



Willard Wayne Watt

May 25, 1944 - May 7, 2025

Wayne Watt passed away on Wednesday, May 7, 2025 at his home in Alton. Son of the late Dewey and Myrtle (Ayres) Watt, he was born on May 25, 1944 in Alton. Wayne married Ruth (Meyer) on August 15, 1964. They were married for 60 years. Besides his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Christine (Alfredo) Martinez of Aurora, IL, sons, Robert (Ronna) Watt of Jerseyville, Darren (Debbie) Watt of Wood River, and Stephen (Sheryl) Watt of Fairbanks, Alaska. Also surviving are 11 grandchildren, Alexandra, Megan, Corey, Julian, Lydia, Gabriel, Kaitlyn, Paige, Sam, Nicholas and Victoria, and five great-grandchildren. He was a devoted husband and father, who loved the outdoors, especially bow hunting. He was a lifelong member of Salem Presbyterian Church and a longtime member of the Alton Moose Lodge. He owned and operated Wayne's Barber Shop in the late 1960's, then worked at Olin Brass for 31 years, retiring in 2004. Wayne was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Elbert, Dorris and Joseph Watt. Visitation will be from 9:00 a.m. until time of funeral service at 11:00 a.m. Monday, May 12, 2025, 2025 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. Reverend Andre' Dobson will officiate. Burial will be at Valhalla Memorial Park in Godfrey. Memorials may be made to Salem Presbyterian Church or Calvary Baptist Church. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Valhalla Memorial Park

2308 W. Delmar Ave.
Godfrey, IL 62035

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 12. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home
2409 State Street
Alton, IL 62002

Funeral

MAY 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

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2409 State Street
Alton, IL 62002

Tribute Wall

IS

“ So sorry to hear of Wayne's passing. Going way back I was a shoesine boy at Walkers barbershop in East Alton for about 4 years. Wayne got us involved in many projects at the shop like attempting to fix his wife's iron and other small appliances
He built large kites that we flew from the barbershop roof. We went fishing a couple times at Barths lake in Bunker Hill. Last time I visited Wayne was in early 2000's when I rode my motorcycle to his house on Siminary Rd
We had a great conversation and caught up on old times while he & I worked together at barber shop. I still have a wooden chest he helped me build. My condolences to Ruth and his other family members. He was a great guy

Irvin Schallenberg - June 26, 2025 at 07:36 PM

TC

“ The Salvation Army Aurora Corps! purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Willard Wayne Watt.



The Salvation Army Aurora Corps! - May 11, 2025 at 09:02 PM

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“ The Salvation Army Aurora Corps! planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Willard Wayne Watt.

The Salvation Army Aurora Corps! - May 11, 2025 at 09:02 PM

AW

“ I am so sorry to hear about Wayne’s passing. I have so many childhood memories of going to the archery range, hunting for mushrooms and him bringing me my favorite deer sausage. He was more than an uncle to me and reminded me so much of my grandfather, his brother Elbert. I loved Wayne dearly.

Love,

Amie (Watt) West

Amie West - May 10, 2025 at 08:51 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Willard Wayne Watt.



May 10, 2025 at 10:20 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Willard Wayne Watt.



May 09, 2025 at 02:01 PM

KD

“ We're so sorry to hear about the passing of Uncle Wayne. He will be loved and missed dearly.

With deepest sympathies,

Sean & Kelley Downey and family

Kelley Downey - May 09, 2025 at 11:43 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Willard Wayne Watt.*



May 09, 2025 at 10:17 AM