



John Harlan Watson

January 23, 1928 - September 8, 2012

John Harlan Watson, 84, of Zephyrhills, Florida, died Saturday, September 8, 2012. Mr. Watson was born January 23, 1928 in Earlington, Kentucky, the son of Jefferson and Ruth (Rushing) Watson. Mr. Watson retired from Consumers Power in 1990 as a Electrical Serviceman. He was a member and Past Master of Masonic Lodge #179 F&AM of Grand Ledge, Michigan and attended Zephyrhills Christian Church in Zephyrhills. John enjoyed golfing and seeing things grow in his garden. Friends and family could always count on him to help with handyman work. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Esther (VanWestrienen); sons, Philip (Cecylia) Watson of Niles, Michigan, Gary (Louise) Watson of Port Charlotte, Florida; daughter, Patricia (Bill) Amey of Claremore, Oklahoma, 7 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Alan Watson and siblings J.R., Joe, Clint, Clyde, Cliff, Arnold, Watson and sister Catharine. Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m., Friday, September 14, 2012 at Pray Funeral Home with Pastor Jim Vanderschuur officiating. Interment will be at Oakwood Cemetery in Grand Ledge, Michigan. Visitation will be Thursday, September 13, 2012 from 2:00 – 4:00 and 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte. If desired, memorial contributions may be made to a Hospice organization of your choice, Arrangements by Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.prayfuneral.com

Tribute Wall



“ *In honor of my Grandpa.* ”



Karen Marie - October 22, 2014 at 02:03 PM

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“ I was lucky and got to spend a little bit of time with my grandpa before he passed away. He had a lot he wanted to share with me, that he wanted to share with everyone. As he neared the end of his life grandpa spoke of love and beauty and appreciating all the many blessings we have received, especially those that came in the form of our loved ones. I’d like to share some of his words: “We got the best family every- I really do; “You should always try to be kind to people. There is no need to ever hurt anyone, it don’t take but a fleeting thought to keep from doing someone harm.” “There is so much beauty in the world that people don’t see, especially in the people you love; “I love you all so much; “Count your blessings-you should always count your blessings”. In all my memories of my grandpa, he encouraged hard work and dedication and taking care of your health and loving your family and helping people. Most he wanted us all to love and appreciate each other. I have so much more I could share..... In honor of my grandpa John Watson’s life and in honor of the lessons he tried to teach me. I will try to live my best life. I will try to keep in touch with my extended family-family was so important to him. I will take care of my health-he expressed so much encouragement of my goals to be active. I will tell the people in my life how much they mean to me. I will try to help my fellow human beings when opportunities arise to do so. And I will stop and appreciate and take the time to see the beauty all around me- especially I the people I love” Thank you for all you gave me grandpa. I love you and know you won’t be far. I promise to finish the “Watson Family” book. Karen Marie

Karen Marie - September 17, 2012 at 11:36 PM

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“ May God welcome Uncle John with open arms and give comfort to those left behind. We will always love you Uncle John and will look forward to seeing you again someday in heaven. Hugs and kisses you aunt Ester and family. Sincerely, Jill, Gustavo, Kelly, Kaitlyn, and Andrew.

Gustavo & Jill Hennessey & Children - September 13, 2012 at 08:57 PM

RS

“ John was one of my favorite uncles. Our family has appreciated so much all he has done for our Mom and Dad. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with you.

Rev. Jim Vander Schuur - September 13, 2012 at 01:56 PM

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“ Bill & Patty, So sorry to hear of your loss and I pray God will grant you and your family the peace to continue your journey in life. Lorrie

Lorrie Lesser - September 12, 2012 at 12:30 PM

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“ Aunt Esther and Family, My thoughts and prayers are with you. Since talking to sister Tena, I have had alot of sweet memories of you and Uncle John. He was a wonderful man who loved the Lord.. He was a testimony to everyone he came in contact with. My love is with you. Mary Kerber Brinks

mary kerber brinks - September 12, 2012 at 11:33 AM

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“ Some things I remember about grandpa...swimming pool, swings, cinnamon, flicka, walnut tree, riding the tractor,go-carts, mini bike, working in the garden, diggin taters, target shooting, ice fishing, yellow chevy pickup, 8 track player, dart board, bucket truck rides, batting cages, mini golf, going to the fair, parades, driving to Florida, K.I.Sawyer AF base, first golf club set, Olivet country club, Lattimer GC, the way you said Iowa- œl-O-Wayœ, playing catch, throwing footballs, surprising us at our reception, loving and teaching your great-grandchildren. One day when I am gone, I hope I have influenced one person the way you have me and so many others. You were a great man. You will truly be missed and we love you very much. Philip John Watson

Philip J Watson - September 12, 2012 at 01:43 AM

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“ We are praying for Aunt Esther and all of her family . May you find peace and know God is always near . We will miss Uncle John very much . But we know he is at rest with his Lord. Love all the VanderSchoor's and Aunt Marcella, too.

Vander Schoor Family - September 11, 2012 at 05:29 PM