



Milton Fred Watson

May 27, 1924 - December 16, 2021

Milton Fred Watson, 97, a longtime Mentor resident died December 16, 2021 at his home. He was born May 27, 1924 in Cleveland.

Fred was a police officer with the Mentor Police Department for 26 years and a U.S. Army Air Force Veteran who proudly served his country as a Sgt. Communications Chief during World War II. Fred was a member of the Mentor Masonic Lodge 772, the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Cleveland, St. James Episcopal Church in Painesville and the Northcoast Historical Recovery Association. He graduated from Mayfield High School, class of 1942. His hobbies were hunting, fishing, boating, traveling in his motor home and metal detecting. Fred truly enjoyed spending time with his family.

He is survived by his son Milton James (Donna) Watson; grandchildren, Dr. Danielle D. (Ronald) Cooper, Milton Jason (Karelys Chaurio) Watson, Abbie Lee (Ben Ottman) Watson and Kelley Vidmar; and great-grandchildren; Ashley, Jacob and Caleb Cooper, Marcos and Xavier Watson.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 72 years, Florence D. Watson; and his parents, Anthony and Sarah Watson.

The family will receive friends 4-8 p.m. Wednesday, December 22, 2021 at the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor

Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

A funeral service to honor Fred's life will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, December 23, 2021 at St. James Episcopal Church, 131 N. State Street, Painesville, OH 44077. Masks are required to be worn at the church service.

Interment will be in All Souls Cemetery, Chardon, OH.

In lieu of flowers the family requests contributions be made to Hospice of the Western Reserve, P.O. Box 72101, Cleveland, OH 44192, donate online at www.hospicewr.org. or St Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Please offer condolences at www.brunners.com.

Cemetery Details

All Souls Cemetery

10366 Chardon Rd.
Chardon, OH 44024
(800) 582-6850

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **22**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center
8466 Mentor Avenue
Mentor, OH 44060
(440) 255-3401
ajs@brunners.com
<https://www.brunners.com/>

Funeral Service

DEC **23**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. James Episcopal Church
131 N State St
Painesville, OH 44077

Tribute Wall

DH

“ *Sgt. Watson was one of my favorite people when working with him doing the 1970's. It was always known that when a case was turned over to him that one of his detectives or he would do an excellent follow-up. Also remember him as the best security chief at the Great Lakes Mall Sears.*

My condolences to his family and may God Bless them in their time of sorrow.

Donald L Haskins (former MPD Lieutenant)

Donald Lynn Haskins - December 21, 2021 at 01:20 PM

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My condolences and prayers to Jim and the entire Watson Family regarding the passing of Fred.

He was a true leader and having worked with him was an honor. Fred was a disciplinarian and a true professional. Rest in Peace Fred and God Bless.

Noah Thomas - December 22, 2021 at 02:55 PM

DD

Sgt Watson We were part of the original dirty dozen, starting with MPD 1-1-63. You and I went on many calls and cases during the 26 years you were with the DEPT. I have a lot of good memories of you and those years. You, Florence, Jim, and family are in our prayers.

Dan Dockry

Dan Dockry - December 22, 2021 at 05:55 PM

CD

So Sorry to see this Uncle Jimmy and Aunt Donna and Kelly hope and prayers for their eternal life!!

Colleen A. Durant - March 16, 2024 at 12:23 PM

MC

“*Freddie is my favorite boss that I had the pleasure of working for at MPD. Condolences to the family and friends.
GOD BLESS YOU,FRED*

MICHAEL CICCHINELLI - December 20, 2021 at 06:52 AM