



## George Douglas Watson

November 13, 1957 - August 8, 2023

Husband, father, and friend George Douglas Watson (Tuffy) passed away peacefully on 8/8/2023 surrounded by loved ones at the age of 65.

In 1976 Doug met the love of his life Linda while circling the A&W in his hot rod and 3 years later they decided to get married and started their life together. They spent 44 wonderful years together.

Starting his career in public service in 1982, Doug served the people of Sweetwater and Monroe County for 37 years through the way of police officer, detective, fire chief, sheriff, and county commissioner.

As the true sportsman he was, Doug loved the outdoors. Whether it was listening to a rabbit race with his prized beagles or claiming the trophy buck he was able to find joy in every aspect of God's creation.

Doug was a proud member of Lodge no. 280 of the Independent Order of OddFellows and former member of the Fraternal Order of Police, the Fire Chief Association, and the Sheriff's Association.

Doug is survived by his wife Linda; children Angela, Craig, Shane, and Alexa; his grandchildren Hunter, Lilah, and Oliver which he loved very much, along with his siblings Debbie, Betty, Essie and Timmy and many others close

friends. He was once known as Sheriff but his proudest name he went by was Pops.

Doug's life will be celebrated on Thursday 8/10/2023 with a receiving of friends from 5PM to 7PM at Fairview Baptist Tabernacle Church with the celebration of life service to begin at 7:00P.M., with Rev. Denny Moore officiating. He will be laid to rest the following day on Friday 8/11/2023 at 11AM in the Sweetwater Memorial Park in Sweetwater. In leu of flowers please donate to the Dementia Society of America. Special thanks to those at Adoration Hospice.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **10.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Fairview Baptist Tabernacle Church  
112 Key Kile Rd  
Sweetwater, TN 37874

## Celebration of Life

AUG **10.** 7:00 PM (ET)

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## Interment

AUG **11.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Sweetwater Memorial Park  
1838 Hwy 11 N  
Sweetwater, TN 37874

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kyker Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of George Douglas Watson*



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**Kyker Funeral Home** - August 09, 2023 at 12:37 PM

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“ *Doug was a great friend. I remember when he was sheriff he would come to the junkyard. He said talking to Donald Lankford always lowered his blood pressure. We enjoyed his visits.*



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**Christine Lankford** - August 13, 2023 at 10:59 AM

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*Deepest sympathy to his family*

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**Christine Lankford** - August 13, 2023 at 11:00 AM

SD

“ *Doug and I attended the Tennessee Law Enforcement Academy for 8 weeks together back in the early 80's and I got to know him well. I was with the Athens TN city police department while Doug was with Monroe Co sheriff's office. I did not know of his passing until today this afternoon August 11, 2023. It was a privilege to have known him and I know he will be missed by many. My condolences go out to his family. Steve Denny*

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**Steve Denny** - August 11, 2023 at 06:03 PM

TS

“ I remember him coming too the sweetwater city schools and showing us not too be afraid of cops or the sherriff i loved him and he is going too be missed praying for the family



Tracy Schmitt - August 11, 2023 at 05:57 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of George Douglas Watson.



August 10, 2023 at 12:58 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of George Douglas Watson.

August 10, 2023 at 12:58 PM

JS

“ I will always call him Sheriff. Doug took a chance on me in 1994. I was just a young rookie and had not been to the Academy. I worked for Sheriff Watson for the whole 12 years he was in office. I will always have a tremendous respect for Sheriff Watson. The world lost a good man.

God Speed Sheriff

Jim Shaw - August 10, 2023 at 12:52 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of George Douglas Watson.*



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August 10, 2023 at 09:14 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of George Douglas Watson.*



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August 10, 2023 at 08:34 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of George Douglas Watson.*

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August 10, 2023 at 08:34 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of George Douglas Watson.*



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August 09, 2023 at 11:46 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of George Douglas Watson.*



August 09, 2023 at 05:12 PM



“ *Doug was about family, community and friends. He was a wonderful husband, father and brother. He did so much for others no one ever knew about. He will be sadly missed. Our family love him and will miss him.*

*Beverly, Jackie and Dale*

**beverlyclowers** - August 09, 2023 at 12:52 PM



“ *60 files added to the album LifeTributes*



**Kyker Funeral Home** - August 09, 2023 at 12:36 PM

CS

“ Sending prayers for comfort in the days ahead. Heaven gained a Good Man! Tim & Cheryl Smith - Niota, TN

Cheryl Smith - August 09, 2023 at 11:08 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of George Douglas Watson.



August 08, 2023 at 11:08 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of George Douglas Watson.



August 08, 2023 at 09:09 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of George Douglas Watson.

August 08, 2023 at 09:09 PM

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“ Not only was Doug my cousin, He was one of the best friends iever had.

Don & Emma White - August 08, 2023 at 07:38 PM

KA

“ *Linda & family, Essie, Debbie, I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers for comfort & peace. A friend from 2nd shift Gemtron, Gail Adams.*



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**Karen Gail Adams** - August 08, 2023 at 04:57 PM