



Russell "Russ" "Pop" Leonard Watson

May 22, 1938 - February 27, 2026

Russell "Russ" "Pop" L. Watson 87, of Winfield, WV passed away on February 27, 2026.

He was born to the late James and Elva (Scarberry) Watson on May 22, 1938 in Winfield, WV. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his loving wife, Carolyn; sister, Phyllis McClanahan; brothers: Leo, Henry and Roger Watson; sister-in-laws: Maxine Kessler, Lois Brewer and Sally Colwell; brother-in-law, Bob Colwell.

Russ was a retired Pipefitter from Monsanto Chemical Company. After retirement he became a full time caregiver to his wife until she passed. He enjoyed the outdoors, gardening, raising his cattle, collecting antiques, and going to flea markets. Pop loved his family immensely, especially his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was their biggest fan at all of their local sporting events.

He is survived by his daughter, Julie Smith (Bob) of Elkview, WV; son, Rusty Watson (Denise) of Winfield, WV; grandchildren: Travis Massey (Karen), Tyler Watson (Jenny), Wesley Massey (Jessica), and Courtney Scarberry (Josh); great-grandchildren: Isaac, Graham, Sawyer, Harrison, Daniel, Eleanor, Hannah, and Banks Massey, Noah, Sam, and Jude Watson, Micah and Moriah Scarberry.

Funeral Service for Russ will be 1:00pm Wednesday March 4, 2026 at Chapman Funeral Home Winfield, with Pastor Josh Scarberry officiating. Burial will follow in Winfield Cemetery.

Friends can visit with the family one hour prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made in Russ' name to:
Edwards Comprehensive Cancer Center 1400 Hal Greer Boulevard
Huntington, WV 25701.

Anyone wishing to leave an online memory may do so by visiting his tribute page at: www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com.

Chapman Funeral Home 12848 Winfield Road Winfield, WV 25213 is honored to serve the Watson family again.

Cemetery Details

Winfield Cemetery

Rocky Step Road
Winfield, WV 25213

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 4. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Chapman Funeral Home, Winfield
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Funeral Service

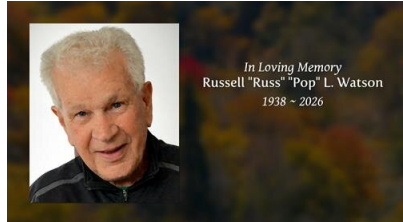
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Tribute Wall



“ Chapman Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Russell "Russ" "Pop" Leonard Watson



Chapman Funeral Homes - March 04 at 02:05 PM

DP

What wonderful memories all of you have. He was a great husband, father and grandfather! Prayers. Diane Russell Parog ☐

Diane Russell Parog - March 07 at 09:32 AM

MR

“ Spent a few years working with and around russ lots of laughs and good times at monsanto

Michael welch or better known as redbone - March 04 at 07:56 PM

BL

“ Bobbie Levy lit a candle in memory of Russell "Russ" "Pop" Watson



Bobbie Levy - March 03 at 08:24 PM

AJ

“ Adam, Jennifer, Danny & Jenna purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Russell "Russ" "Pop" Leonard Watson.



Adam, Jennifer, Danny & Jenna - March 03 at 02:12 PM

KH

“ What a great Uncle - inside and out! His love for his family and grandchildren was unwavering, and if you knew him at all, the one other great love in his life: the Winfield Generals! I have so many fond memories growing up with Uncle Russ and Aunt CAC! They are both missed and loved so much!!

Kara Hughes - March 02 at 06:18 PM