



Wayne Roy Watson

April 30, 1938 - January 9, 2024

Wayne Roy Watson, 85, a lifelong resident of Kalkaska, peacefully passed away at his home on Tuesday, January 9, 2024. He was born on April 30, 1938, to the late Roy and Ardis (Cross) Watson. Wayne's legacy is one marked by love, laughter, and a deep family connection. A man with a zest for life, Wayne had an innate ability to bring joy to those around him. Wayne was the owner of his own excavating company and he enjoyed woodworking. He was known for his quick wit and joy of reminiscing. Despite life's challenges, he never uttered a complaint. His kitchen table was his meeting place, a testament to his welcoming nature and the love that surrounded him. Wayne enjoyed trout fishing, fly fishing, and time around farm animals, especially cows. His affinity for grilling and campfires made gatherings with friends and family unforgettable, creating cherished memories that will endure. A man of strength and determination, Wayne possessed a tough exterior, but his heart was truly giant. His love extended not only to his family but also to his loyal companion, his beloved dog Harley. Wayne Roy Watson leaves behind a legacy of love, laughter, and resilience. As we mourn his passing, let us also celebrate a life well-lived and the memories we now cherish. He is survived by his loving wife of over 67 years, Sally (Cruse) Watson; three children Robin (Michael) Mamo, Wanda (Dan) Fritzsche, and Rita (Chuck) Snyder; grandchildren Ryan Haynes, Lucas Mamo, Matthew (Rebekah) Gerring, Aaron Mamo, James (Lindsay) Gerring, and Hannah (Ray) Fettes; great-grandchildren Hailey, Rylee, Landen, Jacob, Lucas, Brennan, and Jason;

siblings Sandy, Dale, Arnie, Kathy, and Phyllis. He was preceded in death by his parents; infant son Mark Allen Watson; son Roy Wayne Watson and brother Gordon Watson. A Celebration of Life will take place in the spring. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Cemetery Details

Excelsior Township Cemetery

1225 CR 571
Kalkaska, MI 49646

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

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“ Love, from, Ros & Steven purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "I thought of you" for the family of Wayne Roy Watson.



Love, from, Ros & Steven - January 12, 2024 at 10:22 PM

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“ Roslyn Klavet lit a candle in memory of Wayne Watson



Roslyn Klavet - January 12, 2024 at 10:13 PM

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“ Dear Rita & Family
Sending our condolences, and please know our thoughts & prayer's are with you. Cherish the memories.
Love Ros & Steven



Roslyn Klavet - January 12, 2024 at 05:37 PM

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“ Dear Rita & Family
Our deepest condolences are being sent to you, and know our thoughts & prayers are with you at this difficult time. Hold onto and cherish his memory. God Bless Love your Canadian Friend Ros & Steven Klavet

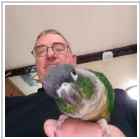
Roslyn Klavet - January 12, 2024 at 03:47 PM



“ *Everytime I took dad(Norman Walters) up to our place in the u.p. we would go threw Taffy Town and he would tell the story of the two of them as boys going up deer hunting and breaking down and walking a couple of miles to Taffy Town as we drove up m66 he would always tells stories of the two of them. I bet they were one rough tough bunch hanging out together May he rest in peace and the two of them behave up there. Our condolences to the family*

The Walters Family

Bonnie Ellis - January 11, 2024 at 06:35 PM



“ *He came over to our house one day to visit with my dad. They were sitting in the front yard both drinking a pop. I snuck up behind them with the plan on taking my dad's pop and drinking it really quick. I got it started drinking and quickly realized my dad was using the can for his ashtray. I sat there spitting and almost gagging. They both sat there laughing like crazy at me. Prayers for all the rest of the family.*

Richard Cross - January 11, 2024 at 12:09 PM

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“ *Deborah Newell lit a candle in memory of Wayne Watson*



Deborah Newell - January 10, 2024 at 04:53 PM