



Mark Allen Watson

March 8, 1957 - November 16, 2025

Mark Allen Watson, age 68, of Portage, Indiana passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family on November 16, 2025. He was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on March 8, 1957, to Marlin and Patricia Watson, who preceded him in death.

Mark is survived by his adoring wife of 46 years, Juanita. He was deeply loved by his four children: Dawn (Mike) Kucera, Brian (Ashley) Watson, April (Jason) Chontos, Allison (Terry) Henson. He was a proud grandfather to his three grandchildren: Addison Chontos, Garrett and Elliana Kucera. He is also survived by his brother, Lee Watson, nieces, Anna Watson and Abby (James) Sowa. Sister-in-law, Paula (Mike) Ihnat, nephews, Chris Ihnat and Patrick (Emilie) Ihnat. He also had numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins who will miss him greatly.

Mark was a devoted husband and wonderful father and grandfather, who enjoyed laughing, joking, and spending time with his family. His two dogs, Thor and Kenny loved him unconditionally. He was a carpenter for many years, and his hobbies included woodworking, reading, target shooting, and participating in Civil War Reenactments. He also enjoyed attending traditional archery shows, was a history buff, and a nature lover.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, December 13, 2025, visitation from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM with a memorial service to follow with Pastor Tom Clark officiating. All services will be held at Burns Funeral Home, 701 East 7th St., Hobart, IN 46342.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations to be made in Mark's memory to the American Kidney Foundation and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Foundation.

Mark was loved by many and will be deeply missed. Please join us in sharing stories, memories, tears, and laughter in honor of Mark.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

DEC 13. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mark Allen Watson.*



December 10, 2025 at 08:31 PM



“ *Patricia K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark Allen Watson.*

Patricia K. - December 10, 2025 at 08:31 PM



“ *Mark was the best father in law a man could ask for! Along the 28 years of being part of the family Poppa Watson was more than a father in law he was a friend, mentor, my hunting cheerleader, great husband, father, father in law and I couldn't ask for a better grandpa to my daughter. Poppa Watson will be missed dearly but left us all with so many great memories!*

Jason Chontos - November 19, 2025 at 07:57 AM



Dawn - November 19, 2025 at 05:44 PM

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Poppa Watson,

What can I say, you were the best father in law a guy can ask for. You were never hesitant to attend Marvel movies with me, show me how to work with my hands, always encourage me to be the best person I can be while always making sure to let me know how much you loved me and were proud of me. You were the strongest person I knew dealing with all the health issues over the past 10 years. Lastly it was hard for me when my parents left to go live there life in Myrtle Beach, but I knew I was gonna be ok, because I had you and Momma Watson! I love and will miss you forever!

Terry P Henson - November 19, 2025 at 07:58 PM