



James "Jim" Lawrence Watson

October 23, 1955 - December 16, 2018

James Lawrence "Jim" Watson, 63, of Bloomington, passed away on Sunday, December 16, 2018. He was born on October 23, 1955 in Jasper, Indiana; the son of James Roy and Geraldine (Leonard) Watson.

The family moved from Loogootee to Indianapolis where Jim attended Pike Jr. High and graduated from Pike High School in 1974. He then enlisted in the United States Army and served in the National Security Agency. He re-enlisted and was a member of the 82nd Airborne Division. Jim was an entrepreneur. In 1995, he founded LabTek, Inc., which he operated until his retirement in 2012.

He enjoyed living in the country, boating, traveling, movies, dining at fine restaurants with his wife and spending cherished moments with his children and grandchildren. He had an incredible life-long love of basketball.

Jim is survived by his wife Angie (Phelan) Watson, sister Marsha Rollins, daughters Jacki Watson (Patrick Kelly) and Lindsey (Watson) LeMaster (Eddie), grandchildren, Braden, Lucas, Bailey, and Will.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Jane Butcher, infant twin brother John Robert, and infant grandson Elijah James.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, December 29, 2018, at The Woolery Mill, 2761 S. Kegg Rd., Bloomington, IN 47403 from 1:00 -4:00 p.m. Family will receive friends from 1:00-2:00. The service will begin at 2:00 p.m. A light meal will follow. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Jim's memory to Happy Labs Rescue, P.O. Box 2296, Columbus, IN 47202. Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 S. Old State Road 37, Bloomington, have been entrusted with arrangements. You are invited to share a memory or leave an online condolence to Jim's family at www.allencares.com

Tribute Wall

RM

“ Jim was my cousin and my friend. As a child, I moved almost yearly with my dad, whose career was the US Air Force, and my long-suffering mom. My experiences and memories of my cousins are sporadic, because I didn't actually grow up with any of them on either side of my family. I am truly blessed with a loving family who have supported me from 10,000 miles away, but Jim had a special place in my heart. We were close in age, and along with my cousin, Nancy, he always took the time to make me feel at home. I never doubted his love or his protective arms around me, even from far away. Jim was like my dad (his uncle, Bob Leonard) in many ways. He could fill up a room with his warm personality and had a sarcastic sense of humour that was so like all of his Leonard relatives, including me. I will miss you, funny guy! Love to the entire family, Robyn Leonard Maher (and Michael Maher)

Robyn Maher - December 31, 2018 at 09:46 PM

AW

Thank you for a lifetime of love and support back to cousin Jim. You come from a long line of smart, caring souls and to possess both is unique. Thanks for mentioning the sarcasm. Well put and an important emphasis. I love you! Angie

Angie Watson - January 03, 2019 at 09:11 PM

TR

“ It is rare in life that you find someone you can truly call a friend. Jim and I had many long conversation about work, politics, family and life. I believe his hard work common sense help both of. succeed in business, and in life.. I will truly miss the time and conversations I had with Jim.


We both would talk about the future, and what we would do with time and family during retirement.

I think about Jim everyday knowing I lost a good friend, and realizing even more important Angie and the family lost a great man.

My thoughts and prayers with you.

Tom Ross

Tom Ross - December 27, 2018 at 03:54 PM

 Aaron Collins

“ Angie...Lindsey...Jacki....

Cannot say enough words to ease your loss..

Jim was an amazing soul & had one of the largest personalities I have ever known....

So many great memories, laughs & times we have all shared as family. Even though I am far away...My thoughts & prayers are with all 3 of you....

Hugs & Love from Austin....

Aaron

Aaron Collins - December 26, 2018 at 10:46 AM



“ *RIP, Jimmy. I always appreciated your humor, kindness, and gentlemanly nature when you used to come into McFarling Foods for LabTek business. Godspeed and sincere condolences to Angie and the rest of your family.*

Natali McFarling

Nat McFarling - December 20, 2018 at 07:39 PM



“ *Angie and family.....Jim.....I am still at a loss for words. I was there the day of his surgery...Roger came by as well. We were so optimistic that I find I am still at a loss for words. Just know Jim was loved, respected, and admired by us. Our love and sympathy to all of you. Jim shined bright and touched so many hearts....he will be very much missed by all of us that were blessed enough to be touched. Much love to all.*

loralyn curry - December 19, 2018 at 09:51 PM



“ *Hello Angie,*

Great picture of Jim. It captures his essence. He will be really missed and I just want to say Loralyn and I love you both and will be down when you are ready.

Roger

Roger Curry - December 19, 2018 at 06:10 PM

NC

Dearest Angie, It is with much sadness that we receive the news of Jim's passing. I never had the privilege to know him, I know he was a wonderful person. Meredith and I send you our love. You have been a special friend to our sons and to us. May God Bless you and your family.

Nellie and Meredith Carter

nellie carter - December 20, 2018 at 10:09 AM

DL

Fond memories of Jimmy at Pike High School. I can remember decorating his locker many times before basketball games. Thinking of the family during this difficult time.

Donna Blackwell Long - December 21, 2018 at 05:30 PM