



## Stanley Joe Watson

January 13, 1955 - May 24, 2026

Stanley “Stan” Joe Watson, born January 13, 1955, passed away on May 24, 2026. A man whose presence left an impression wherever he went, Stan was born in Bristol, Virginia, and spent many years in Cissna Park before making his home in Paxton for the last decade of his life.

Stan worked as a semi driver for most of his life and was known for his strong work ethic and willingness to help anyone in need. He was also a member of St. John’s Lutheran Church.

Outside of work, Stan enjoyed collecting Hot Wheels and treasured the memories made while camping with his family. He enjoyed taking care of his yard and feeding the birds and squirrels that gathered around his home. His helpful nature, quick wit, and endless collection of entertaining stories made him someone people naturally gravitated toward. For many years, Stan also brought joy to children by playing Santa Claus, something he truly loved doing. Whether he was making people laugh, sharing stories, or lending a hand, Stan had a way of making others feel cared for and welcome.

Stan was preceded in death by his parents, Joe Musick and Glenna Watson; his stepfather, Bob Watson; and his sisters, Bertha Watson and Robin Price. He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Sylvia Watson; his children, Chris Park, Erin Park, Angie Park, and Lisa (Cody) Meredith; grandchildren Keyan Bouse,

Lexie Kirkley, Reece Park, Trae Cobb, Jaxon Cobb, Eli Meredith, Jake Meredith, Coy Meredith, and Coltyn Meredith; siblings Bobby Watson, Roy Watson, Terry Watson, and Pat Gooden; along with many nieces, nephews, extended family members, and friends who will miss him dearly.

A visitation service will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 30, 2026, at Cox-Knapp Funeral Home, 142 West Patton Street, Paxton, IL.

# Upcoming Events

## Visitation

MAY **30**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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