



## Ricky Watson

August 16, 1962 - June 24, 2023

Ricky Everett Watson, 60, of Harrison; passed away Saturday, June 24, 2023, at Baxter Regional Medical Center, Mountain Home. He was born Thursday, August 16, 1962, in Fayetteville; to Everett Verdon and Nancyann Elizabeth Lawson Watson.

Rick married Mercedes Louise Shelt on Friday, August 16, 2002, in Fayetteville; and was father to four children. As a graduate of Huntsville High School, Rick obtained his law degree in 1994 and founded Watson Law Firm in Harrison, with his wife, Mercedes. He was a member of the Arkansas Bar Association and the Masonic Lodge. Rick also enjoyed training at Cross Fit, where he deadlifted 410 pounds twice; as well as training and judging Missouri Fox Trotters. He was an amazing man, father, and role model; a known problem solver, and a reader of people. As a stage four cancer survivor, Rick believed everyone should live life to the fullest.

Rick was preceded in death by his parents, Everett and Nancyann Watson. He is survived by his wife, Mercedes Watson, of the home; three sons and one daughter-in-law, Nolan and Kenda Mara, of Harrison; Garland Watson, of Harrison; and Payden Watson, of Huntsville; one daughter and son-in-law, Bentley and Alex Stilwell, of Nixa, Missouri; and four grandchildren, Magnus Mara, of Harrison; Leo Watson, of Huntsville; Bear Watson of Huntsville; and Izzy Watson of Elkins. He is also survived by two brothers and sisters-in-law,

Loy and Yvonne Watson, of Wesley; and Kimmy and Tina Watson, of Huntsville; and one sister, Dawn Gibbons, of Harrison.

The family will receive friends at 9:00 AM, Friday, June 30, 2023, at Brashears Funeral Home. Funeral Service will begin at 10:00 AM, with Van Bennett officiating. Pallbearers will be Payden Watson, Nolan Mara, Garland Watson, Milan Duris, Stephen Witty, and Jeff Slaton. Honorary pallbearers will be Van Bennett, Kimmy Watson, Evan Walden, Judge John Putman, Johnny Nichols, Phillip Moon, and Marvin Manring. Interment will immediately follow services at Huntsville Cemetery. Services are entrusted to Brashears Funeral Home and Crematory of Huntsville.

# Cemetery Details

## Huntsville Cemetery

Cemetery Drive  
Huntsville, AR 72740  
<https://www.google.com/maps/place/Huntsville+Cemetery/@36.0935763,-93.7338822,15z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x0:0x431b3912d1b18b1b!8m2!3d36.0935763!4d-93.7338822>

# Previous Events

## Receive Friends

JUN 30. 9:00 AM (CT)

Brashears Funeral Home and Crematory  
509 North Gaskill Street  
Huntsville, AR 72740  
(479) 738-2123  
<https://www.brashearsfuneralhome.net/>

## Funeral Service

JUN 30. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Watson family, I am saddened by the passing of Rick and sorry for your loss. Although Rick and I were not in the same graduating class, we went to the same high school. We were cast members together in a high school play, and I remember Rick during practices and performances with fond and happy memories. Sending sympathy, condolences, prayers, and love to all.

Tammy Mata - July 01, 2023 at 11:43 AM

EE

“ Erik E. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ricky Watson.

Erik E. - June 30, 2023 at 10:16 AM

KT

“ Kerry T. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ricky Watson.

Kerry T. - June 30, 2023 at 10:05 AM

LF

“ Love, Packaging Specialties-AR Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ricky Watson.



Love, Packaging Specialties-AR Family - June 29, 2023 at 10:42 AM

DM

“ *Dr. Matthew McNelley purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Ricky Watson.*



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**Dr. Matthew McNelley** - June 28, 2023 at 07:08 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ricky Watson.*



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June 28, 2023 at 02:49 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ricky Watson.*



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June 28, 2023 at 02:19 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ricky Watson.*

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June 28, 2023 at 02:19 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Ricky Watson.*



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June 28, 2023 at 11:45 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ricky Watson.*



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June 27, 2023 at 11:31 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ricky Watson.*



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June 27, 2023 at 07:13 PM



“ *We are so very sorry for your loss. I know Rick will be missed. You are all in our thoughts and prayers for peace and comfort.*

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**Vail and Wynonia Boller** - June 27, 2023 at 04:18 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ricky Watson.*



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June 27, 2023 at 01:38 PM