



## Dr. Edward M. Watson DDS, MS.

January 4, 1941 - March 2, 2023

Dr. Edward M. Watson DDS, MS. age 82, of New Martinsville, WV, passed away Thursday, March 2, 2023, at the home of his son in Spencer, WV. He was born January 4, 1941, in Pine Grove, WV, the son of the late Harry Milburn and Mildred Isabelle Ellks Watson.

Ed attended Pine Grove High School, West Virginia Wesleyan College, and the WVU School of Dentistry where he specialized in Orthodontics. He then briefly taught at the Dental School and practiced orthodontics in New Martinsville for 35 years.

He was a U. S. Air Force Vietnam Veteran. He served as a member and president of the Wetzel County Board of Education, as a member and president of the Wetzel County Hospital Board of Directors, and as Vice-President of the Magnolia High School Athletic Boosters. He was a founding member of the Lewis Wetzel Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation. He was active in 4-H where he achieved the highest honor of 4-H All Star, served as a club leader, and traveled to Israel as an International Exchange student.

Ed loved to hunt and fish. In particular, he was an avid turkey hunter, as well as squirrel and grouse. Not only did he successfully harvest 237 wild turkeys, he completed the turkey hunting "grand slam" three times. He also enjoyed sharing his passion for hunting and is responsible for all four of his children's, and many other friends', first turkeys. While his family and friends mourn his death, we are confident that the wild turkeys of WV are taking a celebratory

sigh of relief.

Most importantly, Ed loved Jesus and put his eternal faith in Him. He loved to lead his family in prayer and saying grace (always while holding hands). He was a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church where he served as a Deacon and was a living example of the Golden Rule.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by 3 sisters.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Joyce Watson; his daughter, Emily (Mark) Werle of Harmony, PA; three sons, Brent (Cami) Watson of Spencer, WV, David (Jodi) Watson of Morgantown, WV, and Josh (Ali) Watson of Columbus, OH; 13 grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Family will receive friends on Friday, March 10, 2023, from 5-8 pm and Saturday from 11 am until a service celebrating his life and faith at 12:00 pm at the Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, 751 Third St., New Martinsville, WV, with Rev. Dennis Bills officiating.

Private graveside services will be held with military honors in Northview Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Trinity Presbyterian Church, 307 McEldowny Ave, New Martinsville WV, 26155, or to the Lewis Wetzel chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation scholarship fund c/o Terry Heinzman 110 Church St. Paden City, WV 26159.

# Cemetery Details

## Northview Cemetery

219 N. State Rt. 2  
New Martinsville, WV 26155

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 10. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home - New Martinsville  
751 Third Street  
New Martinsville, WV 26155  
(304) 455-1800  
<https://www.grisellfuneralhomes.com/>

## Visitation

MAR 11. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home - New Martinsville  
751 Third Street  
New Martinsville, WV 26155  
(304) 455-1800  
<https://www.grisellfuneralhomes.com/>

## Funeral Service

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MAR 11. 12:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home - New Martinsville

751 Third Street

New Martinsville, WV 26155

(304) 455-1800

<https://www.grisellfuneralhomes.com/>

# Tribute Wall

JC

“ My link with Ed was a bit different from that of most of those who have posted memories and condolences, but after reading through them reaffirmation of what I instinctively already knew came readily. I met him through the world of turkey hunting when he attended multiple events (combinations of hunts, some questionable instruction from me, and simple camaraderie while those dentists and physicians present also got some professional advancement training) where I was present. We hit it off immediately, and while I'm not sure I had much if anything to offer him in the way of turkey wisdom, there was no doubt whatsoever that he was the real deal as a hunter and a man.

*I treasured his friendship, the occasional chats and e-mails, and hope that his loved ones will find some solace in realization that Ed was a man who made his mark during his earthly days.*

*Jim Casada*

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**Jim Casada** - March 07, 2024 at 07:10 PM

DH

“ *Condolences to All Family and Friends.*

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**Dana J Hall** - March 12, 2023 at 12:21 AM

BW

“It’s hard to put into words how much Nancy and I and will miss our dear Christian friend and brother. His care for us through texts and emails always began with, ‘How is Nancy and how are you?’. His wonderful, humble prayers of thanksgiving for the offerings at Trinity demonstrated his love and commitment to his Lord and Savior. He was, is and will always be a beloved friend as he spends eternity praising and rejoicing in his Heavenly Father. Bob and Nancy Wildeman

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**Bob and Nancy Wildeman** - March 11, 2023 at 09:48 AM

