



## Al Watson

September 3, 1944 - November 7, 2025

Willie Albert “Al” Watson Jr., 81, of Tallahassee, Florida, passed away peacefully on November 7th, 2025, surrounded by loved ones.

Al was born on September 3, 1944, to Willie Albert Watson Sr. and Ernestine Herndon Watson of Jefferson County, Florida. He was one of four children.

Al was loved and cherished by so many. He loved to hunt, fish and spend time with family and friends. He was the person who showed up to help whenever anything needed to be done. Build the deck, fix the car, give advice. Al could be found on a ladder at every wedding prep and on his lawn mower anywhere the grass needed mowing. He adored his wife of 59 years, his three children, his grandbabies, his great-grandbabies, and so many loved ones, including unofficial members always welcomed into the Watson family. He shared his love by supporting and guiding those around him. Al was an excellent baker and shared the product of his talent with his church family and loved ones.

Al earned his master’s degree from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. Al built his career through protecting others. In 1966, he began as a trooper with the Florida Highway Patrol in Martin County. He honorably provided personal security for Governor Claude Kirk and Governor Reuben Askew. He served as District Safety Manager at Ryder Truck Rental. He was an investigator for the Crimes Compensation Commission. He served with the

Leon County Sheriff's Office as a Deputy Sheriff, Sergeant, Lieutenant - Community Service Bureau, Captain and Major - Criminal Investigations, Major - Director of Operations, Major - Director of Leon County Jail, Major - Director of Community Services. Through these roles he proudly served as SWAT Commander, Situations Commander for SWAT, and retired as Major, "Car Two" over all sworn law enforcement. After retirement, he enjoyed being foreman while building houses and widening bridges on I-75.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Lois Watson, his son James Albert "Al" Watson (Kim), daughter Martha "Marti" Renee Chapman (John), and sister Deannie Roessler (Ronnie). Al was blessed with a host of grandchildren including Jake Watson (Brittany), Austin Watson (Corissa), Courtney Dunn (Garrett), Dennis Ratliff, Kaylin Rogers (Hunter), Kyle McGuffey (Delaney), Austin McGuffey (Victoria), Hayden Chapman, Olivia Watson, and Jonah Watson, and great grandchildren, Evan, Maddie, Walker, Harper, Dessie, Mason, Luke, and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents Willie Albert Watson, Sr. and Ernestine Herndon Watson, his son Kirk Alan Watson, his brother Henry Malcolm "Mickey" Watson, and sister Wilma Jean Watson Chesser.

Al treasured the many special moments of his life. Celebrating the successes of his family -weddings, graduations, births, and most recently watching his oldest son's home being built - brought him immense joy. He also loved traveling, and earlier this year enjoyed a memorable trip to Yellowstone National Park and the Grand Tetons with his wife and cousin.

Al and Lois together have built a legacy of family and togetherness that will live on through Easter Picnics, family dinners around the table, the first chili of the year on Halloween, and dancing while cooking in the kitchen.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, November

12, 2025, at Bevis Funeral Home. The family will receive friends following the service at the funeral home. Burial will then follow at Waukeelah Cemetery. Susie Mozolic of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the Watson family with their arrangements. ([www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com) or 850-385-2193).

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# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

NOV **12**. 1:30 PM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home & Crematory  
200 John Knox Rd  
Tallahassee, FL 32303  
(850) 385-2193

# Tribute Wall

RA

“ Prayers to the Family., Major Watson was a good man

Randy - November 17, 2025 at 03:05 PM

BC

“ So sorry to hear about your brother.

Bill and Liz Cloud - November 11, 2025 at 06:00 PM

AR

“ Many things written about him I got to see as his neighbor for more than 35 years. When I had trouble breathing he mowed my lawn, took the cans to the road on trash day. He was the person who always asked if I needed help and do so if he could. I especially liked his cooking. He made the best Pecan pie. Mostly I'll miss his online support everytime I posted something about the kids I teach. He always had encouraging words about faith and love. There is only one AL Watson, a real man and he will be missed greatly.

Anne Radke - November 11, 2025 at 07:49 AM

RY

“ ryan planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Al Watson.

ryan - November 11, 2025 at 01:07 AM

BC

“ *Bernie & Paul Kennedy Austin & Corissa purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Al Watson.*



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**Bernie & Paul Kennedy Austin & Corissa** - November 10, 2025 at 10:30 PM

PB

“ *Patricia Boykin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Al Watson.*

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**Patricia Boykin** - November 10, 2025 at 07:19 PM



“ *Rainbow Reflections Basket was purchased for the family of Al Watson.*



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November 10, 2025 at 07:19 PM

PB

“ *I worked with Al at LCSO for many years.. He was my Major before i retired..*

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**Patricia Boykin** - November 10, 2025 at 04:56 PM

JS

“ *Joanne Sadberry-stokes lit a candle in memory of Al Watson*



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**Joanne Sadberry-stokes** - November 10, 2025 at 01:50 PM



“ *Fall Fantasia was purchased for the family of Al Watson.*



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November 10, 2025 at 11:47 AM

BS

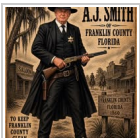
“ *Prayers for the family. We are sorry to hear of Major Watson's passing.*

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**Bob and Marilee Smith** - November 10, 2025 at 10:16 AM



“ *I'm so sorry, I knew Al from FDLE Crime lab*

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**June Peel Gray** - November 09, 2025 at 11:53 AM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Major Watson's passing. I enjoyed my time working at the LCSO with him. He always had my back and for that I am forever grateful. He was definitely a cops cop. God speed brother.*

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**Aj Smith** - November 09, 2025 at 10:50 AM

SH

“ I worked with AL at the S.O. So sorry to hear of his passing. He was a good friend and person.  
RIP.AI

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**Shirley Harvey** - November 09, 2025 at 09:44 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Al Watson.



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November 08, 2025 at 08:48 PM