



John Lee Watson

November 11, 1948 - January 8, 2022

John Lee Watson, age 73, victoriously went to Jesus on January 8, 2022, at home surrounded by his family after a courageously fought battle with cerebellar ataxia. John was born November 11, 1948, in Victoria, TX, to Frances and Gene Watson. He spent the majority of his youth in Velma, OK. It was here that he danced with his future bride, Janice Golson, in the first-grade play, but they didn't begin dating until he asked her to the Sweetheart Banquet in the 8th grade. In high school, John played football, basketball, and ran track as a Velma-Alma Comet. He graduated with 26 others in 1967. John left the next day to sell bible books door to door in North Carolina for the summer.

After Janice spent the fall semester in Stillwater, she joined John at the University of Oklahoma. She agreed to marry him under the sign at Penn Square Mall in Oklahoma City. They were married at the chapel on campus on January 24, 1970. After John graduated from pharmacy school in 1972, he and Janice moved to Muskogee, Oklahoma, to begin his career at the VA Hospital. In 1980 John rented space in his friend Bill Johnson's grocery store to open M & P Pharmacy. One year later, John and Janice took a big leap by purchasing Economy Pharmacy. When they retired in 2016, the company had grown to include two Muskogee pharmacy locations, two Tulsa pharmacy locations, and four Alternacare medical equipment locations. John valued the relationships made throughout his career with both employees and customers.

John served his community through the Rotary Club, BancFirst board of directors, Hilldale Education Foundation, and Salvation Army board. He enjoyed being a School Board Member for Hilldale Public Schools for ten years. John was a founding member and elder at the Muskogee Church of Christ.

John was passionate about OU football. He held season tickets for almost 25 years, attending nearly every game in Norman and on the road. John enjoyed fishing, golfing, playing croquet, traveling, coaching the Economy Pills softball team, and attending any event of his grandkids. Later in life, John enjoyed driving his antique cars. It brought him lots of joy to share them with others in parades, weddings, and homecomings. But what he loved most of all was making memories with his family.

John was preceded in death by his parents, Frances and Alton Eugene Watson; grandparents, Verna and John Watson and Lee and Bob Henderson; parents-in-law, Vauda and TJ Golson; brother-in-law, Mickey Cowan.

John is survived by his wife of 51 years, Janice; 3 children, Rebecca Schiller (Chris), Barry Watson (Kelly), and Chelsi Wallingford (Jim); 7 grandchildren, Watson and Cash Schiller, Caroline and Lily Watson, and George, John Theodore, and James Wallingford- all of Muskogee, OK. Brother, Al Watson (Joyce) of Enid, OK; and brother, David Watson (Lynda) of Ramona, CA; Sister-in-law, Vauda Cowan of Ada, OK; along with many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins. The family would like to give special thanks to the excellent team of caregivers that worked selflessly for over five years to provide the best of care for John.

A service to honor the life of John Watson will be held at noon on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, at the Muskogee Church of Christ. Interment will be immediately following at Green Hill Cemetery. Friends may wish to remember

John by donating to Hilldale Education Foundation Endowment Fund, P.O.
Box 307, Muskogee, OK. 74403.

Cemetery Details

Greenhill Cemetery

1500 N. York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403

Previous Events

Service

JAN 12. 12:00 PM (CT)

Muskogee Church Of Christ
3206 N. York St.
Muskogee, OK 74403

Tribute Wall



“ *John Lee Watson*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *What a loss, he was a great man.. I worked for John & Janice for several years.. They are & will be great teachers of life, tuff, kind, giving, loving, educating, compassionate their gift of giving will continue in my life til the end.. The world has lost a fine man here on earth but a great angel in heaven.. My love to Janice & his entire family..*

Shari Mohr - January 13, 2022 at 07:13 AM



“ *To Barry, Kelly and family~ our prayers of comfort and peace to surround all of you, celebrating the wonderful life of your Dad. May you find joy in knowing he walks In wholeness, and has received his rewards from our Savior! God Bless the Watson family!*

MaryAnne Damico - January 12, 2022 at 04:34 PM



“ *Janice, Barry, Becky and Chelsea, I want you to know that you are in my prayers. I have been sick and can't attend the service for John. I became like family when I worked at Economy Pharmacy. I will never forget these lessons I learned and the memories I made there. I will continue to pray for your family during this time, what a legacy John is.*

Carla (Barber)Stovall

Carla Stovall - January 12, 2022 at 12:32 PM

DD

“ Will always remember John's smile. Heaven gained another angel. Prayers to family



Dee Dunn - January 12, 2022 at 10:02 AM

MG

“ Montgomery's and Greuell's purchased the Fairest of All for the family of John Lee Watson.



Montgomery's and Greuell's - January 11, 2022 at 03:55 PM



“ Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of John Lee Watson.



January 11, 2022 at 02:52 PM

JH

“ He was a great person. He was so kind to me years ago when my first husband passed away. God bless him and his family. He will be missed.

Jo Ann Hart - January 11, 2022 at 02:40 PM

JJ

“ I will NEVER forget when my mom had a Dr appointment in Tulsa at 6:00am and when we arrived at 5:45am IN TULSA John Watson was there in his white pharmacy coat smiling REAL BIG offering Hugs! Man this guy was a GENEROUS SOLDIER for God!

John Johnson - January 11, 2022 at 02:40 PM

JM

“ John and Misha purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John Lee Watson.



John and Misha - January 11, 2022 at 02:36 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Lee Watson.



January 11, 2022 at 11:25 AM

LS

“ My heart goes out to the family. He was an amazing man, great servant for God's kingdom, wonderful family man, and one who blessed all who knew him or even met him. He will be greatly missed!

Linda Satterfield

Linda Satterfield - January 11, 2022 at 10:46 AM



“ *Will Beckman purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John Lee Watson.*



Will Beckman - January 11, 2022 at 10:08 AM



“ *Our love, Matt, Linda & John McClain purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of John Lee Watson.*



Our love, Matt, Linda & John McClain - January 11, 2022 at 07:05 AM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of John Lee Watson.*



January 11, 2022 at 01:27 AM



“ *John was a man of Honor. He treated my Mom with kindness. If she was between paychecks he would let her charge her medicine until she got paid when he first opened his Pharmacy. He was the nicest person.*



Stacy Dunn - January 11, 2022 at 01:03 AM

JD

“ Mark and Johnna Downing are praying for Janice and her family at this time! With great respect we thank John Watson for all he did for Hilldale Schools!

johnna Downing and Mark Downing - January 10, 2022 at 09:19 PM

PD

“ Such wonderful memories I have of my friendship with John. We met at the VA Medical Center when he did his pharmacy internship. He then was hired as a pharmacist. John also coached our women's softball team!! He was a wonderful caring person!! Rest in peace John.....we will miss you!!

Phyllis Derrick - January 10, 2022 at 07:51 PM

TN

“ From the day we met at the School of Pharmacy OU. He not only has been my fellow Pharmacist but my cherished friend. I loved him as a brother. A T Nachtigall

Tharyn Nachtigall - January 10, 2022 at 07:38 PM

BJ

“ Bill and Shelly Johnson purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John Lee Watson.



Bill and Shelly Johnson - January 10, 2022 at 04:08 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Lee Watson.* ”



January 10, 2022 at 01:18 PM