



Mr. Martin "Duke" Watson

April 8, 1976 - January 17, 2022

Mr. Martin "Duke" Watson, 45, of Henderson, passed from this life on January 17, 2022, at UT Health North in Tyler. He was born April 8, 1976, in Channelview and has lived in Henderson and the East Texas area since 1996. Duke received his Bachelor's of Arts degree in Business from East Texas Baptist University and later went to work in oilfield equipment sales, most recently for Industrial Diesel. He loved spending time with his girls, and family and friends, whether it was on that boat at the lake, or on hunting or fishing trips. Duke's personality was bigger than life, he has the biggest heart, and he never met a stranger.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Audrey Watson.

Survivors include his daughters, Sadie Watson and Sophie Watson of Henderson; the mother of his daughters, Amanda Watson of Henderson; significant other, Kristy Renee Nutt of Carthage and her children, Braden Nutt, Tristan Nutt, and Kaitlyn Williams and husband Travis; father, Martin "Pete" Watson and wife Priscilla of Huffman; sister, Kindra Cox and husband Jeff of Huffman; nephew, Garrett Greer, and nieces, Nicole Greer, Chloe Zamora, and Faith Combs; as well as a host of cousins, other family, and many friends.

Honorary Pallbearers will be Garrett Greer, Jeff Cox, Kyle Gillispie, Bud Dotson, Thomas Morrow, Tim Brady, Coe Uphoff, Jeremy King, Dennis Dillard,

and Richard Weaver.

A celebration of life for Mr. Watson will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 22, 2022, at Bar None Cowboy Church with Jason Taylor officiating.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.crawfordacrim.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN **22**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Bar None Cowboy Church
9162 HWY 43 E.
Tatum, TX 75691

Tribute Wall



“ *Crawford A.Crim Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Martin "Duke" Watson*



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - January 21, 2022 at 10:55 AM

KH

“ *Pete:*

I am so sorry to hear that Duke has passed away. When we worked at Stewart and Stevenson, you were so proud of Kindra and Duke.

Take care of U, Pete.

May Duke RIP. Praying for Duke, the Watson family and the Cox family as well as your extended family and friends.

Karen Hutchison

Karen Hutchison - February 15, 2022 at 05:57 PM

CV

“ *Charles And Patsi Veazey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Martin "Duke" Watson*



Charles and Patsi Veazey - January 21, 2022 at 11:19 PM

SD

“ Steve Davison lit a candle in memory of Mr. Martin "Duke" Watson



Steve Davison - January 21, 2022 at 09:11 PM

JW

“ I'm gonna miss you brother, but I look forward to the day that we shall meet again. Have your baseball glove handy we will play another game together one day. I sure enjoyed our days of growing up together, and will miss any future conversations we would've had here on earth. Love you Duke.

Jesse White - January 21, 2022 at 03:37 PM

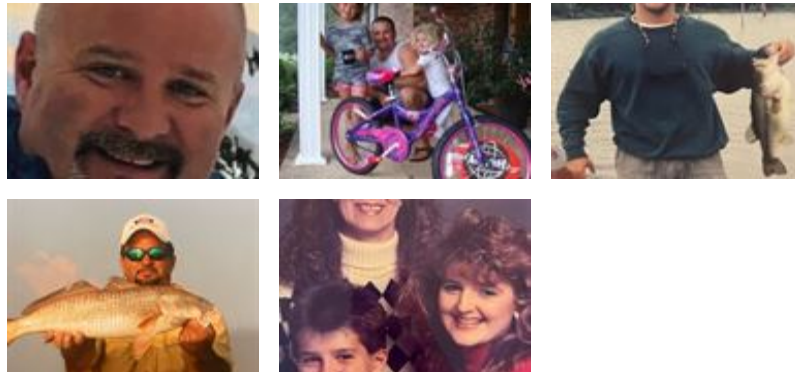
SC

“ Prayers for everyone.

