



## Billy Joe Watson

September 17, 1939 - July 31, 2019

Billy Joe Watson passed away July 31, 2019 at his home in Kingston. Joe was a member of Kingston United Methodist Church. He was born in Blanche, Alabama on September 17, 1939. His family moved to Oak Ridge in 1952, and then moved to Kingston in 1955. He was in the Army from 1962-1964 and then moved to Atlanta where he worked at General Motors Assembly Plant. In 1969 he moved back to Kingston and went to work at Union Carbide at the K-25 Plant. His jobs consisted of: 1) Cascade Operator; 2) Cascade Supervisor - Production Operations; 3) Cascade Coordinator; 4) Plant Shift Superintendent (PSS); and 5) a member of the K-25 "Tiger" Team, this team was responsible for making sure the plant was always in compliance with Department of Energy (DOE) regulations and worked with all DOE audit groups that came to inspect the plant. Joe loved most sports and really enjoyed NASCAR. He was an avid fan of University of Tennessee sports, especially football, basketball and baseball and he enjoyed watching the Lady Vols basketball and softball. He traveled all over the SEC to football games as well as many home games with his brother-in-law Larry Finch, also loved going to many NASCAR races, especially Talladega and Bristol. He really enjoyed watching the Little League World Series as well as the College Baseball World Series and the Women's College World Series. Joe enjoyed fishing and loved his many fishing trips with his close friend Danny Jones. Danny and his wife Peggy would take Joe riding to back roads and places he had not seen, and Joe always looked forward to those trips. Joe had a great sense of humor and always had a

quick quip to throw at you. He loved laughter, and if you were with him only a few minutes he would have you laughing. Joe was preceded in death by his parents Glynn and Ruby Lewis Watson, as well as his dear sister Elizabeth (Liz) Finch, his brother-in-law James (Jimmy) Weaver, and his nephew Michael Benton. He is survived by his sister Glenda Watson and his brother-in-law Larry Finch. Nephews and nieces include Wayne Finch, Kevin Finch, Denise Benton, Jayne and Ken Atkins, Sharon and Brian Davis, Karen and Eric Gibbons, and Cynthia and Trevor Trout. His special friends include Danny and Peggy Jones, Terry and Charity Robbins, Wayne and Margaret Childs, Robert and Glenda Buttram, Mary Browder, Troy Beets, and Chase Lewis. Special thanks to Maureen Stokes and nurses Tobye Lowe, Renee Smith, and Taylor Jones for their support and care. The family will receive friends from 12:30 until 2:00 pm Tuesday, August 6, 2019 at the Kyker Funeral Home in Kingston with the funeral service to follow at 2:00 pm in the Kyker Chapel. Entombment at Kingston Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorial donations to the American Cancer Society 871 North Weisgarber Road Knoxville, TN 37909.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 6. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Kyker Funeral Homes  
OUR KINGSTON CHAPEL  
PO Box 69, 350 W Race St  
Kingston, TN 37763  
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## Funeral Service

AUG 6. 2:00 PM (ET)

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## Entombment

AUG 6 (ET)

Kingston Memorial Gardens  
123 Oak Drive  
Kingston, TN 37763

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kyker Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Billy Joe Watson* ”



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**Kyker Funeral Home** - August 05, 2019 at 04:41 PM



“ *93 files added to the album Life Tributes* ”



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**Kyker Funeral Home** - August 05, 2019 at 04:30 PM

BS

“ I have known Joe Watson, his younger sister (Liz) and older sister (Glenda) since they move to Kingston TN. in 56. Joe and I spent many hours together as two and then others in his class as a group. I was a yr. behind this crew but must have fit in as all were basically crazy. Crazy in the fact---all these guys were intelligent, fun to be around, were all plain survivors with the main reason being---all enjoyed life with out worrying too much about tomorrow. All did consider the day after tomorrow however as all turned out to be successful in their own way---no one held their hand in the process.

*For Joe himself, he was one of the most laid back humans with a very dry comeback or quip I have ever know. If Joe told you something he would do, fear not it was always done.*

*Will miss you Joe Watson as all the others that every had the pleasure of your presence.*

*Moe*

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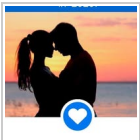
**Bob Schrock** - August 04, 2019 at 05:28 PM

JA

“ Oh, How we love our Uncle Joe. We miss him so already! He is forever in our hearts.

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**Jayne Atkins** - August 03, 2019 at 01:48 PM



“ So sorry for your loss



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**Sherry Miller** - August 03, 2019 at 12:35 PM

NL

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Nina Johnson and Chase Lewis - August 03, 2019 at 11:28 AM

CL

*Mr. Joe, He was always there for me. He was a Father and Grand Father figure. and my "BEST BUDDY". He helped me with homework, and Danny and Mr. Joe taught me to fish. He always remembered my birthday and ALWAYS fed me REESESES...LOL. He was always happy and laughing, even when I tried scaring him on the lawn mower the first time I met him. The stories I can tell but now they are just my memories forever. I will always remember and miss you JOE! Until we meet again make sure you watch out for them snakes !!! Love You, Chase Lewis*

Chase Lewis - August 03, 2019 at 11:59 AM

DJ

“ Joe will be sadly missed, but will always be in our hearts.  
Danny & Peggy

Danny Jones - August 02, 2019 at 08:30 PM