



Cordell M. Watson

November 26, 1924 - May 17, 2017

Cordell M. Watson of St. James, Missouri passed away Wednesday, May 17, 2017 peacefully at the Missouri Veterans Home in St. James, Missouri, surrounded by his family. Born in Cook Station, Missouri to the late Manche and Vivian (Williams) Watson on November 26, 1924, Cordell was a caring and kind man who touched the lives of many in the St. James community. Cordell married the love of his life, Miss Dormalee Foster on May 21, 1949, this union was blessed with one son.

Cordell proudly served his Country in the United States Navy during WWII. After his military career he came home to Missouri, moved to St. Louis and went into business for himself opening gas stations around the city. After selling the stations he and Dormalee settled into St. James where they opened and operated Watson's Shoe Store. Cordell was a longtime member of the First Christian Church of St. James. He was very active in the St. James community receiving his first Citizen of the year award on December 20, 1978 presented by the Lions Club for service to the Betterment of the Community, than on January 20, 2004 he and Dormalee were presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award given by the St. James Chamber of Commerce for their work and support of the Chamber; he also joined the Masonic Lodge, the South Central Shrine Club, lifetime member of the VFW, Past President of the St. James Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce, St. James Golf Club; Chairman of Construction of Nelson Hart park, the St.

James Bicentennial, and the St. James Tree Planting Program. The most important role that Cordell took on in his life was that of being a dad and grandfather, and just maybe he didn't have the "star" athletes as grandchildren, it didn't stop Cordell of attending EVERY single T-ball game, or sporting event that they participated in, there on the bleachers sat Dormalee and Cordell offering their own cheering section to those boys. He adored his grandchildren and was so proud of their accomplishments. He was an exceptional husband, father, grandfather, brother, community leader, and friend to all, he will be greatly missed by all that knew and loved him.

Cordell M. Watson is survived by his devoted wife of 67 years, Dormalee, of St. James, MO; son, Dr. Steve Watson and wife Beth, of Salem, MO; grandsons, Dr. Matthew Watson and Dr. Michael Watson, of St. Louis, MO; sister, Cordean Watson, of St. Louis, MO.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, May 19, 2017 at the St. James Chapel of the James & Gahr Mortuary with Pastor Rick Mosher officiating.

Music selections will be done by Alan and Kathy Wynn. Bob Wilson will be doing the Eulogy. Internment with Full Military Honors will be at Cedar Grove Cemetery in Salem, Missouri with Mike Wolff, Don Wolff, Fred Davis, Vernon Miller, Tom Cox and David Keeney serving as Pallbearers and Otto Lottman, Larry Gargus, Ralph Davis, and Bruce Wilson serving as Honorary Pallbearers. Visitation for family and friends will be held at the Chapel prior to the service on Friday, May 19, 2017 from 10:00AM until service time at 11:30AM. A Masonic service will be at 11:00AM. Memorials are suggested to DCAWS (Dent County Animal Welfare Society) cards are available at all James & Gahr locations.

Cemetery Details

Cedar Grove Cemetery

Salem, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 19. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

James & Gahr Mortuary - St. James

117 Seymour St.

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Masonic Service

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Military Honors

MAY 19. 12:45 PM (CT)

Cedar Grove Cemetery
Salem, MO

Tribute Wall



“ *Cordell M. Watson*

January 30, 2023 at 04:37 AM



“ *Cordell M. Watson*

January 30, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ *Jeff Duvall lit a candle in memory of Cordell M. Watson*



Jeff Duvall - May 19, 2017 at 01:56 PM



He was a great person my mom Barbara used to work for him selling shoes

Jeff Duvall - May 19, 2017 at 01:58 PM



“ *So sorry for your lost. He was a great person my mom Barbara Wirth used to sell shoes at his store.*

Jeff Duvall - May 19, 2017 at 01:50 PM

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“ *It was an honor caring for cordell..He truly was an amazing guy who we shared a birthday together..He will be missed by many..Prayers and hugs to all the family..So sorry I wasn't able to make it Steve..but know I will never forget your dad..He was one of a kind..*



letha nichols - May 19, 2017 at 01:47 PM

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Cordell we will so miss our Ray of sunshine u made a girl smile all time luv to your family thank u for sharing your daddy with us :(

Joan - May 21, 2017 at 08:23 AM