MS

“Joyce and all the Watson Family. With a heavy heart I am writing this. We became very close friends with Ed. Its been almost 17 years ago when he allowed us to buy his prized cabin in Wise Acres Rd for our future retirement home. Allowing us move back to WV from FL when we retired. He always said the cabin was the closest thing to the mountains. He would always ask what projects we had done to the cabin on our trips up from FL the first several years of ownership and always wanted to come and see them. He knew we were as passionate as he was about the cabin. I grew up in a Carbide family as well as Ed and also Joyce. We were supposed to emulate Ed. Not many people did and not many people could. He set the bar very high. We will deeply miss him and his visits to his/our prized cabin. Joyce, please know that we deeply appreciate everything that you and Ed have done for us. Thoughts and prayers to Joyce and all the Watson Family. Mike and Debbie Shuman

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**Michael and Debra Shuman** - March 10, 2023 at 08:33 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Edward M. Watson DDS, MS..*



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March 10, 2023 at 08:29 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Dr. Edward M. Watson DDS, MS..*



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March 10, 2023 at 08:27 AM



“ *Our daughter in law Emily's father and one of those people you just plain like the moment you meet. Confident, intelligent, comfortable with who he was. No bragging, no grandstanding, reassuring in his ways..just plain easy to appreciate and be with. The fact that Ed was an excellent hunter made conversation easier and fun. With utmost respect for his service to Country, Family, and God - a fine man who will be greatly missed. Sincerely, Mr. & Mrs. Ed Werle*

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**edwin werle** - March 09, 2023 at 11:20 AM



*A wonderful human being, loved and respected by a lot of families in this area. May God comfort your family. The family of Junior Collins*

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**Bonnie Collins** - March 09, 2023 at 10:22 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Edward M. Watson DDS, MS..*



March 09, 2023 at 10:56 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dr. Edward M. Watson DDS, MS..*



March 09, 2023 at 10:36 AM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Edward M. Watson DDS, MS..*



March 08, 2023 at 08:13 PM



“ *First Baptist Church of Spencer purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Dr. Edward M. Watson DDS, MS..*



**First Baptist Church of Spencer** - March 08, 2023 at 02:28 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Edward M. Watson DDS, MS..*



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March 08, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Edward M. Watson DDS, MS..*



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March 08, 2023 at 10:49 AM



“ *Doc was a very good friend to may dad "Dutch" Kiggans. Being Short Liners they had a life long friendship and we were very grateful Ed was with him numerous times in his last few years! We are sorry for your loss, he was a great man and will be missed!*

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**Scot** - March 08, 2023 at 08:46 AM



“ *Emily  
I am so sorry for the loss of your father*

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**Betty Ann Mitchell-Thomas** - March 08, 2023 at 03:00 AM

TF

“ Eddie and I were childhood friends. His family would visit my family on Money Hill. Eddie and I had great fun playing in the hayloft of the barn. Family visits were the best. His Mother always remembered to bring me armloads of magazines for my entertainment. Eddie will be missed by all. Thomas Fankhouser

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**Thomas Fankhouser** - March 07, 2023 at 10:26 PM

SP

“ He was my dentist put my braces did a awesome job he was great at what he did then I learned later on that he was a great friend to my father truly blessed that I had an opportunity to know him God Bless so sorry for the family

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**Sherry j.scott price** - March 07, 2023 at 07:48 PM

SC

“ We have never met a kinder soul. Looked forward to seeing him every spring at Wise Acres to look at the trilliums and sometimes compliment our forsythia. He simply loved nature. Rest easy, Ed.

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**Sarah and Randy Crow** - March 07, 2023 at 07:00 PM

RP

“ My sincerest condolences to Emily, Josh, and the entire Watson family on the loss of Mr. Watson.

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**Robby Parsons** - March 07, 2023 at 04:37 PM

CD

“ Eddie, was one of the most loving Christian man I knew. When growing up in Pine Grove, he always was friendly to everyone. He drove past my house to go to his friend Larry Huggins house and always waved and made a girl, age 8, feel so special, that someone his age would take the time to acknowledge me. My Stephanie met with him for his thumb sucking clinic, and gave her braces. She dearly loved him. All the rest of my kids were in 4-H with his kids as I was a camp counselor. He will be remembered by many and missed for his kindness, love, and compassion.

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**Connie Dakan** - March 07, 2023 at 03:16 PM

SG

“ Sending our sympathy, prayers and love to his family.  
*Sandra and Bob Greathouse*



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**Sandra and Bob Greathouse** - March 07, 2023 at 02:33 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Edward M. Watson DDS, MS..



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March 07, 2023 at 12:07 PM

JG

“ Jim, Kass & Jamie Goebel purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Dr. Edward M. Watson DDS, MS..



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**Jim, Kass & Jamie Goebel** - March 07, 2023 at 11:46 AM

TF

“ The Arsali Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Dr. Edward M. Watson DDS, MS..



