



## Shelby D Watson

December 10, 1961 - February 18, 2018

Shelby D. Watson, 56, of Bluffton passed away on Sunday afternoon, February 18, 2018, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born on December 10, 1961 in Pine Haven, TN to Arnold G. & Thelma J. (Darrow) Watson. He was self-employed doing construction for many years. He was a member of Bluffton First Church of the Nazarene.

On July 21, 1980 in Jamestown, TN. Shelby married Sara (Foss).

Survivors include his wife Sara, children Amy (Jason) Jellison, Wayne (Mary Beth) A. Watson, Makaila Watson, Travis Watson and Autumn Watson all of Bluffton along with 9 grandchildren.

He is also survived by siblings; Roger Watson of Bluffton, Ronnie Watson of Bryant, Ellen (Ron) Rasawehr of Geneva, Rick (April) Watson of Bluffton and Helen (Tony) Billman of Pennville.

He is preceded in death by parents and two brothers, Kelly & David Watson.

Funeral service will be held at 10 AM on Friday (Feb.23rd) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Pastor Steven Spencer will officiate. Calling hours will be held from 3 to 8 P.M. on Thursday and for one hour prior to the service. Burial will follow at Stahl Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the

family.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the family at [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Stahl Cemetery

3191 E 700 S  
Bluffton, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **22**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home  
308 West Washington Street  
Bluffton, IN 46714  
<http://www.thomarich.com>

## Visitation

FEB **23**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home  
308 West Washington Street  
Bluffton, IN 46714  
<http://www.thomarich.com>

## Celebration of Life Service

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FEB **23**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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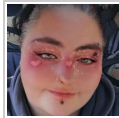
# Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Shelby D Watson*



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - February 22, 2018 at 05:40 PM



*I miss you n I love u Uncle wayne*

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**Amanda Watson** - October 13, 2020 at 11:54 PM



*Hi mommy Amanda*

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**makaila watson** - October 14, 2020 at 11:47 AM



*Hey baby girl I love u n ur brothers n ur sister very much*

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**Amanda Watson** - November 01, 2020 at 09:41 PM



*I love him so much*

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**travis watson** - September 07, 2021 at 08:16 AM

MW

“ *makaila watson sent a virtual gift in memory of Shelby Watson*



makaila watson - September 11, 2023 at 07:53 AM

MW

“ *makaila watson lit a candle in memory of Shelby Watson*

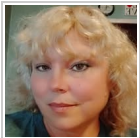


makaila watson - September 11, 2023 at 07:52 AM



“ *Shelby D Watson*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Jai Billman sent a virtual gift in memory of Shelby D Watson*

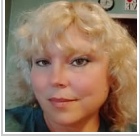


Jai Billman - August 08, 2022 at 05:49 PM

TW

“ *I miss him so much I wish he was here*

travis watson - August 16, 2021 at 11:19 AM



“ *Jai Billman sent a virtual gift in memory of Shelby D Watson*



Jai Billman - December 06, 2020 at 09:15 PM



“ *Nolan sent a virtual gift in memory of Shelby D Watson*

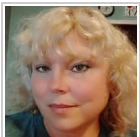


Nolan - October 26, 2020 at 10:41 AM



“ *he was a nice person*

Nolan/bub - October 26, 2020 at 10:30 AM



“ *i miss you so much, miss you calling me every day an our talks :-( miss going up to your house seeing you an the kids for hour's .... Nothing is the same any more with out you here, love an miss you so much*

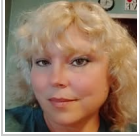


Jai Billman - October 25, 2020 at 08:19 PM



*Hi mom mom I miss you so much*

Travis Jay Watson - November 03, 2021 at 07:28 AM



“ Jai Billman sent a virtual gift in memory of Shelby D Watson

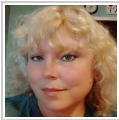


Jai Billman - October 13, 2020 at 10:57 PM

MW

“ I miss my dad

makaila watson - September 29, 2020 at 04:45 PM



i miss him so much too, i love you Makaila

Jai Billman - October 13, 2020 at 10:59 PM

TR

Hi momom

travis - August 16, 2021 at 11:40 AM

MW

“ Makaila Watson sent a virtual gift in memory of Shelby D Watson

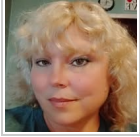


makaila watson - September 01, 2020 at 10:21 AM

MW

“ I miss you daddy

makaila watson - September 01, 2020 at 10:20 AM

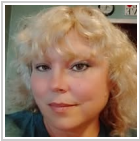


“ *Jai Billman sent a virtual gift in memory of Shelby D Watson*



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**Jai Billman** - January 20, 2020 at 07:22 PM

