



Calvin Bruce Watson

October 5, 1943 - November 28, 2021

Calvin Bruce Watson made his transition on November 28, 2021. Please encourage the Watson family with words of love and encouragement on our Tribute page. To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Calvin Bruce Watson please visit our Sympathy Store.

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Road
Holly, MI 48442

Previous Events

Family/Friends Time

DEC 11. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services
24585 Evergreen Rd
Southfield, MI 48075
(248) 702-5367
info@kempfh.com
<https://www.kempfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Calvin Bruce Watson*



Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services - December 11, 2021 at 09:19 AM



“ *Calvin Bruce Watson*

September 27, 2022 at 08:40 PM



“ *Calvin Bruce Watson*

September 27, 2022 at 06:52 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Calvin Bruce Watson.*



December 10, 2021 at 03:09 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray* was purchased for the family of Calvin Bruce Watson.



December 08, 2021 at 01:39 PM



“ *Serene Retreat* was purchased for the family of Calvin Bruce Watson.



December 06, 2021 at 03:21 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Calvin Bruce Watson.



December 06, 2021 at 03:05 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Calvin Bruce Watson.



December 06, 2021 at 01:55 PM

DT

“ *DTE Office of the General Counsel Team purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Calvin Bruce Watson.*



DTE Office of the General Counsel Team - December 03, 2021
at 10:57 AM

DG

“ *I enjoyed playing racquetball with Calvin for many years. A good man, always with a hearty laugh at the ready. I was privileged to call him my friend.*

May God's love provide comfort and support for all of Calvin's family.

RIP Calvin - you are missed.

Doug Gray - November 30, 2021 at 10:01 PM

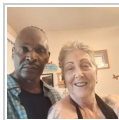
SW

Thank you for loving and sharing in the life of our Father. Your support and kind words are appreciated.

#Calvin'sChildren

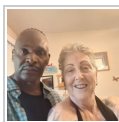
*Calvin (Bruce), Stephanie, Carlton #TheCBWLegacy 🙏
God is our Rock and He has daddy safe in His arms.*

Stephanie A. Watson - December 07, 2021 at 11:11 AM



Thank you. Good took him away too soon, but at least he's not suffering anymore. Margaretha Watson

Margaretha Watson - December 08, 2021 at 12:02 PM



Sorry..I meant to say God

Margaretha Watson - December 08, 2021 at 12:03 PM

DS

“ These comments are from Calvin's many racquetball friends at Farmington Y. We all respected Calvin, and enjoyed our times with him, on, and off the courts. Here are the second set of our players comments:

So sorry to hear. He always gave his best effort. He will be missed.

I played many games of racquetball with Calvin, and he was a always gentleman, on and off the court. Well, as one of the other guys mentioned, except for those phantom hindlers when he was on the other side of the court :-) But no one got mad, sometimes they got even with a drive serve to the right. Just one. :-)

Calvin loved his time and days at the YMCA/Farmington. Would have loved to see him play r ball with two good knees versus the knees he played with so many years. He was a great and classy guy and dresser-Always had sharp r ball and casual/formal clothes. Loved talking about his Family. Would always be in locker room after playing eating fresh fruit such as an apple. Called me Texas because he knew I lived in Texas at one time and he was raised and had Family back in Texas/Houston area. Appreciated his service in the Army in Vietnam and shared with him the loss of my wife's oldest brother in a firefight in Vietnam and some of the stories he would share about his experience in Vietnam. RIP Calvin

Among the many great people at the Y, Calvin is high on my list. He reminded me of the importance of veterans day a few years ago. Always different for those who served and served proudly, like Calvin. A gentleman in a matter of fact way. I have moved away in 2020 and have not been back to the Farmington Y however I remember Calvin well, enjoyed his competitive spirit and the time he spent with me. A very good man.

I'm deeply saddened by the passing of Calvin. He was a true warrior on the racquetball court. I enjoyed the conversations that we had after our matches. We always talked sports, specifically the Pistons

and Lions. I know he enjoyed going to their games. I remember when I first started playing Calvin, he would beat me but kept encouraging me to keep playing and that I would get better. A few years later as I got better and started beating him, he would remark “ You going to take that point”....after I returned one of his difficult serves.

I think back and laugh at his “hinder or blocking”calls, because I know that was his way of saying good job young boy you’re getting better.

