



Tony Joe Watson

July 24, 1945 - January 21, 2024

Tony Joe Watson, 78, of Bartlesville, Oklahoma passed away peacefully, with family present, on January 21, 2024. Tony was born July 24, 1945 and is survived by his wife of 56 years, Renee, and their two adult sons, Matthew (Jill) Watson and Zachary (Kelley) Watson and two grandsons Nickolas and Xander.

Tony was born in Stillwater, Oklahoma and was raised in Perry, Oklahoma, where he graduated from High School in 1963. He enjoyed playing the trumpet and was First Chair of the Perry Marching Band, and on the Dean's Honor Roll. Tony later graduated from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Oklahoma with a bachelor's degree in Production Management while successfully completing the Air Force Reserve Office Training Corps (AFROTC).

Tony was commissioned with the United States Air Force and reached the rank of Captain, served as a Flight Instructor and was Honorably discharged after five years of service. Tony later attended the University of Oklahoma in Norman, Oklahoma and studied Law. He graduated with his Juris Doctor degree and joined a private practice law firm in Ponca City, Oklahoma. He later moved to Bartlesville, Oklahoma to join the ranks of the Phillips Petroleum Legal team, in which he spent the majority of his career and ultimately retired.

Tony was an active Christian and loved the Lord with all his heart. He also believed in the mission of the Boy Scouts of America and often donated much of his time helping the Scouts. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and tinkering with old cars. He was a generous man, tithed at his church, and gave often to those less fortunate.

Tony's greatest joy in life, without doubt, was his wonderful and loving wife, Renee. He often called her, "his angel" and they were best friends all his life. He will be missed by his family and friends.

Tony's funeral will be held at Stumpff Funeral Home at 1600 SE Washington Blvd. Bartlesville, Oklahoma on Wednesday January 24, 2024 at 11:00AM. In lieu of flowers, the family requests any donations be made to the Boy Scouts of America in the name of Tony J. Watson. All are welcome to attend.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **24**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory
1600 SE Washington Blvd.
Bartlesville, OK 74006
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Funeral

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Tribute Wall

DB

“ Renee, we are sad to hear of Tony's passing. Our Condolences to you and your family.

Michael and Deniece Bush

Deniece Bush - January 26, 2024 at 01:12 AM

DW

“ One memory that sticks out in my mind with Tony happened shortly after him and Renee were married. I was about 8 years old and rode my bicycle to their first "residence", not much of a home, and my handlebars kept breaking on my bike. Big brother came to the rescue and repaired my handlebars so I could continue my 2 mile ride back to our home north of Perry, Ok. He was always very inventive. One time he built a raft floated by 55 gallon drums and powered by a Briggs & Stratton motor and put it on a pond at one of our farms. I will miss you big brother. RIP.

dudley watson - January 22, 2024 at 02:01 PM

MG

*So sorry for your loss!
Tony and his wife both encouraged my son to join the Boy Scouts and to complete his Eagle project which he did. I am thankful for Tony.*

marit Grant - January 23, 2024 at 01:50 PM

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*With sympathy,
Marit S Grant*

marit Grant - January 23, 2024 at 01:52 PM

CD

I worked with Tony in the Phillips Legal Department. He had a good sense of humor and was irrepressible. These were qualities not always present in lawyers. :-) Will miss you, Tony.

Charlie Daniels - January 24, 2024 at 10:24 AM