



## William R. Watson, 63, formerly of Townsend

September 14, 1962 - May 16, 2026

TOWNSEND / LUNENBURG: William R. Watson, 63, a lifelong resident of the Townsend & Lunenburg area, died Saturday, May 16, 2026 following a brief battle with cancer.

Bill was born in Watertown, NY, September 14, 1962, a son of William E. and Beverly J. (Cote) Watson and was a member of the Class of 1980 at North Middlesex Regional High School in Townsend.

A talented engine mechanic, Bill worked for several area concerns in that capacity, most recently for Monro Auto Service & Tire Center in Leominster.

Bill 's favorite pastimes included riding his Harley Davidson Motorcycle as well as working on all types of cars, rebuilding and customizing motorcycles.

In addition to his parents of Townsend, Bill leaves two sons, Cody Watson of Ashby, Aaron Watson of Fitchburg; his brother and sister in law, Brian J. and Kimberley Watson of Townsend; his soulmate & devoted partner , Suzette M. Richard of Leominster; his nieces, Samantha Morris and her husband, John, Jessica White and her husband, Patrick, his niece and Godchild, Shayla Elliott and her husband, Patrick; his grand niece, Mia Morris; his grandnephews, John Morris and Carter White; his cousins, James "Doc" Watson, Heather Cater and Rosemarie Mazza.

He was predeceased by his maternal grandparents, Raymond and Irene (Martin) Cote; his paternal grandparents, Edgar and Agnes Watson and his uncles Robert Cote and Raymond Cote Jr.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 10 Am Thursday, May 21, 2026 at St. John's Church, 1 School Street, Townsend. Interment will follow at St. Joseph's Cemetery, Fitchburg.

Bill's family will receive relatives and friends at calling hours 4-7 PM Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at the Anderson Funeral Home, 250 Main Street (Rte . 119) Townsend Center.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph's Cemetery

Fitchburg, MA

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

MAY **20**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Townsend  
250 Main Street ~ Route 119  
Townsend, MA 01469  
(978) 597-2692

## Funeral Mass

MAY **21**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. John's Church  
1 School St  
Townsend, MA 01469  
(978) 597-2291

# Tribute Wall

DF

“ I grew up with Billy and also worked with him in the 80s....He was a great guy and had quite a few laughs with over the years. Sad to see this for him and his family. R.I.P. Billy 🙏🙏🙏

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**Dave Freeman** - May 24 at 05:17 PM

DR

“ To Cody Watson and the family and friend's of Billy, I'm sorry for your loss. There's never anything anyone can ever say that will change the outcome of where we are at during this time but I want the family to know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers. I am thankful I knew Billy and his wonderful son Cody. You are no longer in pain Billy, for that I am thankful. You are already missed and if circumstances were different, I'd be there by the families side today. Please to the family, remember the positive moments, Billy's contagious smile.

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**Dave Rowland** - May 20 at 01:20 PM

BW

“ Brian, I am sorry for the loss of your brother. Stay strong.

*B. Waite  
MSP ret.*

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**Brad Waite** - May 19 at 11:50 PM

MC

“ Marylee, Bonnie & Cindy purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of William R. Watson, 63, formerly of Townsend.



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**Marylee, Bonnie & Cindy** - May 19 at 07:24 PM

CF

“ Cummings & Gray Families purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of William R. Watson, 63, formerly of Townsend.



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**Cummings & Gray Families** - May 19 at 07:08 PM

CF

“ Cummings & Gray Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William R. Watson, 63, formerly of Townsend.

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**Cummings & Gray Families** - May 19 at 07:08 PM

YS

“ Your cousin Florence, David & Scott purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William R. Watson, 63, formerly of Townsend.



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**Your cousin Florence, David & Scott** - May 19 at 06:06 PM

JR

“ Thinking of all of you today, my sympathy for the loss of Billy.  
I remember well his laugh & giggle...good memories...love you all...Judy



Judy Robichaud - May 19 at 10:24 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of William R. Watson, 63, formerly of Townsend.



May 19 at 09:02 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William R. Watson, 63, formerly of Townsend.

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DT

“ Daniel & Tiffany purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of William R. Watson, 63, formerly of Townsend.



Daniel & Tiffany - May 18 at 10:30 PM

LF

“ Love always, the Keep family purchased the In Heaven's Arms Bouquet for the family of William R. Watson, 63, formerly of Townsend.



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Love always, the Keep family - May 18 at 03:28 PM

LF

“ Love always, the Keep family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William R. Watson, 63, formerly of Townsend.

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Love always, the Keep family - May 18 at 03:28 PM