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**The Arsali Family** - March 06, 2023 at 10:04 PM



“ Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Edward M. Watson DDS, MS..



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March 06, 2023 at 09:08 PM

RC

“ Ed was a fine gentleman and when I was a young adult, he allowed me to grouse hunt with him and his fine setter. He later became my Dad's favorite and lifelong turkey hunting companion. His splendid demeanor and fine storytelling will be missed by many!

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**Randall Carr** - March 06, 2023 at 05:07 PM

RS

“ Rick & Chris F. Warder & Brenda S. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Dr. Edward M. Watson DDS, MS..



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**Rick & Chris F. Warder & Brenda S.** - March 06, 2023 at 03:06 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Edward M. Watson DDS, MS..



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March 06, 2023 at 10:16 AM

DW

“ Dr. Mouhannad Azzouz - Morgantown WV. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dr. Edward M. Watson DDS, MS..



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**Dr. Mouhannad Azzouz - Morgantown WV.** - March 06, 2023 at 09:30 AM

PN

“ Dr. Ed Watson is very dear to the heart of the WVU School of Dentistry and the Department of Orthodontics. He is a great supporter of our program and our alumni will miss him dearly. Our prayers go out to the family and may time heals the sorrow.

*Peter Ngan and the WVU Department of Orthodontics*

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**Peter Ngan** - March 06, 2023 at 07:42 AM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,  
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,  
  
May your memories of Edward M. Watson, give you peace, comfort and strength...  
  
Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.  
My thoughts  
and prayers to the family of ....  
  
US Air Force Veteran, Edward M. Watson, is “A True American Hero” God Bless†  
  
† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †*

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**Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum** - March 06, 2023 at 04:34 AM

GP

“ *With sympathy for the family from the Persinger family.*

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**Garnet Persinger** - March 05, 2023 at 09:10 PM

MT

“ *In the midst of much sorrow there is joy as well in knowing that Ed is in Heaven and no longer suffering as well as so many wonderful memories of a life well lived. Peace to and prayers for his family.*

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**Mort Titus** - March 05, 2023 at 02:38 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dr. Edward M. Watson DDS, MS..*



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March 04, 2023 at 07:36 PM



“ *I remember being at 4-H camp 1986 and then 1987 I was at camp married with 4 kids. Your dad told me that those 4 children were lucky to have me as a mom. He was a good friend and a great dad and husband!*

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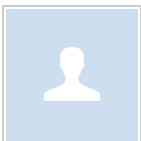
**Teresa Beck** - March 04, 2023 at 07:33 PM



“ *Sending our sympathy to his family! It was great to call Ed a friend thru the years and he always had time to visit when we saw each other. Love, Phil and Betty Rine.*

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**Phil and Betty Rine** - March 04, 2023 at 07:13 PM



“ *"The Old Rugged Cross 30" Rose Gold Sonnet Chime was purchased for the family of Dr. Edward M. Watson DDS, MS..*



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March 04, 2023 at 06:04 PM

BL

“ I'm at a loss for words to describe our dear friend, Ed Watson, so many things, to so many people. I met him for the first time, many years ago in the turkey woods. It was the first time I saw a wild turkey in the wild. Back then we didn't need all of the fancy gadgets and camo that we have today. He told me that camo wasn't that important as I was wearing old drab green Army fatigues. He said just be careful not to move. He said that you shouldn't wear blue jeans or white socks and t-shirt; and to wear a face covering to prevent our face reflection. He showed me his face mask he fashioned with camo netting glued to old glasses frames. That was back when most turkey hunters kept their secrets to themselves. That's the way he was, always sharing good advice to help anyone he could. We spoke many times thereafter and he always had a good tale to share about experiences in the turkey woods. A good man just got harder to find now that God has called him home. Thoughts and prayers to the family and all that will miss his presence. Agape' Bob Leasure

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**Bob Leasure** - March 04, 2023 at 01:14 PM

CL

“ A good family man who truly cared for his fellow friends and patients. When my first wife was trudging through extensive chemotherapy, she had a tooth abcess. Our family dentist was out of town for the weekend. I called Dr. Watson and explained the situation. He had me bring her to his office where he examined her then prescribed antibiotics to heal the infection, until we could see our dentist. I WILL NEVER FORGET THAT NIGHT, AS HE WENT BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY TO HELP A FELLOW MAN AND HIS WIFE! New Martinsville was blessed to have him first as a doctor, and second as an upstanding citizen. THANK YOU Dr. Watson for making a big difference in my life! With SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY, AND UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN, Curt Lindner

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**Curt Lindner** - March 03, 2023 at 07:14 PM