



## Buddy Watson

September 11, 1978 - July 22, 2019

Alfred Buddy Watson of Vanndale, Arkansas, died on Monday, July 22, 2019, at the NEA Baptist in Jonesboro, Arkansas.

Buddy was born on September 11, 1978, in West Memphis, Arkansas. Buddy loved his family, especially his children, Kayla and Caidan. He was an avid LSU fan and loved to cook. He was a 1997 graduate of Cross High School. His childhood dream was to work in Law Enforcement. He started his law enforcement career with Cherry Valley Police Department, served as Constable for Searcy Township, Cross County Sheriff Office, and Bureau of Prisons in Louisiana and Arkansas.

He is survived by his daughter, Kayla Watson of Keiser, Arkansas, son, Caidan Melder of Louisiana, as well as his immediate family, Bill and Billie Hinchey, Gary and Donna Nickles, Matthew and Jeni Abbott and their sons, Eli and Sy Morris, Austin Abbott, Jared and Erin Caldwell and their daughter Lucy, Cody and Bailey Nickles, JoAnn Lewis and a host of cousins. He is also survived by six siblings, Missy Watson Hicks, Theresa Hannah, Trish Williams, Bobby Watson, Rick Knight, and Greg Pratt .

He was preceded in death by his father, Buddy Watson, mother, Debbie Marcum, sister, Cindy Watson, and cousin, Alice Anne Caldwell.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, July 25, 2019, at Kernodle Funeral Home from 6 to 8 PM. Funeral services will be held on Friday, July 26, 2019, at Kernodle Funeral Home at 11 am with a United States Flag presentation by the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **25.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Kernodle Funeral Home  
315-325 E. Union Avenue  
Wynne, AR 72396  
(870) 238-2323  
kernodlefuneralhome@gmail.com  
<https://www.kernodlefh.com/>

## Funeral service

JUL **26.** 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

AW

“ *Ashli Watson lit a candle in memory of Buddy Watson*



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**Ashli Watson** - May 26, 2022 at 02:36 PM

AW

“ *1 file added to the album Buddy Watson's Life*



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**Ashli Watson** - May 26, 2022 at 02:32 PM

JO

“ *I met Watson at work(Pollock), He was great dude! Always there and always helpful! He will be surely missed! Fly High Watson!*



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**John** - August 05, 2019 at 12:37 PM

AW

“ 1 file added to the album *Buddy Watson's Life*



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**Ashli Watson** - July 29, 2019 at 10:56 AM

AW

“ *Buddy, you will forever be in my heart. I know we had our ups and downs, but you will be remembered in my heart by the love we shared. I find comfort in knowing that you will you always be with me and our children. Kayla and Caidan will miss their daddy so much. You could always make them babies smile and laugh. I wish things could have been different. If I could speak to you one last time, I would tell you that I'm sorry. Fly high and watch over us. We love you.*

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**Ashli Watson** - July 29, 2019 at 10:43 AM

JB

“ *Jennifer Besse lit a candle in memory of Buddy Watson*



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**Jennifer Besse** - July 27, 2019 at 12:34 AM

FJ

“Buddy you was a great friend and a great neighbor. Quinn & I will surely miss waving at you and talking to you. We looked after each other when one of us was gone . That's what friends are about looking after each other. We will surely miss you. Fly high my friend.

Freda Jones - July 25, 2019 at 08:54 PM

FJ

“Freda Jones lit a candle in memory of Buddy Watson



Freda Jones - July 25, 2019 at 08:49 PM

CC

“Wherever a beautiful soul has been, there is a trail of beautiful memories.” Buddy, you will be truly missed. I will cherish all the good times and laughs we had as co-workers, as well as, FRIENDS. My sincere condolences to the entire family. RIP BUDDY....Chat



