



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

Upcoming 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

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



Daniel & Tiffany - Yesterday 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.



Love always, the Keep family - Yesterday 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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