Shannon Cook - January 21, 2022 at 02:34 PM



“ 91 files added to the album Life Tributes



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - January 21, 2022 at 10:53 AM

RC

“ *Rickie Choate lit a candle in memory of Mr. Martin "Duke" Watson*



rickie choate - January 21, 2022 at 10:35 AM

DD

“ *I miss you already brother. We love you, God speed and I will see you soon! You will always be the best part of our lives and always remembered.*

Dennis Dillard - January 21, 2022 at 09:57 AM

JB

“ *James Bowdoin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Martin "Duke" Watson*



James Bowdoin - January 20, 2022 at 08:45 PM

FREEDOM

“ *This has been devastating news. I haven't talked to Duke in a long time but my senior year (his junior year) we were inseparable. I know Duke had a ton of friends due to his strong, outgoing personality, but I always considered him my best friend. He was so full of life and just so much fun to be around. I will cherish those memories always. Prayers to the Watson and Cox families. He will be greatly missed! Rest in peace brother!*



Scott Mock - January 20, 2022 at 06:20 PM

JC

“ Duke... A true friend, he lit up the room wherever he was, his laugh was contagious. We used to laugh at each other til our sides hurt. We used to call each other to check in on our work travels and tell each other the funny things we would come across. I always knew when he'd call he had a crazy story to tell me. And in some dark times in my life he would always find that one thing to say that would make me smile. Miss ya Bro. You beat me to Jesus but I'll see ya soon, love ya big!



Justin Crowley - January 20, 2022 at 05:16 PM

MW

“ Della and I offer our condolences, and the prayer of God's light to give strength and comfort to Duke's family. May Duke rest in peace, and his family feel the love and support from all his friends. We love you, Mike & Della Watson

Mike Watson - January 20, 2022 at 04:45 PM

RS

“ Amanda, Skelly and I send our love and prayers to you and your beautiful daughters during this difficult time of reflection. God be with you now and always sweet friend.

Ricki and Shannon Skelton - January 20, 2022 at 04:41 PM

KR

“ Kirby And Stephen Rains lit a candle in memory of Mr. Martin "Duke" Watson



Kirby and Stephen Rains - January 20, 2022 at 04:04 PM

RS

“ A highlight of my life was working with and being around the Watson family while we lived in Shreveport. Nothing will ever dim the memories of watching Sadie and Sofie grow and the daily contact with Duke. His desire to succeed and be a positive influence on those around him helped me immensely. We wish we could be there to celebrate a life well lived.

Roger and Celeste Schaefer

Roger and Celeste Schaefer - January 20, 2022 at 02:00 PM

EB

“ Eddy And Brenda lit a candle in memory of Mr. Martin "Duke" Watson



Eddy and Brenda - January 20, 2022 at 12:20 PM

PA

“ I worked with Duke for several years at United Engines. He had an infectious personality. Terribly saddened by his passing. Prayers for the family and friends.

Pat Arnold - January 20, 2022 at 11:21 AM

NH

“ Nathan Hanks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Martin "Duke" Watson



Nathan Hanks - January 20, 2022 at 11:00 AM

MC

“ Milton & Angie Christian lit a candle in memory of Mr. Martin "Duke" Watson



Milton & Angie Christian - January 20, 2022 at 10:13 AM

DC

“ David And Jan Crow lit a candle in memory of Mr. Martin "Duke" Watson



David and Jan Crow - January 20, 2022 at 10:07 AM

LT

“ My prayers for all of you

Liz&Rickey Thrasher - January 20, 2022 at 08:39 AM

TU

“ Duke was larger than life he would do anything for you when you were in need. And he'd do it without being asked, because he cared. "A friend indeed for a friend in need."
It doesn't seem possible that he really is gone. His passing has left a void in so many lives. We can only take comfort in the fact that he was a part of our lives and the memories will last forever.
Good bye my friend
Tim and Chris Uphoff

tim and chris uphoff - January 20, 2022 at 08:04 AM

SS

“ All I can say about Duke is that he was always smiling and very positive to be around. I remember countless baseball practices through out high school together. He worked hard and played hard. My prayers are with Sophie, Sadie and the family. See you on the other side buddy.