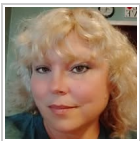


“ *Jai Billman sent a virtual gift in memory of Shelby D Watson*



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**Jai Billman** - November 13, 2019 at 06:04 PM

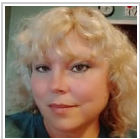


“ *still think about you all the time :-( miss you so much*



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**Jai Billman** - August 06, 2019 at 10:04 PM

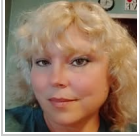


“ *Jai Billman sent a virtual gift in memory of Shelby D Watson*



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**Jai Billman** - June 03, 2019 at 06:14 PM

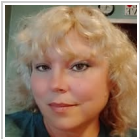


“ *Jai Billman sent a virtual gift in memory of Shelby D Watson*



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**Jai Billman** - May 13, 2019 at 01:53 PM

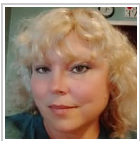


“ *Jai Billman sent a virtual gift in memory of Shelby D Watson*



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**Jai Billman** - February 04, 2019 at 09:33 PM

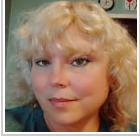


“ *Jai Billman lit a candle in memory of Shelby D Watson*



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**Jai Billman** - November 15, 2018 at 08:50 PM

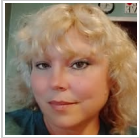


“ *i really feeling lost right now an im missing you like crazy. today is one of them days where i need my brother just to talk too. :-( you always seem to know what ta say OR you would make a joke about what ever was bugging me an some how it just seem like the problem i was having wasnt a big deal any more. not a day go's by that i dont think of you. i love an miss you so much.*



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**Jai Billman** - June 22, 2018 at 10:00 PM

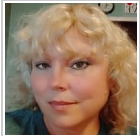


“ *Jai Billman sent a virtual gift in memory of Shelby D Watson*



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**Jai Billman** - June 07, 2018 at 11:54 PM



“ *Jai Billman sent a virtual gift in memory of Shelby D Watson*



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**Jai Billman** - June 07, 2018 at 11:53 PM

JA

*“ i still cant get over this of you not being here, all i know is that i miss you so much i just want things to go back to the way they used to be when you would call me an we would talk for a hour or longer, i want to hear your voice the way you would answer the phone it was always something goofy i would always laugh.. im just having a hard day when i need my big brother. i love an miss you so much <3 Jai*



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**Jai** - June 07, 2018 at 11:46 PM

JA

*“ Jai sent a virtual gift in memory of Shelby D Watson*



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**Jai** - May 17, 2018 at 09:14 AM

KH

*“ We are so sorry for your loss. Shelby was such a good guy. He had such a caring heart. Loved seeing him come into church bringing the kids. Loved talking to him. He will be dearly missed.  
Kathy & Mike Hershey*

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**Kathy & Mike Hershey** - February 28, 2018 at 06:16 AM

BB

*“ Becky Bouse lit a candle in memory of Shelby D Watson*



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**Becky Bouse** - February 24, 2018 at 11:38 AM

BB

*Ron, so sorry for your loss. You have my deepest sympathy.*

**Becky Bouse** - February 24, 2018 at 11:40 AM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Shelby D Watson.*



February 22, 2018 at 04:30 AM

PA

“ *wayne you kept your promise to jim and i you said you would take care of sara and you did a great job RIP will miss you*

**patfoss** - February 21, 2018 at 02:55 PM



*He was the best grandpa!! Couldn't ask for a better man to call my dad and was great to mom!! We love and miss him so much. Going from talking to him multiple times a day to not since Saturday night this has been longest we've went Its so hard!!*

**Amy Watson-Jellison** - February 21, 2018 at 11:40 PM

TW

*Amy I am sad because I miss dad so much and he was a good person.*

**Travis Jay Watson** - September 13, 2021 at 10:10 AM



“ 72 files added to the album *Life Tributes*

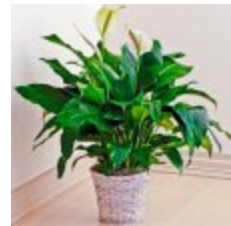


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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - February 21, 2018 at 02:12 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Shelby D Watson.*



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February 21, 2018 at 11:22 AM



“ *Almco Steel Products purchased the Healing Tears - Blue and White for the family of Shelby D Watson.*



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**Almco Steel Products** - February 21, 2018 at 07:26 AM

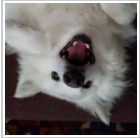
SW

“ Sara Watson lit a candle in memory of Shelby D Watson



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**sara watson** - February 21, 2018 at 12:26 AM



“ Shelby sat in front of us in church each week. He always made it a point to talk with my grandmother and make her feel special. He pulled me aside the last time I saw him and told me that if I needed anything, just let him know. I was raised by my grandparents and I admired him for stepping up and adopting his young relatives. He seemed like such a wonderful man. I'm so sorry for your loss.

