



## Charles W. "Bill" Watts

February 12, 1935 - June 4, 2024

Charles William "Bill" Watts, 89, of Havana, passed away at 10:43 p.m. on Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at the Lodge in Manito. He was born on February 12, 1935 in Havana to Clarence "Kak" and Frances Lorine (McGinley) Watts. He married Marla Joyce Fagle on August 26, 1960 in Havana and she preceded him in death on May 21, 2019.

Bill is survived by his two daughters, Terri (Denny) Fox of Bettendorf, Iowa and Penny (Don) Roch of Havana; 5 grandchildren; and 6 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; daughter, Lori; and sister, Jean McLammer.

Bill joined the Navy in 1954 and later served in the U.S. Marines as a Medical Corpsman. He was a member of the Havana Church of Christ. He worked as a mail carrier for the USPS and at a fish market with his family, and later as maintenance for Chataqua Refuge for 30 years before retiring in 1990. He was a fireman for 60 years and was a former chief of both the Havana City and Rural Fire Departments, where he was named Chief Emeritus in 2009. Bill was a member of the Havana Optimist Club, VFW Post #6408, and American Legion Post #138.

A visitation will be held on Monday, June 10, 2024 at Hurley Funeral Home in Havana from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 10:30 a.m., also at Hurley Funeral Home in Havana. Pastor Bill Boyce will officiate. Burial will follow the service at Laurel Hill Cemetery in Havana. Military detail will be provided by VFW Post #6408

and American Legion Post #138.

Memorial donations may be made in Bill's name to Havana Rural Fire Department. Online condolences can be left for his family at [www.hurleyfh.com](http://www.hurleyfh.com).

Hurley Funeral Home in Havana is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Laurel Hill Cemetery

1105 E Laurel Ave  
Havana, IL 62644  
(309) 543-2986

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 10. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Havana  
217 North Plum Street  
P.O. Box #648  
Havana, IL 62644  
(309) 543-2244  
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

## Funeral Service

JUN 11. 10:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Hurley Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Charles W. "Bill" Watts



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**Hurley Funeral Home** - June 10, 2024 at 01:50 PM

AB

“ My condolences to Bill's family! He was a wonder neighbor and friend to us growing up! Always a smile and story to tell! He will be missed! Ann Hurley Bacon

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**Ann Bacon** - June 12, 2024 at 03:34 PM

MO

“ We, the officers and membership of Marine Corps League Detachment 081, would like to express our sincere condolences on the passing of our brother in arms. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this most difficult time. Semper Fidelis!!



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**Marine Corps League Detachment 081** - June 10, 2024 at 07:32 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles W. "Bill" Watts.*



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June 10, 2024 at 04:45 PM



“ *We're so sorry about your father's passing. Mark and Carol Buchanan*

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**carol buchanan** - June 10, 2024 at 03:04 PM



“ *RON AND BARB QUINONES lit a candle in memory of Charles Watts*



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**RON AND BARB QUINONES** - June 10, 2024 at 01:32 PM



“ *So very sorry to the family and community. Bill was a very big part of people's lifes.he was a great man. My sincerest of condolences.*



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**Charles H** - June 10, 2024 at 12:26 AM

MB

“ *My condolences to the Watts families. He always made me laugh!*

*Mary Pat (Fletcher) Bares*



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**Mary Bares** - June 08, 2024 at 01:35 PM

MC

“ *Marcia Ann Chaney lit a candle in memory of Charles W. "Bill" Watts*



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**Marcia Ann Chaney** - June 08, 2024 at 10:58 AM

J"

“ *To the Watts Family, We were so very sorry to hear of Bills passing, he was a Great guy and enjoyed having him around, He will be Greatly missed, RIP Chief, Sail on my friend.*

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**John M Walker "Jack"** - June 07, 2024 at 08:12 PM

MH

“ *Mary Herring lit a candle in memory of Charles Watts*



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**Mary Herring** - June 07, 2024 at 03:40 PM

JH

“ My sincere condolences to the family. Bill was a good man. I always loved talking to Bill and listening to his stories. He will be missed by many,

Jim Hough - June 07, 2024 at 11:09 AM

DW

“ Sorry for your loss Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family ❤️🙏



Dan and Chris Wilson - June 07, 2024 at 09:01 AM

LH

“ Larry and Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Charles Watts



Larry and Mary Hundt - June 07, 2024 at 08:44 AM

JS

“ Thoughts prayers and condolences to the family.  
He will be missed by those whose lives he touched throughout the years.  
What a great man who loved and lived life to the fullest. Always had a smile on his face and loved kids of all ages.



Julie, Jeff and Erika Shults

Julie Shults - June 06, 2024 at 05:38 PM

BS

“ *Bill and the entire Watts family have always had a special place in my heart. The fire department brought our families together but I didn't realize he was a marine like our Dad was. My sincere sympathies to the family during this difficult time.*

**Beth Smith** - June 06, 2024 at 05:27 PM

PS

“ *Patti Specketer lit a candle in memory of Charles Watts*



**Patti Specketer** - June 06, 2024 at 04:58 PM

HA

“ *Havana Rural Fire and Ladies Auxiliary purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Charles W. "Bill" Watts.*



**Havana Rural Fire and Ladies Auxiliary** - June 06, 2024 at 03:29 PM

JP

“ *Janice Potter lit a candle in memory of Charles Watts*



**Janice Potter** - June 06, 2024 at 03:22 PM

NE

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to Bill's family*



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**Nancy Elliott** - June 06, 2024 at 12:53 PM

JY

“ *Good neighbor growing up. Very nice and personable. He will be missed.*

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**james a yaeger** - June 06, 2024 at 12:31 PM

DJ

“ *Bill was a nice and funny man ! Enjoyed being around him 🚚*



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**Donzia and Jack Boggs Jr** - June 06, 2024 at 12:09 PM

DW

“ *Sorry for your loss ❤️ Our condolences to you and your family 🙏*



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**Dan and Chris Wilson** - June 06, 2024 at 10:53 AM

TS

“ So sorry for your loss  
Tara and Corey Scheland



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**Tara Scheland** - June 06, 2024 at 10:42 AM

KW

“ Keith and Trish Wojtkiewicz lit a candle in  
memory of Charles Watts



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**Keith and Trish Wojtkiewicz** - June 06, 2024 at 10:41 AM