



Thomas Leo "Doc" Watson

June 29, 1935 - January 12, 2021

Thomas Leo "Doc" Watson, 85, of Hurricane passed away Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at home.

Born June 29, 1935, he was a son of the late James H. Watson and Elva Elizabeth Watson Stover. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by brothers, Roger Wayne and Lewis "Henry" Watson and sister, Phyllis Ann Watson McClanahan.

Doc was a graduate of Winfield High School and attended Concord College. He received his Education degree from West Virginia State College and Master's degree in Education from Marshall University. Retired from the school system, he coached basketball, football and golf in Putnam, Jackson, Mason and Lincoln counties. He proudly served in the US Army for two years. He enjoyed farming and was a talented musician who enjoyed playing music with his friends.

He is survived by his brother, Russell Leonard Watson (Carolyn) of Winfield; niece, Julie Watson Smith; nephews, Rusty Watson, Lee McClanahan and Scott McClanahan; companion of 30 years, Cathy Thacker of Milton and longtime friend, Bobby Bennett.

He will be laid to rest privately in Mount Vernon Cemetery with Pastor Josh

Scarberry officiating. You may visit his tribute page at ChapmanFuneralHomes.com to share memories and offer condolences to the family.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the American Cancer Society, 301 RHL Blvd., #6, South Charleston, WV 25309.

Chapman Funeral Home, family-owned and located at 3941 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane is honored to serve the Watson family.

Cemetery Details

Mount Vernon Cemetery

2150 Mount Vernon Road
Hurricane, WV 25526

Tribute Wall



“ Thomas Leo "Doc" Watson

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ I taught at Hamlin High School where he worked with Behavioral Therapy students. He was always impeccably dressed and professional. We became good friends over the years. He will be missed. He was a man of many talents. Jeane Cummings

Jeane Cummings - April 14, 2023 at 11:45 PM



“ I'm so sorry to hear of Leo's passing. I lived close to him for about 15 years, and he was a great neighbor - a great guy in general. He was always the one who would clear the hill when it snowed, and the one I would go to if I couldn't make it up the hill. He and his tractor pulled me out of a ditch more than once (no judging - haha). RIP Leo!!

Felisha Coyner - January 23, 2021 at 10:50 AM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,*

May your memories of Thomas Leo Watson, give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.

*My thoughts
and prayers to the family of*

*US Army Veteran, Thomas Leo Watson, is “A True American Hero”
God Bless†*

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - January 18, 2021 at 03:17 AM

SH

“ *Russell and family,
Just a great guy. He was our high
School baseball coach. Always had
A smile. He'll be missed.*

Scott Henderson - January 17, 2021 at 06:24 PM

PC

“ Coach Watson was the football coach at Hannan High School while I was in school. Didn't see him until I became friends with Cathy and her daughter Tina. He was the same Coach Watson. He will be greatly missed. CATHY, I'm so sorry for your loss, sending my love and prayers and you'll be in my thoughts. Love ya 💔🙏💔

Pam Chapman - January 17, 2021 at 06:17 PM

Kristi
Rose

“ Grew up living next to Leo he was a great man



Kristi Rose - January 17, 2021 at 09:29 AM

BB

“ Our first girls' PE teacher at Hurricane High...such a patient person. He and his group played at our last all school reunion, and he was as nice as ever. Prayers to his family.

Brenda Burke - January 17, 2021 at 06:46 AM



“ Mary Payne lit a candle in memory of Thomas Leo "Doc" Watson



Mary Payne - January 16, 2021 at 07:59 PM