

## Mr. Johnny T. Watson, Jr.

May 6, 1926 - January 20, 2022

Mr. Johnny Theodore Watson Jr., 95 years young, went to be with the LORD on January 20, 2022. J.T. (as he was called by his friends) was born on May 6, 1926, in Good Springs, Texas in Rusk County. He was the only child of Johnny Theodore Sr. and Cora Watson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Drucilla Murleen Watson, daughter Pamela Renee Watson, and son John Michael Watson.

He is survived by his daughter, Deborah Anne Nickerson, son-in-law, Rick Nickerson, daughter-in-law Robbie Watson; his grandchildren, Keri Lynne Nickerson, John Casey Nickerson, and Katrina Watson Cobb, as well as three great-grandchildren: Emma Pamela Rebuffini, Lilia Geraldine Rebuffini and his great-grandson Alessandro Dewitt Rebuffini.

J.T. was a good honest man. He was the caring husband of Drucilla Watson for 71 years. He was a gentle, kind, loving, generous, supportive father who always wanted the best for his family. He was happy, fun-loving, and constantly had a big smile on his face. Being with his three special grandchildren, Keri, John Casey, and Katrina brightened his life. His three precious great-grandchildren, Emma, Lilia, and Alessandro brought such great joy to him. He loved animals of all kinds. He especially loved his many dogs.

J.T. was a veteran in the Air Force, a farmer, a rancher, and a storyteller. He loved sharing stories about the fun times he had as a boy growing up in Good Springs. His intriguing stories were always filled with mystery and a surprise ending.

Even at age 95, he was an expert domino player and could “beat the socks” off any opponent.

J.T. lived his life to the fullest and was an inspiration to all who knew him. He will be profoundly missed, but we know that he is now free of pain and will enjoy the majesty of heaven for all eternity.

A celebration of J.T's life will be held at one o'clock in the afternoon on Thursday, January 27, 2022 at Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home, 1414 S. Main St, Henderson, TX 75654.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at [www.crawfordacrim.com](http://www.crawfordacrim.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Duncan Cemetery

9346 S County Road 454  
Henderson, TX 75654

# Previous Events

## Service

JAN 27. 1:00 PM (CT)

Crawford A. Crim Funeral Home  
1414 South Main Street  
Henderson, TX 75654

# Tribute Wall



“ *Crawford A.Crim Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Johnny T. Watson, Jr.*



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**Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home** - January 25, 2022 at 10:57 AM

DM

“ *Johnny was always prepared for the unexpected when I was around. He joined a few trips to the emergency room with me and Dru. Once was a crayon up my nose, the other was stitches I needed from jumping on the bed and the headboard bit me. I've always appreciated his calming demeanor and smiles/laughter. I cherish all the stories, as I got older and could still for more than a second I found a lot of wisdom in his stories and the enthusiasm in which he told them was awesome. We shared one thing in common that's neat. When I lived in Houston I was an Astro buddy, went to games when I could but we both loved listening to Milo Hamilton on the radio,,we actually both fell asleep listening to the Astros, me in bed and him in his chair in the den. I loved me some Johnny.*

*Dan McGrew*

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**Dan McGrew** - February 03, 2022 at 03:10 PM

LM

“ I always knew JT as “Uncle Johnny”, and I met him when I was VERY pregnant with Stetson (1999). Dan and I had just bought land, north of Muenster on the Red River, and Uncle Johnny wanted to see it. Well I rode in the back seat of Dan’s new pick up, and the 3 of us drove the 400 ac property. I was bouncing around all over the back seat as we traveled the rough, uneven land. Dan and Johnny teased and laughed as I laid in the back seat convinced I was going to bounce Stetson out that very day. What a rough day. Johnny was good though... he was so excited for Dan, and especially Daniel, Taylor and Morgan because he knew the joy the land would bring them! Soon after Stetson was born, Uncle Johnny visited us in Southlake, he held Stetson on his belly and had his unlit cigar tucked in his mouth. He visited with Dan and me, until it was again time to go check the property. He was so paternal and joyful man. He was very special and always so warm. He will be missed.