Carmillia Chatters - July 25, 2019 at 03:59 PM

MH

“ I will forever miss you Boo, I'll never forget when we first met . You was in high school and playing football. I thought I had a baby brother, lord you was my big baby brother. You picked me up and squeezed me so tight. And I did you. We wrote letters for years and we lost connection living our own lives. The last time we really talked is 10-15-18 I was going to treatment. You encouraged me all the way. And thank you it meant a lot. I wished we would have stayed in touch and I'm so sorry I didn't. I'll forever cherish the memories we do have. Fly high baby brother and take care of daddy and Cindy. Till we meet again 🙏🙏🙏



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**Missy Watson Hicks** - July 25, 2019 at 01:16 PM

CD

“ People go there own direction in life and we lose touch. Will never forget all the laughs we had working together. Buddy always had a beautiful smile.



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**Chris & Chrissy Damron** - July 25, 2019 at 01:36 AM

LW

“ Buddy Watson was always a great joy to work with

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**laurie weyant** - July 24, 2019 at 10:36 PM

LG

“ I remember the first day I met Watson at FCC Pollock; he told me he was new to Pollock and seemed determined to prove he was a hard worker. He was never far away during a crisis and saved me on one occasion from an assault for sure. Watson was a dedicated employee-always there to help with anything going on. If he knew you had a problem that he couldn't fix, he let you know he would be praying for you. He always had a story about Kayla and Caidan and loved them dearly. Prayers for Kayla and Caidan and their mothers as well as his family and other friends. Watson will be missed by the BOP and his many friends in the BOP.

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**Lisa Gauthier** - July 24, 2019 at 10:35 PM

AW

Thank you for the sweet words Ms Gauthier.

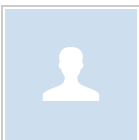
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**Ashli Watson** - July 29, 2019 at 04:07 PM



“ Sandra Raper lit a candle in memory of Buddy Watson



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**Sandra Raper** - July 24, 2019 at 10:29 PM



“ Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for the family of Buddy Watson.



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July 24, 2019 at 09:15 PM

TW

“ Little brother how I wished we lived closer. I fell in love with you when we met you were 5 and I 18, and you were the cutest thing and you calling me sista how I wish we could of been closer and spent time together rest in peace Love you your big sista Patty Ann

Trish Williams - July 24, 2019 at 09:13 PM

CM

Met Buddy when he was about 18. He was a great help to us when we bought the shop from his Uncle Bill. He was still in school but worked for us til he was 21. He helped us to learn the business and we'll always be grateful for that. He was always smiling and full of fun. So sorry to lose him so soon. RIP Buddy. You will be missed by everyone that knew you. Prayers for the family.

Charles and Helen McCoy - July 25, 2019 at 06:15 PM

PB

“ Prayers for Buddy's family and friends.

Pamela Brooks - July 24, 2019 at 09:05 PM



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



July 24, 2019 at 08:08 PM



Theresa  
Hannah

“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



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**Theresa Hannah** - July 24, 2019 at 07:48 PM



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Hannah

“ 2 files added to the album *Buddy Watson's Life*



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**Theresa Hannah** - July 24, 2019 at 07:46 PM



Theresa  
Hannah

“ *Theresa Hannah purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Buddy Watson.*



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**Theresa Hannah** - July 24, 2019 at 07:31 PM



Theresa  
Hannah

“ *Dear Little Brother,  
We've said we would make time and the time had got away. We never thought for one moment it would come to this day. We never got to meet and I never touched your face. God decided it was your time and he took you in his grace. I will always have your pictures and the thought of meeting you in my heart. One day I'll get to meet you and we'll never be apart. Give a big hug and say hello to Cindy and our Dad. For those of us left behind here, our hearts are very sad. We know you're in the best place, there will ever be. For all that ails you, you are now forever free. Dear Little Brother know that you're so very loved. I wish I could wrap my arms around you and give you a BIG HUG.  
Love, Your Big Sis. ~ Tree*

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**Theresa Hannah** - July 24, 2019 at 07:21 PM