *Dawn and family - Sending our sympathy and prayers.*



Eric & Dana Noel - May 20, 2024 at 02:49 PM

LC

“ *Ruth n family - Sooo sorry to hear of Steve's passing... May God give you peace in comfort in this time of sorrow and in the days n weeks to come...
God's Blessings to all...*



Larry & Carolyn Clements

Larry & Carolyn Clements - May 20, 2024 at 02:34 PM

CM

*Dawn. I am thinking of you and your family. This has to be so difficult. I wish you peace in the coming days.
Cindy Mattingly*

Cindy Mattingly - May 20, 2024 at 09:12 PM