



William C. Watts Jr.

January 20, 2020

William C. Watts, Jr., 50 of the Good Shepherd Home Raker Center, Allentown, passed away January 20, 2020. Born in Meadow Brook, PA, he was the son of William C. Watts, Sr. and Dianne (Good) Rodemich. William attended Longstreth Elementary School in Warminster, PA, Klinger Junior High School in Southampton, PA and William Tennent High School in Warminster, PA. In Ninth grade he received the Klinger Award.

At the age of 6, he was diagnosed with Muscular Dystrophy and became a resident of the Good Shepherd Home in 1998. On August 22nd, 2004, He obtained his Perpetual Profession Vows as a Franciscan Mission of Jesus Crucified. He was a member of St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church Parish, Allentown.

Survivors: Father: William C. Watts, Sr. of Quakertown, PA, Mother: Dianne (Good) Rodemich, wife of Joe of Quakertown, Brother: Christopher Watts, a resident of Good Shepherd Home, Allentown, Sister: Deanna Haraburda of Quakertown and a Niece: Vanessa Haraburda.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, January 24, 2020 at 2:00 P.M. in the Multipurpose Room at the Raker Center at Good Shepherd Home, Allentown. A Viewing will be held on Friday, from 1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. in the Multipurpose Room at Good Shepherd Home.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Bill's memory to the Good Shepherd Home, 601 St. John St. Allentown, PA 18103

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

547 N. Krocks Rd.
Allentown, PA 18106

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JAN 24. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Good Shepherd Home Raker Center
601 St. John Street
Allentown, PA 18103

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 24. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I have been blessed to know Bill since he inquired about joining the Franciscan Missionaries of Jesus Crucified, and was privileged to receive him into the Institute when I was General Minister. Later I received his Profession of Vows. Over the years I had opportunities to meet his brother, Chris, and their wonderful parents who showed Bill so much love. Bill had two goals in life: to serve God and the Catholic Church, and to provide a way for persons with disabilities to live Consecrated Life in the Church. Bill worked very hard to build up the Men's Community of FMJC. Bill and I were blessed with a spiritual friendship and often shared deeply, supporting one another in our vocation. For many years Bill was my main support in dealing with a progressive muscle disease. The world, the Catholic Church, and FMJC are much better because of Bill's presence. May he Rest In Peace. Louise Principe, FMJC

Louise Principe, FMJC - January 26, 2020 at 07:15 PM

AS

“ I was so very sad to hear of Bill’s passing. I had the privilege of getting to know Bill over the years I worked as a respiratory therapist at the Raker Center. We had philosophical discussions, supported each other in times of sadness, laughed a lot, and became good friends.

Bill was the first resident I met when i first came to work at Raker. He was so welcoming and nice to me, which I really appreciated. Bill would offer to pray for my sick friends and family, even though he had never met them. He was a man of deep faith, and it was an honor to know him.

I send my deepest sympathy to Chris, his parents, his sister and niece, and all his friends and loved ones. I will truly miss Bill.

Anne Stachina

Anne Stachina - January 24, 2020 at 11:02 AM

CT

“ We were fortunate to have been able to watch Bill grow up as neighbors and friends of his parents and his siblings on June Road. He was always an inspiration to everyone by his courage and determination. Bill was nice young boy who became a great man. We are honored to have been a small part of his life. We will never forget him.

Our deepest sympathy to his Parents, Siblings and all who loved him.

Jim and Cathy Tiley and family

Cathy Tiley - January 23, 2020 at 11:40 AM

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“ *My most heart felt condolences to the family and friends of William C. Watts, Jr. During my time as a professed member of FMJC and as the former Vocations Director, I had the privilege to pray regularly with Bill and to labor with him to provide opportunities for Catholics with disabilities and similar life challenges to live fully inclusive lives of prayer and service within our Holy Catholic Church. Bill was inspirational and he demonstrated the great spiritual gifts and diverse talents of a man who most nobly carried the Cross of Jesus Christ Crucified. Rest in Peace, my dear friend. You will be greatly missed.*

Phillip P Sweeney - January 22, 2020 at 08:49 AM