~Nena Troutman

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**Nena Troutman** - February 20, 2018 at 08:03 PM

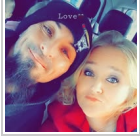
RA

“ Rita ( Miller ) Atherton lit a candle in memory of Shelby D Watson



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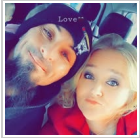
**Rita ( Miller ) Atherton** - February 20, 2018 at 04:05 PM



“ *Toad Watson lit a candle in memory of Shelby D Watson*



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**Toad Watson** - February 20, 2018 at 01:43 PM



“ *You were taken from us to soon dad ill never for get you I love and miss you everyday you will always and forever b in my hart thank you for teaching me how to be a man you are the best dad ever thanks for everything I love you dad*

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**Toad Watson** - February 20, 2018 at 01:42 PM



“ *My friend, my brother. I will truly miss you you was always so good to me. You gave me places to stay, and loved all the rides we took. You are one of the best person I have met in my life. So I say until for now, because we see each other again and still around and drink a cup of coffee. And talk about our days and what we still are going to do. So I say Toodles and I love you. And I will see you soon.*

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**Greg Halfacre** - February 20, 2018 at 10:43 AM



“ *Connie (Miller) Snyder lit a candle in memory of Shelby D Watson*



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**Connie (Miller) Snyder** - February 20, 2018 at 07:54 AM

RW

“ *RONNIE WATSON lit a candle in memory of Shelby D Watson*



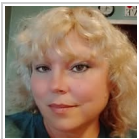
RONNIE WATSON - February 19, 2018 at 11:28 PM

Amy  
Watson-  
Jellison

“ *I still can't believe my dad is gone!! It's so different without him. I'm use to just walking next door and he be sitting at kitchen table drinking coffee. He was taken way to soon!! I love and miss u more than anything dad!!*



Amy Watson-Jellison - February 19, 2018 at 09:18 PM



“ *im gonna miss our talk for hours on end about anything an everything,, an how you would make anew recipe an you had to tell me all about it an how u made it even better, i know i never told you that i loved you, it wasnt something we growing up ever did, i just hope you knew how much you will always mean to me an i love you so much.*



Jai Billman - February 19, 2018 at 08:54 PM

Amy  
Watson-  
Jellison

*Yes he was so proud of his unique rescipes he would just throw together and a lot of it was actually pretty good lol.*


Amy Watson-Jellison - February 20, 2018 at 11:42 AM

TR

“ *Trish (Pat) Roysdon-Boyer lit a candle in memory of Shelby D Watson*



**Trish (Pat) Roysdon-Boyer** - February 19, 2018 at 08:34 PM

 Brian Kenworthy

“ *Brian Kenworthy lit a candle in memory of Shelby D Watson*



**Brian Kenworthy** - February 19, 2018 at 08:24 PM



“ *Deb Amburgey-Carson lit a candle in memory of Shelby D Watson*



**Deb Amburgey-Carson** - February 19, 2018 at 08:24 PM

JA

“ *Jai lit a candle in memory of Shelby D Watson*



**Jai** - February 19, 2018 at 08:15 PM

JF

“ James And Pat Foss lit a candle in memory of Shelby D Watson



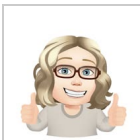
james and pat foss - February 19, 2018 at 05:02 PM



“ Rita Foss lit a candle in memory of Shelby D Watson



Rita Foss - February 19, 2018 at 12:31 PM



“ Rita Foss lit a candle in memory of Shelby D Watson



Rita Foss - February 19, 2018 at 11:33 AM

JH

“ Jean Smith Huffman lit a candle in memory of Shelby D Watson



Jean Smith Huffman - February 19, 2018 at 10:33 AM

TP

“ So sorry to hear about Shelby! He always gave us pears off his tree and always willing to help with computer problems. He was a nice guy!



Tip and Melissa Powell - February 19, 2018 at 09:14 AM



“ Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." was purchased for the family of Shelby D Watson.



February 19, 2018 at 09:00 AM

SH

“ Sorry for the loss of Shelby great person now he will be with Family he has not seen in a long time RIP



Steven Hockenberry - February 19, 2018 at 08:47 AM

EH

“ I am so glad we got to talk about a month ago. I will miss you. Sara, I am so very sorry. Effie



effie houston - February 19, 2018 at 08:18 AM

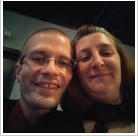
TF

“ *We love you guys. Our hearts are aching for you. So sorry for your loss* ”



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**The Coyle Family** - February 19, 2018 at 01:02 AM



“ *Holly Bailey lit a candle in memory of Shelby D Watson* ”



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**Holly Bailey** - February 18, 2018 at 10:57 PM