



William "Billy" Watson

September 1, 1958 - February 14, 2020

William "Billy" Watson, 61, passed away on Friday, February 14, 2020, in Bristol, TN at Select Specialty Hospital, after an extended illness.

Billy was a graduate of Jonesville High School where he played all sports. He attended Clinch Valley College where he continued to play baseball for four years. He was a proud member of the Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity. After college, he pursued his lifelong passion of working with horses. He became a trainer and farrier of World Champion walking and racking horses. He received recognition as being one of the most skilled farriers east of the Mississippi in the walking horse field. Billy was also a member of the Galilee Christian Church.

He was preceded in death by his father, Granville "Bud" Watson.

Billy is survived by his wife, Sue Watson, of the home; his mother, Nadine Watson, of Jonesville; his brother, Eddie Watson and wife Debra, of Jonesville; a nephew, Hunter Watson, of Jonesville; and two brothers-in-law, Christian and Harold Aufinger, of Baden-Württemberg, Germany.

The family will receive friends from 4 until 6:00 p.m. Monday, February 17, at Robinette Funeral Home in Jonesville. A memorial service will follow at 6:00 p.m. with Pastor Steve Neff officiating, and with a eulogy to be delivered by his

brother, Eddie Watson. Private inurnment will be held at a later time.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to Lee Fosters Rescue,
9987 State Rt 70, Blackwater, VA, 24221.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 17. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Robinette Funeral Home (Jonesville)
146 Maple Drive
P.O. Box 238
Jonesville, VA 24263
(276) 346-1196

Memorial Service

FEB 17. 6:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *William "Billy" Watson*

October 05, 2023 at 07:31 PM



“ *Wilma W. McNew (Colleen Williams) lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Watson*



Wilma W. McNew (Colleen Williams) - February 21, 2020 at 10:19 AM



So sorry for your loss.

Wilma W. McNew (Colleen Williams) - February 21, 2020 at 10:20 AM



“ *Steve Cooney lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Watson*



Steve Cooney - February 18, 2020 at 11:41 AM

SC

I met Billy when I came to Jonesville High School in the 8th grade. Billy became a very close friend. We attended what is now UVa Wise together. Many of our memories center around all the sports we played together. He generally had a smile on his face until someone made him mad, then he became like the little Tasmanian Devil. Billy was super person and I enjoyed bumping into at different places. We'd stop and reminisce about our memories from high school and college. He knew my family and I knew his.

It breaks my heart that I didn't know about his passing on Friday. After I spoke with his brother, Eddie, in December and how Billy's health had declined, I said I would go visit him. Life got in the way and kept me from doing what I knew I needed to do. I never made it Billy and Sue's house to visit. Remorse and guilt because I didn't see my friend be he left have hit.

Godspeed my friend, someday we'll see each other again. God Bless Sue and all the helped and sat by your side through all your infirmity. You will be missed.

Steve Cooney - February 18, 2020 at 11:58 AM

VC

“ *Randy & Vickie Couch*



Vickie L Couch - February 17, 2020 at 07:48 PM

VC

“ *Billy was very special person and friend. He trained horses for us for several years at Double C Stables in KY. We will always remember him with Cash, our great horse. Pray Billy and Cash are united together in Heaven. Billy will be missed dearly by many. Prayers for the whole family. So very sorry for your loss.*

Randy & Vickie Couch

Vickie L Couch - February 17, 2020 at 07:46 PM

RM

“ *Ralph & Elizabeth Moore*



Rebekah Moore - February 17, 2020 at 02:28 PM

KB

“ *Kyth & Debra Banks lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Watson*



Kyth & Debra Banks - February 17, 2020 at 10:48 AM

BH

“ *Bo Neth Hardy lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Watson*



Bo Neth Hardy - February 16, 2020 at 07:10 PM

BH

My granddaughter, Lili, 10, who is special needs, will miss Billy. They played together every time we saw him. Billy was exceptionally patient and sweet with her. He put her up on his beautiful Monkey Horse and always took time with her at Nadine's house. She is watching his competition videos and trying to understand that he is in heaven. Thank you, Billy, for your care and concern of Lili.

