



## John Willard Watson

May 19, 1927 - February 7, 2023

John Willard Watson. Age 95 of Hillsboro, Missouri passed away on Monday, February 07, 2023, in Rolla, Missouri. Born May 19, 1927, in St. Louis, he was the son of the late Willard W. Watson and Marguerite Watson (nee Poepping). He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Marine Corp. After serving his country he attended the University of Missouri. He worked for 33 years mostly in sales and Marketing for various breweries. He was once known as Mr. Michelob as the Michelob Brand Manager for Anheuser-Busch. On returning to his home town of St. Louis he and his wife owned and operated a clothing dry cleaning plant in Affton. He enjoyed playing golf, reading and traveling. He was a longtime member of Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Hillsboro. He is survived by his loving wife of 47 years and 51 weeks: Mary Lou Watson (nee Voss), beloved daughter, Elizabeth (Dan) Osolinski of Hillsboro, granddaughter, Ashley (Jesse) Fischer of Festus and two great grandchildren, Mason and Payton; brother, Thomas Watson and dear friend Carol of St. Louis County. He was preceded in death by a sister: Peggy Dover. Will be missed by many family members and friends. One of his favorite sayings was "From the rocking of the cradle to the rolling of the Hearse the going up was worth the coming down!"

Visitation is scheduled from 5 to 8 P.M. on Monday, February 13th at Robert Brown Funeral Home in Hillsboro. Funeral Mass will be held at Good Shepherd Catholic Church officiated by Fr. Chris Holtmann at 11 A.M.,

February 14th. Burial will be at the National Cemetery at Jefferson Barracks.  
Memorials may be made to the St. Vincent de-Paul Society of Good Shepherd  
Catholic Church or Masses.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Mary Lou, I drove by the laundromat and wondered how you and John were.  
It's been many years since I've seen you and John at Anheuser-Busch. John was always a gentle, kind and considerate person.  
You and your family have my deepest sympathy.  
Diana Kreitz LoPiccolo*

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**Diana LoPiccolo** - April 15, 2023 at 05:03 PM

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“ *I remember John from playing golf with him at Raintree where I once lived I also remember him at his cleaner on Makinsie He had a long life and one that he befriended many people.*

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**Werner Mayer** - February 13, 2023 at 11:17 PM

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“ *John Watson was a great person I have great memories with my husband Jim having lunch & hearing his great stories of his career rest in peace John you had a great life with Mary Lou his wife  
God bless  
Donna Mayfield*

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**Donna Mayfield** - February 13, 2023 at 08:26 PM

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“ *Dan and Kristen Schlichting has purchased Blooming Sympathy Garden for John Watson*



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**Dan and Kristen Schlichting** - February 12, 2023 at 05:14 PM