



## John Rocke Watts

August 18, 1957 - January 17, 2015

John Rocke Watts, 57 of Houston, TX formerly of St. Albans passed away Saturday, January 17, 2015 at Methodist Hospital, Houston, TX.

Born August 18, 1957 at Lynchburg, Virginia. Rocke was the son of Ruth and the late John Watts of St. Albans.

He was a graduate of St. Albans High School, class of 1975. He was an active member of the Red Dragon Marching which he enjoyed very much. Rocke was a member of the Boys Scouts of America, achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. He raced and won the Kanawha Valley Soap Box Derby and went on to complete in the All American Derby in Akron, Ohio finishing 9th. He worked in sales his whole adult life, employed by Design Carpet in Houston at the time of his death.

He is survived by his mother, Ruth Watts of St. Albans; brother, Mark (Tammie) Watts of Huntington; sister, Kim Poteat of Bradenton, FL; uncle, Gary (Patricia) Watts of Covington, VA; nephews, Anthony Phares and Eric Watts; nieces, Erica Phares and Megan Watts; great nieces, Taylor Kinley and Lacey Phares.

Memorial service will be held at 2:00 pm Saturday, February 7, 2015 at Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home, St. Albans with the Rev. Chris Kilbert

officiating.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the memorial service.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to Riverlawn Presbyterian Church, In Memory of John Rocke Watts, 2008 Pennsylvania Ave., St. Albans, WV 25177.

You may share memories or condolences with the family at [www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com](http://www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com).

Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home, family owned and located at 409 Sixth Ave., St. Albans is honored to serve the Watts family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 7. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home  
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## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *John Rocke Watts*

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ *I'm very saddened to hear the news of Rocke's death. He was a great and kind friend of mine when I lived in Hattiesburg. I will remember his generous nature, his hearty laugh and a lot of fun times. My deepest sympathy to all of his family.*

**John Ward** - March 09, 2015 at 07:35 AM



“ *Thank you for being a friend. I met Rocke when I moved to Hattiesburg in 1989. Rocke and Mike were my best friends there. Tell Mike I said hi. Love you guys. My deepest condolences to your family.*

**Dan Sommer** - February 28, 2015 at 05:58 PM



“ *I have just learned of Rocke's passing. I knew Rocke during his years in Pensacola. We had met while he was still living in Hattiesburg and would come down to visit. Once he relocated here, we became great friends. We shared many good times and helped each other through some challenging times. Sadly, we lost touch after he had been in Houston for awhile but I have often thought of him. To the Watts family: My deepest condolences. With wonderful memories: RIP, my friend.*

**Mitch Warden** - February 27, 2015 at 07:25 PM

JM

“ RIP My friend. The times we shared. USM football weekends The highs and the lows. You were truly my bestest friend ever. Words are not enough.

James Y Montgomery - February 26, 2015 at 09:04 PM

KG

“ Just learning of Rocke's passing tonight. I can only think of all the good times I shared with one of the most wonderful souls I have met in my life. My prayers are with all of his family. I will never forget him.

Ken Geotes - February 25, 2015 at 11:30 PM

CR

“ I just learned of Rocke making his transition. He was one of a kind and good as gold. My deepest condolences to the Watts family. I love all of you!

Chris Rucker  
Fort Lauderdale, FL



Chris Rucker - February 25, 2015 at 11:09 PM

JH

“ Ruth, Kim, Mark, and the rest of the family - I am so sorry about Rocke's passing. He was always such a nice, warm, and giving person. My memories of Rocke and the entire family from mine and Kim's childhood will always be treasured. You all are in my thoughts and prayers, and I will be there with you in spirit tomorrow.

Much love,  
Joyce (Coon) Hoffman

Joyce Hoffman - February 06, 2015 at 10:31 AM

RJ

“ I enjoyed spending time with Rocke and his family back at Hayes JHS and St. Albans High days. He was a good guy. Our condolences and prayers to the Watts family.

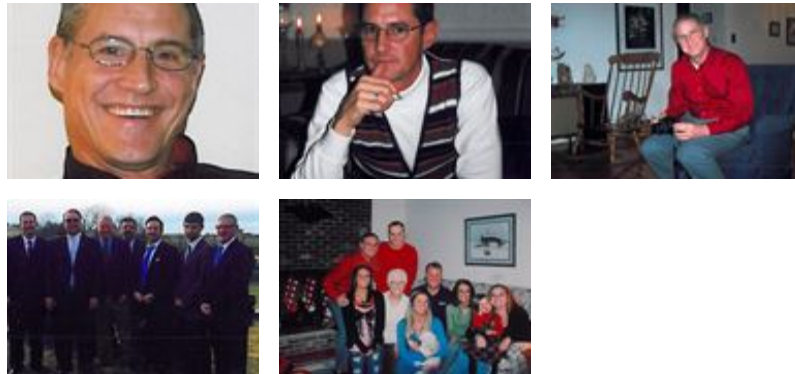
Rick Johnson  
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**Rick Johnson** - February 05, 2015 at 11:20 AM



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**Chapman Funeral Homes** - February 03, 2015 at 02:26 PM