Steve Solis - January 20, 2022 at 07:55 AM

SH

“ Wow so hard to wrap my head around! My condolences and prayers to his daughters, Kindra, Dad and the rest of the family . So many memories come to mind from high school to softball and baseball games to college baseball and hanging out playing pool at his house in North shore to going dancing. But the one that sticks out and warms my heart til this day is when we were in High School it was raining and I was on crutches walking outside by the vocational buildings where there were boards laid over the pathways and every time I would put my crutch down it would slide out from under me...UNTIL Duke ran up behind me and took my books and he would put his foot down beside my crutch every time it hit the ground to keep me from slipping. I will never forget how kind he was to me that day. ❤️

steffany harrison - January 20, 2022 at 12:40 AM

CF

“ A beautiful soul inside and out has left this earth too soon. I am praying for peace and comfort during this difficult time. My heart goes out to the Cox and Watson family. 🙏
Prayers



Casie Fleming - January 19, 2022 at 10:09 PM

TM

“ Thinking of and praying for you, Sadie and Sophie. ❤️

Tami Moore - January 19, 2022 at 09:12 PM

AR

“ There are so many great memories hunting with Duke on the West Kerr Ranch. He was definitely the most well dressed hunter and everyone's best friend by the end of the weekend. It was never a dull moment when he was around. You will be deeply missed Duke. Sending hugs and prayers to the family. Rest In Peace old friend.



Ashley Reagan - January 19, 2022 at 08:53 PM

TA

“ Tina Armintor lit a candle in memory of Mr. Martin "Duke" Watson



Tina Armintor - January 19, 2022 at 08:47 PM

LK

“ Leo And Karleen lit a candle in memory of Mr. Martin "Duke" Watson



Leo and Karleen - January 19, 2022 at 08:21 PM

KJ

“ Katrina Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Martin "Duke" Watson



Katrina Jones - January 19, 2022 at 07:58 PM

CS

“ Coy Spencer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Martin "Duke" Watson



Coy Spencer - January 19, 2022 at 06:51 PM

SB

“ We Love You, Duke! Until we meet again! 🌸
Ricky, Steph & family



Stephanie Burleson - January 19, 2022 at 06:48 PM

AS

“ Al And Diane Sprouse lit a candle in memory of Mr. Martin "Duke" Watson



Al and Diane Sprouse - January 19, 2022 at 06:46 PM

CE

“ *Continued prayers for all!*



Christi Eden - January 19, 2022 at 06:05 PM

TH

“ *Continued prayers to Sadie, Sophie and family. May God give you strength, peace and comfort.*

Trey, Amy, Hope and Jack Hackwr - January 19, 2022 at 05:59 PM

TH

“ *Trey, Amy, Hope And Jack Hackwr lit a candle in memory of Mr. Martin "Duke" Watson*



Trey, Amy, Hope and Jack Hackwr - January 19, 2022 at 05:56 PM

RW

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all of Duke's loved ones. I have so many wonderful memories of good times with the Watson family and Duke was a big part of those good times. Love, Renee Wolfford*

Renee Wolfford - January 19, 2022 at 05:46 PM

BW

“ Brent Wilder lit a candle in memory of Mr. Martin "Duke" Watson



Brent Wilder - January 19, 2022 at 05:37 PM

JB

“ Pete - please know that Duke always put a smile on our face when we were with him and the entire Bates family loved him Janet Bates

Janet Bates - January 19, 2022 at 05:31 PM

JS

“ Jamie And Karen Skelton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Martin "Duke" Watson



Jamie and Karen Skelton - January 19, 2022 at 05:14 PM

TW

“ Taylor White lit a candle in memory of Mr. Martin "Duke" Watson



Taylor White - January 19, 2022 at 05:08 PM

AP

“ We loved you Duke! Rest easy friend. We will see you again someday!



Angie Powell - January 19, 2022 at 04:46 PM



“ Dean and Melissa McNew and family



Melissa McNew - January 19, 2022 at 04:31 PM

DT

“ Darrell And Trish Thorne lit a candle in memory of Mr. Martin "Duke" Watson



Darrell and Trish Thorne - January 19, 2022 at 04:28 PM

MG

“ This is devastating to his family and ours. He always had a smile on his face and was just a genuine person all the way around. Would go out of his way to help someone. Rest easy brother



Mike Gillispie - January 19, 2022 at 04:25 PM

EG

“ Our deepest condolences to Duke’s entire family.
You are in our prayers. May God’s comfort and peace envelope you and His Strength sustain you. Lloyd and Elaine Grier



