



Henry "Sonny" F. Watson

March 21, 1929 - May 18, 2021

Henry (Sonny) F. Watson, Sr. of Louisville, KY, passed away, May 18, 2021. He was 92 years old. Henry was born in Gadsden, AL, March 21, 1929. He grew up in the Crescent Hill neighborhood of Louisville and graduated from duPont Manual High School in 1948 ½. He went into a sheet metal apprenticeship program and worked in the trade until 1950 when he enlisted in the U.S Air Force and served during the Korean War. He excelled in air frame repair in the service and received an honorable discharge in 1954, attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant. In 1954, he was employed at Naval Ordnance Station in Louisville as a sheet metal worker. While at N.O.S., he attended the University of Louisville Speed Scientific School and received a degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology. He moved into the Engineering Department as a Project Engineer, developing and supervising the manufacturing of minor caliber machine guns, and obtained a patent on the MK 20 40MM Grenade Machine Gun. He retired from N.O.S. in 1986, after which he taught school in the Carpenter's and Millwright's Apprenticeship Program and Jefferson County Public School On-Site Program, had a home repair business, and worked as Facilities Manager for CACI Field Services, an engineering consulting firm.

Henry was a 66-year member of Robinson-Plumb Masonic Lodge #266 and was an active member of the Kosair Shrine. As a Shriner, he was a member of the Boat Club, the Sand Bug Club, the Transportation Unit, and was a founding and charter member of the Hard Hat Unit. He volunteered for five

years at Kentucky Center for the Arts. Henry also had many hobbies that included chasing hot air balloons, stained glass, fishing, golf and scuba diving. He loved to travel and was an avid fan of singer/song writer, Jimmy Buffett, attending many of his concerts. But, he always made time for his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 46 years, Greta (Sohn) Watson; his mother, Annie Pruitt (McKinney) Watson; his father, Welton C. Watson; and two sisters, Anita Speechly and Meredith Lentz.

He is survived by his sister, Bernice (Niece) Thomas, his brother, Carlisle (Buddy) Watson, his son, Henry (Hank) F. Watson, Jr. (Patricia); granddaughter, Charity A. Peterworth (David); grandson, Matthew F. Watson (Amanda); five great grandchildren, Grace Peterworth, Logan Peterworth, Liam Watson, Eli Watson, and Nash Watson; many nieces, nephews, and cousins; and, his sweetheart and companion, Marlene Lentz.

The family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to the entire staff at Sander's Ridge Health Campus in Mt Washington, KY, for the loving and compassionate care they provided for "Mr. Henry" in his time of need.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00am Monday, May 24, 2021 at Owen Funeral Home-Jeffersontown, 9318 Taylorsville Road. Visitation will be 4:00pm-8:00pm Sunday and from 10:00am Monday until time of service. Masonic service Sunday night at 7:00pm

In lieu of flowers you can donate to Kosair Charities or the Parklands of Floyd's Fork.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 23. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Owen Funeral Homes - Jeffersontown
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Louisville, KY 40299
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<https://owenfuneralhome.com>

Masonic Service

MAY 23. 7:00 PM - 7:20 PM (ET)

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Service

MAY 24. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Henry "Sonny" F. Watson.



May 23, 2021 at 10:46 AM



“ Sonny was such a kind caring man and a wonderful neighbor and friend. Enjoy the memories of which there are many. I will always cherish his Christmas Visit with poinsettia in hand and the many cook outs in his patio. Love you Sonny RIP Tom/Fran

Fran Miesner - May 23, 2021 at 09:04 AM



“ Sonny will surely be missed. He always had a smile on his face and nothing but kindness for anyone he met. I truly enjoyed being part of his Wednesday lunch group and our Sunday evening suppers. My prayers are sent to his family and friends. God bless you and grant you the peace you so truly deserve.

Judy Burkhalter - May 20, 2021 at 12:14 PM

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“ Uncle Sonny was one of the best men in our family. I always enjoyed talking to him, hearing his life stories and his laugh. We have missed Aunt Greta and will miss Uncle Sonny. We know they are back together again.

Our best wishes for the family.

Dewey and Gail Carter

Dewey Carter - May 20, 2021 at 11:25 AM

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Uncle Sonny was a wonderful role model and much loved by his family. He was a very kind gentleman and easy to talk to about anything. Fly high, Uncle Sonny, Aunt Greta is waiting with open arms. God bless the family. Love, Debbie

Debbie Phillips, niece - May 20, 2021 at 11:59 AM