



## James M. Watson

September 17, 1943 - December 24, 2021

James M. Watson was born 9/17/43 and died 12/24/21 at age 78. It is believed he had a heart attack and left this earth quickly. His wife, Norma J. Watson of Hoschton, age 75, and his son, Michael S. Watson of Grayson, age 52, are still living. His son's wife, Chrissy, also lives with him in Grayson and is still living. He had 3 grandchildren: Mark, 20, Melissa, 22 and Scott, 25. Scott is in Columbus, GA and currently in the U.S. Army.

He is preceded in death by his parents James W. Watson and Tommie Lee Watson and a brother, Thomas Wade Watson.

Jim was honorably discharged from the U.S. Navy and served from 1962 until 1966 during the Vietnam Era. He played in the Navy Band and was a Seaman. He married his current wife, Norma, in 1966 and had been married for 55 years. His wife was also in the Navy. They met in Charleston, SC where they were both stationed.

Jim played tuba in his high school band. He learned to play the string bass while in the Navy. He loved music and his youngest grandson, Mark, seems to take after him.

He liked fishing and talking politics.

A Memorial Service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 15, 2022 in the Chapel of Flanigan Funeral Home, Buford, GA with Rev. Mike Day officiating.

If anyone is interested, a contribution can be made in Jim's memory to any of the following: Cancer Research Institute; Hire Heroes in Alpharetta; In Touch

Ministries in Atlanta; Living on the Edge in Duluth, GA.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN 15. 1:00 PM.

Chapel of Flanigan Funeral Home

# Tribute Wall



“ *James M. Watson*

November 08, 2022 at 07:37 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of James M. Watson.*



January 09, 2022 at 11:07 AM



“ *With deepest sympathy for your loss, our prayers are with you and your family. Trust that Jim is in a better place.*

*Ann and Nick Mares*

**Ann Mares** - January 04, 2022 at 06:39 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



**Rudy Usic** - January 04, 2022 at 01:32 PM

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*Jim on string bass combo rehearsal 1964.*

**Rudy Usic** - January 06, 2022 at 09:38 AM

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**Rudy Usic** - January 04, 2022 at 01:21 PM

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*Jim on string bass performing on USS Saratoga CVA60 TV station*

**Rudy Usic** - January 06, 2022 at 09:36 AM

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**Rudy Usic** - January 04, 2022 at 01:19 PM

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*Jim Watson in upper left corner on bass. Naval Air Station Norfolk, Va 1964*

**Rudy Usic** - January 07, 2022 at 03:45 PM

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“ Jim and I were stationed together 1963 through July, 1965. We played in Navy unit band 147 at the Naval Air Station, Norfolk, VA. (and at sea on the USS Intrepid CVS 11 and USS Saratoga CVA 60.

*Our band played many engagements in various countries along the Mediterranean and Caribbean Seas. Jim and I traveled on many land excursions when we were in Port*

*I will miss our long phone conversations discussing our shared interests such as political views, music, fishing and shooting.*

*He often proudly spoke of his family, their interests and activities.*

*I want to express my deep sorrow to Jim's family for their great loss.*

*Rudy "Skip" Usic*



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**Rudy Usic** - January 04, 2022 at 01:10 PM