



James Henry Watters

April 12, 1948 - October 29, 2025

James Henry Watters, born in 1948 in Rome, Georgia, passed away surrounded by the love of his family. He was the beloved son of the late Edward S. and Lillie Watters of Rome, and a devoted husband, father, brother, uncle, and friend whose warmth and wry humor touched everyone who knew him.

A proud graduate of Ayer High School, James went on to build a long and steady career at Wyman Gordon, where he worked for more than 34 years before retiring. Colleagues remember him for his dependable work ethic, his ready smile, and the knack for turning an ordinary workday into an occasion for good natured conversation.

James loved simple pleasures: long bicycle rides, leisurely walks through Elm Park, and evenings spent playing spades with family. He was a fixture at his weekly meetups with friends from Wyman Gordon and his Elm Park crew, where he shared stories, kibitzed over cards, and handed out the kind of practical advice only he could deliver—with a twinkle in his eye. He especially loved his daily 3pm quarter poker games his beloved wife Kathy. He had a gentle, down to earth humor that made people laugh without trying too hard; he could scold and charm within the same sentence, and he delighted in the small rituals of life that kept family and friends close.

James is survived by his wife of 35 years, Kathleen J. Watters; his daughter Lily Torres and son in law Hector Torres (Webster, MA); his step-son Tyrone Harrington, (NC), sisters Lottie P. Watters (Worcester, MA), Brenda Riley (Nathanial Riley, Florida), and Carolyn Gray (Raymond Gray, Woonsocket, RI); and brothers Howard "Brutt" Watters (Mary Watters, Texas) and Edward "Scoochie" Watters (Woonsocket, RI). He also leaves behind many grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and cousins who will cherish his memory.

The family is grateful for the compassion and support shown during this time. Those who knew James will remember him for his loyalty, his quick wit, and the quiet ways he made ordinary days feel important

With fond remembrance, we celebrate a life well lived and a man who made room at his table for everyone.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

NOV **10**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bishop Funeral Home
71 Pleasant St
Worcester, MA 01609
(508) 752-4000
info@bishopfh.com
<http://www.bishopfh.com>

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall

MF

“ Yes I remember James and the love he had for Kathy always laughing and smiling we gave him a good laugh about the choices we made rest in love James Watters



Marjorie a friend - November 15, 2025 at 12:35 AM



“ Uncle James! You were quiet, yet you showed love in your own special way. You were so kind to us kids. I'll always remember how you and Aunt Kathy let me into your room when I was a scared little girl...it made me feel safe and cared for. It was always nice to see you whenever we came back to town. You'll always be remembered with love. ♡ - Unique

Unique Jones - November 12, 2025 at 09:38 PM

LT

“ My deepest sympathy and condolences to all



Lorraine Theodore - November 10, 2025 at 12:10 AM

RT

“ Our heartfelt condolences. May your loved one rest in peace. Blessings!

Clarence & Robin

Robin Tucker - November 09, 2025 at 12:41 PM

BP

“ *Barbara Poston-Doughty lit a candle in memory of James Watters*



Barbara Poston-Doughty - November 08, 2025 at 12:11 PM

DS

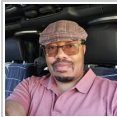
“ *I will never forget you my dear friend , All the days we spent down Elm Park laughing and sharing conversations with all our friends . Every day was special, your stories were wonderful ! I feel truly blessed to have met you, and will keep those memories all my days. David Staples*

David Staples - November 06, 2025 at 07:32 AM

KW

“ *Mr Watters - Simply the Best*

Kathleen Watters - November 04, 2025 at 07:28 PM



Best uncle i ever had,,treating me like a son when I first met him back in 1983, he inspired and guided me to became a man and better person,,I'm forever grateful 🙏 and sadden.

Dwight Wilburn - November 09, 2025 at 08:53 PM

PL

“ *Paula Leary lit a candle in memory of James Watters*



Paula Leary - November 04, 2025 at 05:44 PM

PL

You will always be the Mayor of Elm Park. Rest in peace my friend.

Paula Leary - November 08, 2025 at 04:57 PM

DS

“ *I will miss hanging out with James at Elm Park, we had so many good times and great conversations ! We laughed and just enjoyed all the friends that came to the park, I will never forget you my dear friend .*

David Staples

David Staples - November 04, 2025 at 10:20 AM

DA

“ My dearest Uncle,

Life with you has been a true pleasure—one filled with laughter, curiosity, and connection. You had a way of making even the simplest moments feel special. I will deeply miss our text messages, the way we'd swap songs like they were secrets, and especially the excitement we shared over the latest phone releases and car gadgets. Those little rituals were more than hobbies—they were our language, our bond.

You always knew how to spark joy, whether through a clever tech tip or a perfectly timed playlist. But more than anything, I'll miss your presence—your warmth, your humor, and the way you made me feel seen and understood. Thank you for being not just my uncle, but my friend, my fellow enthusiast, and my heart's companion in so many ways.

I carry your spirit with me, and I'll think of you every time a new gadget drops or a song makes me smile. You are loved beyond measure and missed beyond words.

With all my heart, Darnelle

Darnelle - November 03, 2025 at 02:26 PM