



## Albert Eugene Watters

May 25, 1940 - March 19, 2025

MANITOU BEACH- Albert Eugene Watters, age 84, of Manitou Beach, Michigan, passed away early in the morning on Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at Henry Ford Jackson Hospital surrounded by his loving family.

Albert was born on May 25, 1940, in Seneca Township, one of the younger sons of George and Hazel (Anders) Watters' twelve children. He attended Morenci High School while growing up. Albert's career was in the steel industry where he was a millwright. He worked at Irving Manufacturing for 28 years and was also a journeyman welder.

On March 14, 1959, Albert married Barbara Ruth Rickard and they were blessed with 4 wonderful children. They shared much love, laughter and a strong faith during their 41 years together before Barbara's death on April 7, 2000. They were members of Adrian First Church of the Nazarene and went on several missionary trips where they witnessed to others and helped build churches. A memorable trip to Africa left a lasting impression on Al and his family.

Al was talented in many areas, and he especially liked working on his 1960 Willys Jeep. He was fascinated with all aspects of construction and made sure he measured everything twice. He did excellent work in laying brick and mortar.

He is survived by his children, Daniel (Debbie) Watters, Shelby (John) Watters-Kirchhoff, David (Beth) Watters and Mark (Dawn) Watters; grandchildren, Luke (Jamie) Watters, Amanda (Kevin) Brower, Joshua Watters (Sara Tarver) Nicklas Watters, Chad Stewart, Ashley Bertram and Jakob Bertram; great-grandchildren, Mia Watters, Roman Brower, Olive Brower, Timber Watters, Bear Watters, Dayton Stewart and Parker Stewart; and his brother, Paul Watters. Albert was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Barbara; grandson, Dustin Watters; 4 brothers and 6 sisters, including his twin sister, Alberta.

Funeral services will take place on Friday, March 28, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at Adrian First Church of the Nazarene with Rev. Larry Betz officiating. Burial will follow at Palmyra Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Thursday, March 27, 2025, from 3 to 7 p.m. at Wagley Funeral Home, Adrian; and again, one hour before the service starts at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Adrian First Church of the Nazarene for their missionary work.

Online condolences and memories may be shared at [www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com](http://www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Palmyra Cemetery

East US 223  
Palmyra, MI 49268

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAR 27.** 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)  
1501 W. Maumee St.  
Adrian, MI 49221  
(517) 263-1400  
[info@wagleyfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@wagleyfuneralhome.com)  
<https://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com>

## Visitation

**MAR 28.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Adrian First Church of the Nazarene  
50 Industrial Drive  
Adrian, MI

## Funeral Service

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MAR **28**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Adrian First Church of the Nazarene  
50 Industrial Drive  
Adrian, MI

# Tribute Wall

HO

“ Hugs from Sue and Joe O'Neil purchased the Fair rest of All for the family of Albert Eugene Watters.



Hugs from Sue and Joe O'Neil - March 27, 2025 at 08:11 AM

SR

“ Sincerely, Troy and Pati Raymond planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Albert Eugene Watters.

Sincerely, Troy and Pati Raymond - March 26, 2025 at 09:25 PM

SR

“ Sincerely, Troy and Pati Raymond purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Albert Eugene Watters.



Sincerely, Troy and Pati Raymond - March 26, 2025 at 09:25 PM

RS

“ Roger, Betty and Bonnie Snyder purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Albert Eugene Watters.



Roger, Betty and Bonnie Snyder - March 26, 2025 at 08:17 PM

JK

“ James Kirchoff purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Albert Eugene Watters.



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**James Kirchoff** - March 25, 2025 at 09:55 PM

BF

“ Brandi and Larry Kirchoff and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Albert Eugene Watters.

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**Brandi and Larry Kirchoff and Family** - March 25, 2025 at 08:59 PM

BF

“ Brandi and Larry Kirchoff and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Albert Eugene Watters.



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**Brandi and Larry Kirchoff and Family** - March 25, 2025 at 08:59 PM

BF

“ Brent and Karrie Curell and family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Albert Eugene Watters.



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**Brent and Karrie Curell and family** - March 25, 2025 at 03:09 PM

BF

“ Brent and Karrie Curell and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Albert Eugene Watters.

Brent and Karrie Curell and family - March 25, 2025 at 03:09 PM

TF

“ The Kirchhoff Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Albert Eugene Watters.



The Kirchhoff Family - March 25, 2025 at 11:02 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Albert Eugene Watters.



March 25, 2025 at 10:44 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Albert Eugene Watters.



March 25, 2025 at 09:39 AM

SJ

“ Scott and Kathy Johnson purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Albert Eugene Watters.



Scott and Kathy Johnson - March 24, 2025 at 01:05 PM

NW

“ Nathan Watters sent a virtual gift in memory of Albert Watters



Nathan Watters - March 23, 2025 at 11:03 AM

NW

“ Nathan Watters lit a candle in memory of Albert Watters



Nathan Watters - March 23, 2025 at 11:02 AM



“ First of all, my condolences to Dan, Shelby, David, and Mark (and their families), on the passing of your Dad. I am sure he is in Heaven with his wife and you Mom, watching down over you. Secondly a fond memory of Albert...he always had something funny to say. I remember how much he loved to throw some horseshoes at the Rickard Reunions.

David Rickard - March 21, 2025 at 09:55 PM

JL

“ I am sorry to hear about your Dad. Prayers, thoughts, and hugs to you all.

Jacquelyn (Gray) Lucas - March 21, 2025 at 09:11 PM

WP

“ Al, was a cherished friend at Addison Senior Center.

William Parker - March 21, 2025 at 03:49 PM

JK

“ I never met Albert unfortunately but knowing Shelby I agree with my brother that he must of been a fine man. God bless you and your family Shelby. Love you.

James Kirchoff - March 21, 2025 at 10:21 AM

IG

“ On behalf of our Addison Senior Center Family, we extend our heartfelt condolences. Albert's presences presence was a gift to us all, and we cherish the countless moments of laughter & connection we shared with him.  
As we celebrate his life, we take comfort in knowing that he is now reunited with his appointed loved ones, and his legacy will continue to inspire us.

Inesa Gillin - March 21, 2025 at 09:55 AM

KB

“ KJ, Steve, and Ken - Midwest BHC purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Albert Eugene Watters.



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**KJ, Steve, and Ken - Midwest BHC** - March 21, 2025 at 09:52 AM

KB

“ KJ, Steve, and Ken - Midwest BHC planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Albert Eugene Watters.

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**KJ, Steve, and Ken - Midwest BHC** - March 21, 2025 at 09:52 AM

JK

“ Condolences 🙏 is to you and your family  
I only met Albert a few times but he seemed like a fine man.

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**Joe K** - March 20, 2025 at 06:51 PM

AC

“ I am so sorry to hear. All of these memories come floating back of our times as teenagers, and with Barb, running through the A&W Root Beer stand. Albert always had a joke to tell and lifted spirits when he walked into the room

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**Arlene Chenoweth** - March 20, 2025 at 05:41 PM

CW

“ My condolences to Shelby, Mark, David and Dan and the rest of the family. I am so sorry for your loss. Uncle Albert was a very special man and Steve and Albert were always up to something. Good times!

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**Cheryl Watters** - March 20, 2025 at 04:24 PM

NW

Please know cousins that my thoughts and prayers are with you all and your families 🙏 I am so sorry for your loss.

Uncle Albert was a really cool Uncle 😎 I always enjoyed the younger day visits when he would come to our house because he had his own unique way to get you to laugh 😂. Such a Great Uncle!!

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**Nathan Watters** - March 23, 2025 at 10:56 AM