



Hank Alan Watson

November 22, 1948 - January 22, 2024

Hank Alan Watson, age 75 of Durant, Oklahoma, died at his home on Monday, January 22, 2024.

Hank was born in Pleasant Hill, Oklahoma on November 22, 1948 to parents Creson and Susan Watson.

He lived in Oklahoma until his parents moved him and his two sisters Pamela Lynne and Christina Sue to Los Angeles, California in the early 50's. There, 5 more siblings arrived completing the young family.

Hank grew up in Southern California where he attended PolyTechnic High School in Long Beach, California and attended Brighter Day Church in Los Angeles, California with his family. Through the church, Hank enjoyed gospel singings and came to love the Lord.

Hank later enlisted in the U.S. Navy having served in Vietnam. Upon his honorable discharge from the Navy, Hank met and married his wife Dora Brave Watson and together they had 5 children. Having moved from California and a short stay in Idabel, Oklahoma, they moved to Denver, Colorado where Hank found employment with the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration where he worked developing maps for their company.

After his wife's passing in 2004, Hank later married his beloved Barbara Jolene Walkingstick and together they enjoyed many outings and travels in the U.S. and abroad. A loving husband, father, sibling and grandfather, Hank dedicated his life to his family. His service in the U.S. Navy showcased his bravery, compassion and dedication both to his country and family.

Hank moved to Durant, Oklahoma in early 2003 where he became a member of the Durant Sr. Citizen Center and joined the Durant Senior Chair Volleyball team until he became too ill to continue. Hank stated he met many wonderful people who made him feel welcome and where he enjoyed many laughs when he occasionally missed the ball which was often.

Hank's legacy will be carried on by his loving family, friends and all who had the privilege of knowing him.

If you saw Hank, he would give you a quick wave or hold a quiet conversation and you would leave knowing you made a true friend. He will be deeply missed but his spirit and memory will live on in the hearts of those who loved him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wives Dora Brave Watson and Barbara Jolene Walkingstick Watson, son Alan Vaughn Watson, brothers Charles Alvin Watson and Randall Watson.

Surviving Hank is one son Creason Milton Watson, daughters Sarah Susan Watson of Denver, Colorado, Pamelyn Watson and Alexandra Andrea Watson, of Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

Brothers Amon J. Watson and Chris L. Watson, both of Dallas, Texas, and George R. Watson and friend Evelyn James of Idabel, Oklahoma.

Sisters Hannah Bryan, Pamela Lynne Gutierrez, Christina Sue Loretto and

Andrea Faith Yellowfish of Durant, Oklahoma.

He was a grandfather to Alexandre D.R. Pipe On Head and Creason H.A. Pipe On Head of Pine Ridge, South Dakota, and a furry friend Domino. Several nieces and nephews and a host of other relatives and friends.

The family would like to extend a big Thank You to the Choctaw Nation Color Guard, The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, Roger Scott and family, Hannah Bryan and Deandra Crosby, and Pastor Ron Crosby.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.brownsfuneralservice.com.

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Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 27. 10:00 AM (CT)

Brown's Funeral Chapel
4900 West US Hwy 70
Durant, OK 74701

Tribute Wall



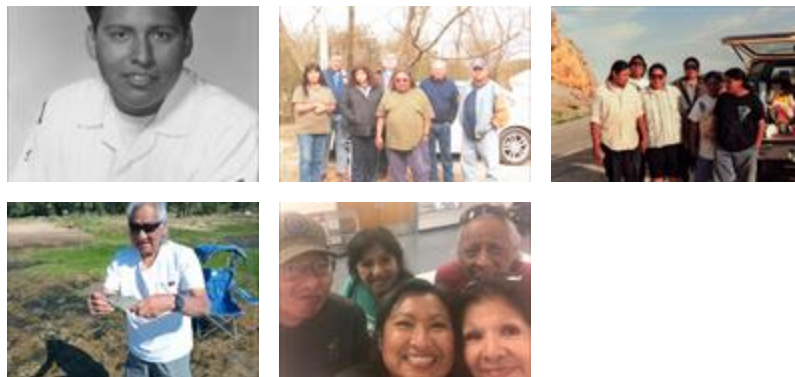
“ *Brown's Durant Funeral Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Hank Alan Watson*



Brown's Durant Funeral Service - January 26, 2024 at 11:40 AM



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Brown's Durant Funeral Service - January 26, 2024 at 11:43 AM

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“ *In junior high I took a drafting class. Every student needed to bring some supplies for the class - compass, ruler, mechanical pencil, etc. Mom told Dad who showed up with a 'basic' or 'essential' drafting kit. I had the fanciest supplies for the class. Plus I was the only girl in the class which gave me a little more credibility 🤔 Thanks Dad*

Sarah Watson - January 24, 2024 at 06:42 PM

AB

Sarah and family, I didn't know Hank for long, but the time I did know him, he was always laughing and having a good time. He made those around him feel welcomed.

Cha Pisa la chike.

Ann Baskin - January 25, 2024 at 04:04 PM

RB

*Ole Hank,
We had good times riding around in your orange 1958 Chevy back in the day, Times we spent at Lions Drag Strip, riding the roller coaster at The Pike, also attending Brighter Day Church events.*

Gotta admit, we've both come along ways since our teen years in CA.

Rest in Peace, my friend.

Robert Baker

Robert Baker - January 28, 2024 at 12:08 AM