



John Watson

November 28, 1945 - August 3, 2009

John Cleveland "Sandy" Watson of Rural Shade passed away on Monday, August 3, 2009. He was born November 28, 1945 in Socorro, New Mexico to Frances Jeanne Cole Watson and John Irby Watson. He grew up in Abilene and graduated from Abilene High School in 1964. In high school he played baseball and excelled at debate. He attended college at the University of Texas at Arlington, before joining the United States Air Force in 1965. He served in the Air Force for four years, including service during Vietnam War. In 1969 he was honorably discharged from the Air Force. He then went to work at Bell Helicopter for a period of time and returned to school at the University of Texas at Arlington. After that, he held a few different jobs until he found the right match for him. In 1988, Sandy began work in Corsicana at the Collin Street Bakery, where he rose to the level of plant manager and remained in that position until the time of his death. Sandy was dedicated to his work at the bakery, and those he worked with there were like family to him. While working at the bakery, Sandy also met Debbie Scruggs, whom he fell in love with and had the good sense to marry. Sandy loved the outdoors, fishing, hunting and being close to nature. And he loved sports, especially the Dallas Cowboys. He could sometimes be heard yelling at the television when his team wasn't making him proud. He was well read and was especially interested in and knowledgeable about Texas history. Sandy also enjoyed doing crossword puzzles and always had at least one going at any given time. He loved his dogs- Baby Girl, Dallas, Rowdy and Miss Red- and they loved

him. He enjoyed sitting on his back porch swing and listening to the quiet of his country home. He liked good music, mostly country-western and Cajun. He had a number of lifelong friends with whom he got into fair amount of mischief in his younger years, and who knew him to be a good friend and true to his word. Those of us who knew and loved him will always remember his keen sense of humor, his stubbornness, his intelligence and most of all the warmth of his heart. He's gone from us too soon, and the world is not as good a place without him. Sandy is preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by wife Debbie, daughter Barbara (B.J.) ; grandson Benjamin; brother Rick and wife Shary; nephew Tony and wife Myong-Hui and their daughters Ally and Emily; step daughter Chris and husband James, grandchildren Kala, Kelsie and Kole Haley; step son Shane and wife Lisa, grandchildren Briar, and Josey Scruggs, Lucas Gilbert and sister in law Cindy and husband John Goodnight as well as cousins and other relatives. Sandy donated his body for medical education and research to The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. A memorial service will be held 7pm Wednesday, August 12, 2009 at Griffin-Roughton Chapel.

Tribute Wall



“ *John Watson*

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ *There are no words to tell you all how sorry we are about your loss. You all have been in our prayers the past few weeks and we will continue to pray for each of you in the days to come. May God give you His "peace that passes all understanding" as only He can give. Hold tight to the wonderful memories of Sandy, and cherish them forever.*

Debbie you have a great little sister Cindy, that God has put her in a new place, so that she can be there for you day or night. She is an angel here on earth and I love all of you very much....

Love, Richard and Diane

Diane Wing - August 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Debbie,
We are thinking of you and keeping you in our prayers.*

Robin Ratliff - August 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *To all the family,*

I am so sorry for your loss at this time, may God be with each and every one of you and all the memories you have of Sandy bring you comfort. My thoughts and prayers are with you all!

Myria Misenheimer (Stepp) - August 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Debbie,*

Our heart breaks for you. You are in our prayers. I know that work is not the same for Pat or you. Just know that we are here if you need us.

*Love Always,
Djuna & Pat*

August 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *John Watson*

Kaye (Bingham) Hines - August 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Pursley Volunteer Fire Department - August 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ I remember John (only his family called him Sandy in those days, but I remember his mother, daddy, little brother and cousin Skipper addressing him as "Sandy")with a twinkle in his eyes and a smile that was contagious. He was one of those guys everyone wanted to be around him. I loved watching John play baseball - never could figure out how he got those bowed legs to run so fast around the bases! He was always fun, the life of the party, respectful and courteous. I especially remember how close he was to his parents and little brother, Ricky. How sad to lose him - please accept my sincere sympathy. After reading the obituary, I know John was well-loved and had a very happy life - praise God!

I was so looking forward to the AHS/CHS Class of '64 Reunion this fall in hopes of seeing John and many of our former Lincoln Jr. High classmates (our junior high split, half going to each high school)- he will be remembered and missed. You are in my prayers.

Jan McCaleb Elliott - August 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ I AM GOING TO MISS YOU SANDY.
THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT.
YOU ALWAYS GOING TO BE THE BEST BOSS THAT I EVER
HAD.
ALL MY RESPECT TO YOU.

MARTY VELA - August 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM