



## James Paris Watson Jr

August 15, 1945 - January 19, 2026

WATSON – James P Watson, age 80, of Lawrenceville, Georgia, passed away Monday, January 19, 2025. A Funeral Service will be held in the Tim Stewart Funeral Home Lawrenceville Chapel on Friday, January 23, 2026, at 1:00 PM. With Reverend Tom Laney officiating. Visitation will be held from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM prior to service. Interment will be on Monday, February 9, 2026, at Georgia National Cemetery in Canton at 1:00 PM. James grew up in Duluth, attending Duluth High School then Clemson University and Truett McConnell College. In 1966 he went into the Army, where he attended Officers Candidate School graduating as a Second Lieutenant, then did a tour in Germany, rising to the rank of First Lieutenant then Vietnam, then back to Norfolk, VA. After which he was discharged as a Captain. Thus began his career in car sales. Serving in several management positions at several dealerships, eventually beginning his own used car lot. His other passion was singing. He sang in competitions in High School. Then as Choir Director of Rock Springs United Methodist Church for almost 20 years, He was a generous man with a big heart and will be greatly missed. He is preceded in death by his parents Opal (Perry) & Paris James Watson. James is survived by his loving wife of 58 years Linda Gail (Kerlin) Watson of Lawrenceville, GA, daughter Angie (Tommy) Mason of Lawrenceville, GA, granddaughter Aislinn Mason of Lawrenceville, GA, foster-brother Tommy (Judy Mosley) of Lawrenceville, GA, foster-brother Joe Martin of San Diego, CA, brother-in-law Jimmy (Penny) Kerlin of Lakemont, GA, niece Katie (John) Martin, niece Marci

Gross, niece Amanda Mosley, nephew Kevin Mosley, great niece Sara Beth Gross, great niece Katelyn Gross, great niece Addison Martin and great nephew Jack Martin. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Lawrenceville Co-Op. <https://lawrencevilleco-op.org/> Arrangements by Tim Stewart Funeral Home, 300 Simonton Road SW, Lawrenceville, Georgia 30046. 770-962-3100. Please sign the online guest registry at [www.stewartfh.com](http://www.stewartfh.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Georgia National Cemetery

1080 Scott Hudgens Drive  
Canton, GA 30114

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 23. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Tim Stewart Funeral Home Lawrenceville  
300 Simonton Road SW  
Lawrenceville, GA 30046

## Funeral Service

JAN 23. 1:00 PM (ET)

Chapel of Tim Stewart Funeral Home Lawrenceville  
300 Simonton Road, S.W.  
Lawrenceville, GA

## Graveside

FEB 9. 1:00 PM (ET)

Georgia National Cemetery  
1080 Scott Hudgens Drive  
Canton, GA 30114



# Tribute Wall



“ *Tim Stewart Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James Paris Watson Jr*



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**Tim Stewart Funeral Home** - January 23 at 08:40 AM



“ *5 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Tim Stewart Funeral Home** - January 23 at 10:19 AM



“ *Leigh Williams lit a candle in memory of James Paris Watson Jr*

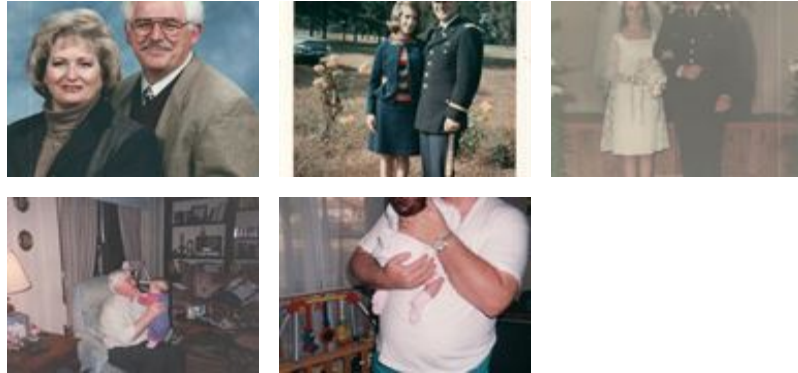


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**Leigh Williams** - January 23 at 09:28 AM



“ 50 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Tim Stewart Funeral Home** - January 23 at 08:36 AM

CH

“ *Gail, we are so sorry for your loss. You and your family in our prayers. You and James have been such a blessing to our family over the years. James will be greatly missed.*

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**Christy Holly** - January 23 at 06:26 AM

DM

“ *Hadn't seen him in years.. great man and Duluth family.*  
*David Murphy*

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**David Murphy** - January 22 at 08:36 PM

JP

“ *Joe & Pat purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of James Paris Watson Jr.*



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**Joe & Pat** - January 22 at 05:28 PM

JP

“ Joe & Pat planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Paris Watson Jr.

Joe & Pat - January 22 at 05:28 PM

LI

“ My sincere Condolences to his Wife Mrs. Gail, and the family. It was an honor having you around. love making you smile when i was dancing around the halls. You will be missed, Continued prayers to the family. Elizabeth Roberts (AGP)

Liz - January 22 at 05:28 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of James Paris Watson Jr.



January 22 at 12:04 PM

LF

“ Love you, Your Kids Crossing Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James Paris Watson Jr.



Love you, Your Kids Crossing Family - January 22 at 09:51 AM

SF

“ Sandra K Franklin sent a virtual gift in memory of James Paris Watson Jr



Sandra K Franklin - January 21 at 07:19 PM

SF

“ Gail. Larry and I are so sorry to hear about James. He was always so pleasant to talk to. I loved running into him at aldi's. 😊 I know he will be missed. Larry and Sandra ❤️🙏

Sandra K Franklin - January 21 at 07:15 PM

PF

“ Pantovic Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of James Paris Watson Jr.



Pantovic Family - January 21 at 03:19 PM

JR

“ Gail, I am so sorry for your loss.

Joyce Kerlin Parr ritt - January 21 at 09:44 AM

LW

“ I took care of this man for almost 2 years .He has fired me so many times but all I would say is see you tomorrow and give him pounds .Love this man to the end and he will be greatly missed

Leigh Williams - January 20 at 02:07 PM