



## Todd A. Watson

December 8, 1961 - April 7, 2023

Todd Alan Watson, 61, of Browning, passed away at Missouri Baptist Medical Center, in St. Louis, at 1:05 p.m., on Friday, April 7, 2023. He was born December 8, 1961, in Rushville, Illinois, to Donald Louis and Carolyn K. (Rose) Watson. He married Sara J. Powell on August 30, 1997, in Astoria. L  
SEP Mr. Watson is survived by his wife, Sara, of Browning; three children: Brian (Dorothy Wartenbe) Todd, of Springfield, Preston Riley (Madison Conner) Watson, stationed in Germany, and Kenley Elizabeth (Aaron Miller) Watson, of Browning; as well as granddog, Baxter. Also surviving are one brother: Donald (Becky) Watson, Jr., and one sister, Melissa (Chris) Shaw, along with several aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents.

Mr. Watson loved to cook. He had recently won a soup cook-off three years in a row. His dream was to own a pizzeria with a ceiling high enough to throw the dough. He also enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was a third generation mechanic, owning and operating Curley's Auto Repair, in Astoria. His family owned the business, started by his grandfather, since 1954. He was known to be a dancer by heart, if not necessarily by profession.

Visitation will be held at Hurley Funeral Home, in Havana, from 4:00 until 7:00 p.m., on Thursday, April 13, 2023. Graveside services will be held on Friday, April 14, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., at Astoria Cemetery.

Memorial contribution may be made to the Curley Auto Repair / Todd Watson Memorial Scholarship. Online memorial messages may be left for the family at [www.hurleyfh.com](http://www.hurleyfh.com).

Hurley Funeral Home, in Havana, is in charge of arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **13**. 4:00 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/>

## Graveside Service

APR **14**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Astoria Cemetery  
Astoria, IL

# Tribute Wall

PN

“ Hi I am Peggy Nance.  
Todd worked on my cars and our vans for years.  
He was reliable honest and fair to everyone that came into his grandpa's dad's and his business.  
A very friendly kind man.  
And he'd do anything to help a friend.  
I wished his son had wanted to continue the shop because its been so many years I been coming to him.  
24 years it be we moved here my husband and I.  
Rex is now gone 13 and a half years this month I still miss him.  
My heart goes out to all your family for your loss, it's seem so good what we have here in Astoria because of honest hard working people.  
I pray you all make it through the loneliness it sure helps having family.  
I pray you all stay close and dear to each other.  
I am still so shocked 😞 because of the kind person he was.  
I feel so blessed to of know his dad and him.  
Please take care with all my heart a loving hug to you and family.

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**Peggy nance** - October 06, 2023 at 01:04 PM

BM

“ Thinking of you all. When I read that he loved to cook, all I could think of was the famous chocolate chip cookies. I loved when the kids brought them in. He will be missed. Bobette Massaglia

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**Bobette M** - April 14, 2023 at 10:40 PM

SM

“ Lots of prayers and hugs to the family.....Sure going to miss Todd.....



Sarah Millslagle - April 13, 2023 at 07:32 PM

LT

“ Lisa Ulrich Thompson lit a candle in memory of Todd Watson



Lisa Jill Ulrich Thompson - April 13, 2023 at 03:41 PM

JL

“ So so sorry to hear about Todd. Praying you may find comfort and peace in your memories of him. Will miss his smile and wave from that blue Olds convertible on our walks.  
Joe & Letha

Joe & Letha - April 13, 2023 at 10:47 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Todd A. Watson.



April 13, 2023 at 09:05 AM



“ *Your Light Shines* was purchased for the family of *Todd A. Watson.*



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April 13, 2023 at 08:54 AM



“ *Craig Schaeffer lit a candle in memory of Todd Watson*



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**Craig Schaeffer** - April 12, 2023 at 05:56 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

*RTDF HCU*

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**Heather** - April 12, 2023 at 03:34 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Todd A. Watson.*



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April 12, 2023 at 03:29 PM

AC

“ To Sara our classmate & your kids & families  
On behalf of all us AHS Class of 81  
All our hearts are breaking for you all  
Stay strong classmate  
Thinking of you from all of us  
Your AHS class of 81 Classmates

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**AHS Class of 81 Classmates** - April 12, 2023 at 02:30 PM

NW

“ So sorry for your loss. Todd will be greatly missed.

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**neal wickert** - April 12, 2023 at 01:16 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for  
the family of Todd A. Watson.



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April 12, 2023 at 12:24 PM

MH

“ We were neighbor for a few years and I really liked Todd. I know his  
love for his family and friends ran deep. He will be greatly missed by  
all.

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**Melinda Hopkins** - April 12, 2023 at 12:01 PM

LH

“ *Larry Mary Hundt lit a candle in memory of Todd Watson*



Larry and Mary Hundt - April 12, 2023 at 11:49 AM

CM

“ *Todd was such a great guy with a kind heart ! I'm sorry to hear of his passing . He will forever be missed ! Cody and Ashley McCormick*

Cody and Ashley McCormick - April 12, 2023 at 10:57 AM

TI

“ *So sorry for your loss!! 💔 Todd and His dad Don were great locksmith's. Whenever I'd accidentally lock my keys in my car they were always there!! Great hearts, beautiful souls!! RIP Todd!! 🌈❤️🌈*

The Irelands - April 12, 2023 at 10:13 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Todd A. Watson.*



April 12, 2023 at 02:21 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Todd A. Watson.*



April 12, 2023 at 01:07 AM



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



April 11, 2023 at 10:38 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Todd passed me daily either going to or from work as I walked. Will not be the same on our Road. Thoughts and prayers 🙏❤️🏛️ Michael & Misty Trone & family*

misty Trone - April 11, 2023 at 10:38 PM



“ *So sorry for your family's loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Jim and Deb Park*

Deb Park - April 11, 2023 at 09:28 PM

NW

“ *Nancy Wilson lit a candle in memory of Todd Watson*



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**Nancy Wilson** - April 11, 2023 at 09:21 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Todd A. Watson.*



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April 11, 2023 at 08:11 PM

KE

“ *I'm so grateful for the time spent with Todd last month. The huge hugs and I love yous we shared mean so much to me. His boisterous laugh and his carefree nature will be with me always. We should all take note of how he loved and do the same.*

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**Kendra** - April 11, 2023 at 08:00 PM

LM

“ *So very sorry for your loss of Todd..his family has been friends of the Mummert's for years.. hugs and prayers .Bob and Rett Mummert*

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**Loretta Mummert** - April 11, 2023 at 07:55 PM

BE

“ Sara and all families  
Thinking of you all  
Prayers for strength to get you through these  
rough days ahead.  
I can still remember it like yesterday how  
excited and so so happy you were to be finally getting married to the  
love of your life.  
I gave you a hard time cause you got 2 married first. We were right  
behind you 2 one month later.  
Be strong classmate.  
We are all here for you  
The Taylor Family , Bev & Gary  
The Morrows, Miranda & Tristan



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Bev - April 11, 2023 at 07:43 PM

JB

“ I remember Todd having a smile on his face and a kind word every  
single time that I seen him! I do not miss alot since selling the Diner,  
but seeing Todd occasionally was one! Fly high my friend! You will  
be missed!

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Jerry Barnes - April 11, 2023 at 07:16 PM

GM

“ I am so sorry for your loss.



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Glenna "Moore" Mount - April 11, 2023 at 06:30 PM

PS

*only just met him at the Watson cousin reunion but left a good impression of the fun guy he was. SO sorry for your loss. Patty Servis*

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**PATTY JO SERVIS** - April 12, 2023 at 11:20 PM