*Lynne McGrew*

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**Lynne McGrew** - February 03, 2022 at 03:09 PM

BC

“ Beverly Childress lit a candle in memory of Mr. Johnny T. Watson, Jr.



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**Beverly Childress** - January 26, 2022 at 09:23 PM

ME

“ Oh I will miss his sweet smile and the sparkle he always had in his eyes. He loved his family dearly. He has now seen Jesus face to face and has been reunited with those who have gone before him. He will be missed.

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**Maureen Everett** - January 26, 2022 at 06:40 PM

WE

“ Watson Family, Uncle Johnny was one of a kind. God knew exactly what he was doing when He formed Uncle Johnny! Johnny always loved you like you were the most important person on the planet as he was so caring, thoughtful and fully engaged in every conversation. I saw Johnny first-hand treat the down and out, non-famous and who the world says are the least important people all the way to the likes of Nolan Ryan, who be-friended Johnny at a livestock auction. Johnny didn't care what your title was or your accomplishments, he was still going to love you for who God made you to be. Johnny truly embodied 1 John 4:7 which says "Love one another, for love is from God". Last week, Uncle Johnny heard the the 7 most important words that all believers in Christ Jesus long to hear.... "Well done thy good and faithful servant". A Brother in Christ, Will Everett

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**Will Everett** - January 26, 2022 at 06:30 PM

JT

“ Debbie it is no doubt you get your beautiful smile from your father. What a wonderful gift. May your heart fill with wonderful memories of a great man, husband, father, grandfather and great grand father. Prayers for all of you.  
Gene and Jewel Tips

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**Jewel Tips** - January 25, 2022 at 09:45 PM

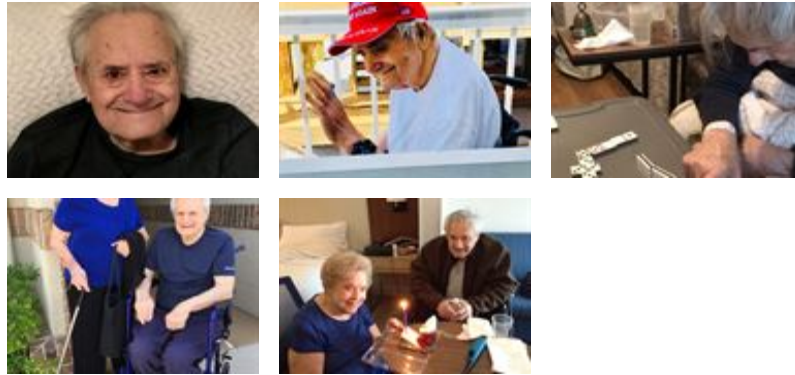
RN

“ JT was my father-in-law, a man that I respected and looked up to for many years. He loved his family dearly. I will miss his stories, his kind heart, and happy smile. RIP JT

Rick Nickerson - January 25, 2022 at 01:15 PM



“ 72 files added to the album Life Tributes



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - January 25, 2022 at 10:55 AM

JD

“ JT or Johnny was a dear friend to Ray and I for many years. He was the type fella that would give you the shirt off his back if he thought you needed it. He and Dru lived by us in Cypress, Texas for many years and then when we moved to Henderson we stayed close. Mike, his son was also a dear friend. Ray went to Heaven about 8 years ago, I'm sure they are having some good talks together now. We counted JT, Dru and Mike as our close dear friends and I will miss them all so much.  
June Dodd

June Dodd - January 24, 2022 at 03:31 PM

RW

“ I wish everyone could have seen his face when he first saw niagra falls it was pure joy he sat on a bench for hours just watching the falls then when we left canada i thought we were going to be detained he told the officers he had a cuban cigar they went thru our luggage took johnny in a room to ask questions it scared me but johnny was laughing.

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**Robbie Watson** - January 24, 2022 at 09:11 AM