Bo Neth Hardy - February 16, 2020 at 07:18 PM

BH

green is Lili's favorite color

Bo Neth Hardy - February 16, 2020 at 07:19 PM

CF

“ *Charlene Nelson Fannon lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Watson*



Charlene Nelson Fannon - February 16, 2020 at 06:34 PM

LL

“ *So sorry! Love to our cousins from the Lambert Family with many fond memories of looking out our front window to see Billy riding Midnight across the street! How lucky we were to have a perfect view!*



Leslie Lambert - February 16, 2020 at 05:14 PM

SW

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Sue Watson - February 16, 2020 at 12:01 PM

Sue
Dunn

“ *billy was a kind soul who loved his friends and was good to any animal he came across, weather it be a stray or a family pet, his heart was kind to all.* ”



Sue Dunn - February 16, 2020 at 10:54 AM

MC

“ *Missy Cook lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Watson* ”



Missy Cook - February 16, 2020 at 10:27 AM

AB

“ *So sorry for your loss, he was always very kind to me.* ”



Amy Winters Brown - February 16, 2020 at 09:23 AM

BE

“ *Beth And Alfred Eichler sent a virtual gift in memory of William "Billy" Watson* ”



Beth and Alfred Eichler - February 16, 2020 at 09:15 AM

BE

“ Sue, so very sorry to hear this. Billy was one of a kind. Sending condolences and Love! Beth and Alfred Eichler!

Beth and Alfred Eichler - February 16, 2020 at 09:12 AM

JC

“ J. Bruce Catron lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Watson



J. Bruce Catron - February 16, 2020 at 08:36 AM

NT

“ My sincere condolences



Nadja Tatai - February 16, 2020 at 06:38 AM

 Petra Widhamm

“ Petra Widhammer lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Watson



Petra Widhammer - February 16, 2020 at 05:21 AM

MG

“ *Billy shod horses for several barns I worked at hate to hear of his passing he always took time to listen to anything you had to talk about and was indeed a great farrier he will definitely be missed rip old friend* ”

Matthew Gulley - February 16, 2020 at 03:26 AM

BB

“ *Bruce An Kim Butler lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Watson* ”



Bruce an Kim Butler - February 15, 2020 at 09:35 PM



“ *Adoration Casket Spray was purchased for the family of William "Billy" Watson.* ”



February 15, 2020 at 08:31 PM

DP

“ *So sorry for your loss.
Doris and Larry Presley* ”



Doris Presley - February 15, 2020 at 08:01 PM

PS

“ *Polly Snodgrass lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Watson*



Polly Snodgrass - February 15, 2020 at 07:49 PM

JC

“ *Remember Billy and the beautiful racking horse at the Ky. Celebration. A great trainer. Prayers for his family.*



Janie Cecil - February 15, 2020 at 05:36 PM

WA

“ *Wandaleem Adams lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Watson*



Wandaleem Adams - February 15, 2020 at 05:13 PM

WA

“ *So sorry to hear this! Billy was an awesome kid. May God be with you today and in the coming days.*
Wandaleen Adams

WandaleemSfsms - February 15, 2020 at 05:12 PM

JL

“ Joe and Debbie Lipari purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of William "Billy" Watson.



Joe and Debbie Lipari - February 15, 2020 at 04:46 PM

RB

“ He was such a good man. Chad and him were very good friends. May God give you all comfort.

rhonda Baucom - February 15, 2020 at 03:41 PM

BD

“ Sue I'm so sorry to hear this prayers

Brenda Dye - February 15, 2020 at 03:37 PM

TC

“ Billy taught me more about shoeing horses in a few months than I would have learned on my own In a lifetime. I owe a lot of success to him. He was dear to me and I will miss him.

Travis Craft - February 15, 2020 at 02:51 PM

BC

“ I'm so sorry. Eddie was a great person and always friendly and smiling. Please know that my prayers are with Eddie's loved ones during this very sad time.

'Absence from the body, is presence with our Lord!'

Deepest Sympathies,

Jerry and Betty Crusenberry



Betty Crusenberry - February 15, 2020 at 01:07 PM

SW

He was a special person, taught us lots. We had a great experience showing with him, Rest In Peace 🙏🙏

Sue Wells - February 15, 2020 at 03:05 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William "Billy" Watson.



February 15, 2020 at 01:03 PM

RM

“ Billy's "personal" parking spot at the Wise Inn!

Randy "Mahone" McMahon - February 15, 2020 at 12:25 PM



“ *Fruit Abounds was purchased for the family of William "Billy" Watson.*



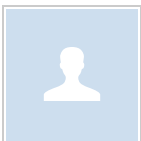
February 15, 2020 at 12:14 PM



“ *"Mahone", Forrest, "Cudge" and all Crockett Hall purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of William "Billy" Watson.*



"Mahone", Forrest, "Cudge" and all Crockett Hall - February 15, 2020 at 12:09 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Billy" Watson.*



February 15, 2020 at 11:57 AM