Elaine & Lloyd Grier - January 19, 2022 at 04:20 PM

TG

“ Tom And Betty Gimble lit a candle in memory of Mr. Martin "Duke" Watson



Tom and Betty Gimble - January 19, 2022 at 04:17 PM

CK

“ My sweet Duke! The memories are flooding in; from the unbeatable Gators at Sheldon Little League till our early morning coffee and chat sessions at the river. We will miss you dearly sweet guy!! 💔



Candi King - January 19, 2022 at 04:06 PM

EF

“ Eddie Moore And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Martin "Duke" Watson



Eddie Moore and family - January 19, 2022 at 04:04 PM

TJ

“ *In memory of Duke. Thoughts and prayers out to the entire family.* ”



Tom Johnston - January 19, 2022 at 04:02 PM

CM

“ *Cody McComb lit a candle in memory of Mr. Martin "Duke" Watson* ”



Cody McComb - January 19, 2022 at 04:00 PM

RO

“ *Roper lit a candle in memory of Mr. Martin "Duke" Watson* ”



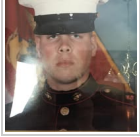
Roper - January 19, 2022 at 03:58 PM

CH

“ *Charles Helton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Martin "Duke" Watson* ”



Charles Helton - January 19, 2022 at 03:41 PM



“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Craig Gross - January 19, 2022 at 03:33 PM



“ Gary Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Martin "Duke" Watson



Gary Wilkerson - January 19, 2022 at 02:44 PM



I will be working that day and then able to come to the service but my heart is hurting and I just want to family to know that I love all of y'all and I so wish that I could be there love aunt Betty

Betty Geck - January 19, 2022 at 04:30 PM



“ Colby, Amy, Ava, & Libby Rockey



Amy Rockey - January 19, 2022 at 01:54 PM

BC

“ *Brett And Melanie Cross lit a candle in memory of Mr. Martin "Duke" Watson*



Brett and Melanie Cross - January 19, 2022 at 11:22 AM

LA

“ *Lorie Arnold lit a candle in memory of Mr. Martin "Duke" Watson*



Lorie Arnold - January 19, 2022 at 10:35 AM

BS

“ *Brad & Lou Ann Standard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Martin "Duke" Watson*



Brad & Lou Ann Standard - January 19, 2022 at 09:55 AM

CT

“ *Chuck & Lisa Towe lit a candle in memory of Mr. Martin "Duke" Watson*



Chuck & Lisa Towe - January 19, 2022 at 09:24 AM

SM

“ I’m so very sorry to hear this news. My prayers will continue as you navigate through this unfamiliar and sad time. Extra prayers for his beautiful girls.



steve & sandy mcmurray - January 19, 2022 at 09:10 AM

ED

“ Elaine Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Martin "Duke" Watson



Elaine Davis - January 19, 2022 at 08:11 AM

JJ

“ Jason & Susan Jarrell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Martin "Duke" Watson



Jason & Susan Jarrell - January 19, 2022 at 08:09 AM

CD

“ Chris Dorsey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Martin "Duke" Watson



Chris Dorsey - January 19, 2022 at 06:59 AM

GJ

“ *Gina L Juarez lit a candle in memory of Mr. Martin "Duke" Watson*



Gina L Juarez - January 18, 2022 at 11:51 PM

CC

“ *I will miss my friend and wish I could tell him that Cowboys gear is on clearance right now and hear him laugh. My heart is flooding love and prayers to all who loved this beautiful person.*

Carla Grafton Chewning - January 18, 2022 at 11:50 PM

PA

“ *Patricia Allred lit a candle in memory of Mr. Martin "Duke" Watson*



Patricia Allred - January 18, 2022 at 11:00 PM

GH

“ *Glenda Humphries lit a candle in memory of Mr. Martin "Duke" Watson*



glenda humphries - January 18, 2022 at 10:15 PM

KR

“ *Some of our greatest family times and vacations were spent with the Watson family. He will forever hold a special place in the hearts of our family. Love knowing we will see him again someday!* ”

Karen Rains - January 18, 2022 at 09:36 PM