



## Earl Dwain Watson

October 4, 1933 - August 17, 2017

Earl Dwain "Gube" Watson died Thursday, August 17, 2017 at a Conway, AR hospital. He was 83 years old. Born October 4, 1933 in the Cobb Creek area of Madison County AR, he was the second child of Clarence Nolan "C.N." and Hazel Dessie Boyd Watson. He was delivered at their home by Dr. Acree. He attended Cob Creek Elementary School through eighth grade and graduated from Huntsville High School in 1951. He played college football in Colorado for one semester before returning to Huntsville, where he helped his father with the family grocery store and running the sale barn. He enlisted in the Navy and traveled by bus to the U.S. Naval Training Center in San Diego, California in the summer of 1953. Upon completion of training, he went first to Japan, then Korea. After six months, he was flown back to Treasure Island, San Francisco, CA, to complete 30 days of training, driving a bulldozer, for the Construction Battalion, CB, known as the "sea bees". His group was sent with the First Marine Division to Korea. He said, "of the 23 originally in my group, only eight came back." After Korea, he went to the Philippine Islands, where he drove a bulldozer to cut landing strips for U.S. fighter airplanes out of the sides of the mountains. He served in Korea for 2 years. He also served as a driver for an officer. After his service, he returned to Huntsville and was a truck driver for Willis Shaw Trucking Co. He married Colleen Jeanette Gay Morton on Feb. 25, 1961 and they lived in Hindsville for a while before moving to the Huntsville area. Over the remaining years he worked in civil service and law enforcement for several agencies, including the Arkansas State Forestry; Civil Defense; Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) and an armored truck company. He farmed and raised cattle and hogs in Berryville, and also managed a dairy and chicken farm in Witter. He and Colleen also lived in Jacksonville, Fayetteville and Elm Springs, AR, before moving to Grove, OK, where she passed in 2010. They had been married 49 years. In 2015 he moved to an assisted living center in Fairfield Bay, AR. He is survived by his son, Dwain Alan "Rusty" Watson and his fiancée Missy Corsini, of Damascus AR; step-daughter, Gaylene Morton Long and her husband, Mark Daniel Long, of Collinsville, OK; four grandchildren and their spouses, Chase and Erica Vandiver Watson of Bryant, AR; Brittnee Capshaw Davie and Andrew Davie of Rogers, AR; Russell Isaac Long and Elizabeth Schenk Long of Albuquerque, NM; Jessica Ruth Long Davis and Joshua David Davis of Collinsville, OK, and two great-grandchildren, Harper and Drew Davie. He is also

survived by his four siblings: brothers, Eugene Watson and his wife Lois Watson , and Jim Watson of Huntsville; and sisters, Judy Watson Gaines of Kemah, TX, and Donna Watson Buell and her husband Brian Buell of Fayetteville, AR, as well as several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brother-in-law, Joe Gaines, and sister-in-law, Sue Jo Watson, as well as his parents. Graveside services will be held at noon Wednesday, August 23, at the Huntsville Cemetery with Jeff Watson, Minister officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Brashears Funeral Home [www.brashearsfuneralhome.net](http://www.brashearsfuneralhome.net) of Huntsville, Arkansas. The family will receive friends from 5:00 P. M. to 7:00 P. M. on Tuesday at the funeral home.

# Tribute Wall

SL

“ We are so sorry to hear of Gube's passing. He was such a wonderful man always enjoyed talking to him at the store in Elm Springs . Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this sad time.

Steve Ball and Lana - August 23, 2017 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Our love and prayers are with the family. Gube quickly became a cherished member of our lake family when we bought our house at Grand Lake. We will miss him dearly.

Pat Nagle & Toni Freeman - August 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ Rusty, I am so sorry to hear about your dad. He will be missed. You and your family are in thoughts and prayers.

Terry Long - August 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ To Gube's family we send our deepest condolences on your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Randy & Linda Bradley - August 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you and your family.

Dana Carson - August 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ IRV won't be the same with out our precious Goob. I love you and I will treasure our late night talks forever.

Shanna Pearce - August 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Sorry for your loss your family will be in our prayers

Charles Phillips - August 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ My prayers are with you during this time of loss.

Kellie McLoud Swaim - August 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LV

“ Dear Rusty, we are so sorry about your dad. May precious memories help to comfort you. Our thoughts & prayers are with you during this most difficult of times.

Lynn Corsini & Billy Volpe - August 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ I keep you all in my thoughts and prayers during this time of your loss.

Margaret (Mrs. Austin) Smith - August 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Dearest Rusty and family, I am so sorry for the loss of your father. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this sad and difficult time.

Tammy Griggs Mata - August 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ So sorry for your loss praying for you and your family. Gube was always like family to me.

Katrina Burnett - August 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ I wish to express my condolence in the death of Gube he was my best friend during high school days. Bob Harris

Robert L. Harris - August 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Rusty and family - so very sorry for your loss. I have lots of fond memories of Gube from when we were back in High School. He did a pretty good job of keeping us out of trouble.

Tom Willcutt - August 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ So sad to learn of Gube's death - he was always a friend as was Colleen. Remember Gube way back to when he delivered feed to us, from his dad's store... My sympathy to the entire family.

Belinda Whorton Davis - August 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ Sorry to hear about your dad. God bless you and your family. Love ya...Rusty

Rick. Bigfoot Anderson - August 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Rusty, we are very sorry for your loss. You are in our prayers.

Tommy and Linda Hudson - August 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ We didn't know your father, but if he was half the man you and your son are, he was a very good man.

Jimmy and Pat Cook - August 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ Sorry for your loss Rusty.

Peter Reagan - August 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM

NC

“ Rusty and family, so sorry about your Dad, I miss our phone calls because we both knew the same people and I would keep him up on the news. I told him this story and he remembered when it happened, we were at Sidewalk Swimming Hole and I was standing there, most of them knew I could not swim, Jim McLoud threw me in the deepest part and he(your Dad) knew I couldn't swim, he jumped in and got me out, he told Jim to let the girls alone unless he knew they could swim. I have never forgotten him for this. Thoughts and prayers. Norma Jean

Norma Jean cline - August 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Dear Watson Family, We send our thoughts and prayers for you at this time and say that me and my father and his father all had the same first name spelled exactly the same way. we were distantly related through his mothers side of the family the Boyd family. We have deep family roots in Madison County and I am grandson of Elbert Mitchell and son of Raymond Mitchell. My grandmother Kate Mitchell was a Duncan and her mother was a Boyd. My wife Deanna is niece of his brother Jim Watson by his wife Sue Jo Watson and Lauren Watson is her first cousin. God Bless the memory of all these that have passed away.

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**Dwain and DeAnna Mitchell** - August 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM