



Jim Watson

January 29, 1949 - August 18, 2020

Jim Watson, 71, of Huntsville; passed away Tuesday, August 18, 2020, at Willard Walker Hospice. He was born on War Eagle River, Saturday, January 29, 1949; to Judge CN and Hazel Dessie Boyd Watson.

Jim was preceded in death by his wife, Sue Jo Dean Watson on June 22, 2010. He is survived by his daughter, Lauren Rae Watson.

Jim was a man of many traits and many friends. He was master gun smith and a master woodworker. He was featured two times in Better Homes and Gardens' Wood Magazine. Jim also served as an exhibitor and President of the War Eagle Arts and Crafts Fair. His and Sue Jo's bird decoys have been sold worldwide for over 30 years. He also showcased decoys at Silver Dollar City in Branson, Missouri.

No visitation will be held. Jim will lie in state Thursday, August 20, 2020 from 12:00 noon to 5:00 PM. Graveside services will be 10:00 AM, Friday, August 21, 2020, at Huntsville Cemetery with Travis Dotson officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Jim's name may be made to Paws and Claws Pet Shelter, 2075 Madison 6555, Huntsville, AR 72740. Services are entrusted to Brashears Funeral Home and Crematory of Huntsville.

Tribute Wall

KB

“*Sad to learn of Jim's passing. Knew Jim from Huntsville High School and later years visited with him about his woodworking talent at War Eagle Mill. What a talent he had.*”

Katherine Edwards Barnes - September 07, 2020 at 12:00 AM

CS

“*I met Jim at Lovejoys I have only known him for about a year. I had no idea he was sick until this week. He was such a kind and caring man. I will miss seeing him and listening to his stories. God bless*”

Cathy scroggins - August 22, 2020 at 12:00 AM

CG

“*You are in our thoughts and prayers.*”

Charles and Betty Jo Gurley - August 21, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JD

“*Gods grace and peace to Lauren at this sad time. Loosing a mom and now a Dad leaves a hole in your heart. Remembering Jim with a big heart and talent, I never heard him say a bad word. A good friend has gone to be with the Master carpenter. God Bless*”

John B. Dean - August 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Knowing Jim the last 12 years or so has made me a better person. I always enjoyed meeting him to trade stuff on his way home from work at Wilson's. I am surrounded by things in my house that he hand made and they will forever hold a special place in my heart. I will miss him greatly. Lauren, I am deeply saddened for your loss.



Tim Weigel - August 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ Prayers and condolences to each of the family. I know this is a difficult time, may the Lord hold each of you in His loving arms. Lean upon Him, He will give you strength.

Alvin L Herrington - August 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ I am very sorry to hear that Jim has passed. I thought a lot of him. He was a very good man and will be missed. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Terry Long - August 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Jim was a wonderful guy. Level headed, giving, and sensitive. He had great plans for the future! Gone much too soon. I will miss him!

Judy Goodwin - August 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ We only knew Jim for a short time but he felt like an old friend. He will surely be missed. RIP Jim

Johnny & Treva Bradley - August 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ So sorry to hear of Jim's death. Just remember he is with his love, Sue Jo and they are both healthy and happy in God's loving arms. He will be missed.

Dorothy Roberts Dyer - August 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Lauren, my deepest condolences to you. I haven't seen your dad in years - Sue Jo was still alive. They were my sister's best friends (Rhonda). You & I have talked on the phone several years back. But I feel I know you. You are in my thoughts & prayers. May God give you comfort.
God Bless, Renae DENNIS Smith

Renae DENNIS Smith - August 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ I only had the pleasure of knowing Jim for a short time but I will never forget the time I had. Listening to his stories while he taught me how to make some of his decoys is something I will cherish forever. RIP Jim.
Thank you for the knowledge and memories



Elisha Marie Harris - August 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ Dearest Lauren,
Jim was a gentle giant among men. He was kind, loving and truly cared for and enjoyed people. His friends, he held dear. He and Sue Jo blessed us with many happy memories. He will be missed. It was an honor to have been called his friend. Jim will truly be missed!
My sincerest sympathy and love for you and Judy.

Sharon Keener - August 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM

TE

“ Lauren, I am so sorry for your loss. I have thought about you and your family often over the years. You have all been more of an inspiration to me than you will ever know. I miss you and will be keeping you in my thoughts.

Teresa (Sloan) Escalante - August 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Jim was a great guy and I really enjoyed my years of working of him.

James Earl and Ashley Waters - August 19, 2020 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ He was a fine man. Condolences.

Sharon Ash - August 19, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Lauren, Judy and family, I'm so very sorry for your loss.

Jo Ellen Mac Lean - August 19, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ I was shocked and saddened by Jim's passing. He looked the picture of health at our 50th. Class Reunion. Jim and Sue Jo were such a beautiful couple, and were always caring and kind people. Jim was one of the few, really "good guys"! My deepest sympathy to his family. He will be missed and fondly thought of.

Jenny (Hunt) Cramer - August 19, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ I treasure the many fond memories of the good times our family shared with your family over the years. You all are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time of your loss - and ours.

Margaret (Mrs. Austin) Smith - August 19, 2020 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ Jim there are so many fond memories of you in my head. I remember when you & Sue Jo we're dating. Your red car. On and on. You were a very talented , kind man.

Laberta Keck Lashy - August 19, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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