Don Sepanski - November 30, 2021 at 06:31 PM



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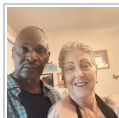
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Stephanie A. Watson - December 07, 2021 at 11:08 AM



Thanks to all of his returner buddies. Your support means a lot.
Margaretha Watson

Margaretha Watson - December 08, 2021 at 12:13 PM



I'm typing too fast. I meant racquetball buddies. Sorry

Margaretha Watson - December 08, 2021 at 12:14 PM

DS

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Sad to learn about Calvin, he was a warrior and lived a life!

*Calvin was a class guy Served his country in Vietnam RiP Calvin
Calvin was a Purple Heart and silver star recipient*

I am so saddened to hear of Calvin's passing. What a great man and person. I will miss seeing him.

Very sorry to hear about Calvin. I always gave him a lot of credit for showing up to play when you could tell the pain he was in. A quality guy and a Veteran!... RIP Calvin

RIP Calvin. I am glad I (and most every one of us) got to play several racquetball games with Calvin over the years. He certainly loved the sport. Thank you for your service to our country and to the sport we all love.

Calvin was a great man and I will miss him dearly. I cherish the racquetball hallway discussions hearing about his time as a prison guard and in the military. And I'll never forgot how only 10 years ago Calvin would consistently beat me in racquetball. He would have me running around the court like a nut. I used to love when he would call a hinder when the ball was on the other side of the court, far out of his reach. May he rest In peace.

Could always count on Calvin for a game or two during my lunch break. Played him leftie and always seem to hit him when he's center court. He would tell me "Ferd, I had bullets coming at me. This ball ain't nothin!" Then he would roll out a backhand and yell "Ooooh!" Great player, great man. Veteran hero. Gonna miss him. RIP Cal....

Played him many times over the years and stayed away from the forehand drive serves. He was one tough dude that never quit. I met his son, Carlton, a few times — Calvin made the initial introduction. Calvin was so proud of his boy graduating from Michigan law, marrying a surgeon and having two children to date. I forget how many grandkids Calvin had in total but he sure was proud of his youngest boy's accomplishments. I saw him around the courts not too long ago. Cherish each day boys.

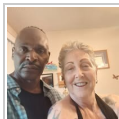
Sorry to hear about Calvin. He was a good guy and will be missed.

This is sad news, I'm so sorry. Calvin was a good buddy/man who served our country; we looked forward to playing 2/3 times a week. Great memories!

So sad to hear this sad news, played a lot with Calvin (Hinder Watson). He was a great American and we all will miss him greatly. He was one of the best trash talkers on the court and a great Story teller, loved seeing which one of the many t shirts he would wear on the court. As we move on in age, we are going to start losing our friends more and more. Appreciate each other and Be thankful for each day.

Deeply sorry to hear about this tragic news!!! Calvin was a wonderful man, full of humor and a Gentleman! I enjoyed playing RB with him over the years. Rest in Peace, my friend!!!

Don Sepanski - November 30, 2021 at 06:29 PM



I appreciate everyone's comments. It's great to hear he had that many friends Margaretha Watson

Margaretha Watson - December 08, 2021 at 11:57 AM

DW

“ To the Wife and family members-
Where there are no words.....know the silences are carrying the
thoughts and prayers of all who love you. The Williams Family
(Texas)

Diana W - November 30, 2021 at 04:42 PM

SW

Thank you for love and prayers. Your support and kind words are
appreciated.

Calvin Bruce- Stephanie- Carlton

Stephanie A. Watson - December 07, 2021 at 11:14 AM



Thanks Diana.. your words mean a lot to me. It's going to be very hard
without him. Margaretha Watson (Mom)

Margaretha Watson - December 08, 2021 at 11:54 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of
Calvin Bruce Watson.



November 30, 2021 at 02:01 PM

DM

“ My heart goes out to his family and friends. Calvin was a brave
veteran and a man of wisdom. He blessed and encouraged others,
especially his fellow veterans.

David Moore - November 30, 2021 at 01:44 PM

EB

Calvin was a good friend for over 2 decades. We had many laughs on and off the Rball courts. He was a kind yet brave man for his military service to his country. I will miss our regular conversations about a myriad of subjects including the pride he had for his sons/daughter/family. My sincere condolences to his family for their loss of a truly good man.

Ed Barter

Ed Barter - December 01, 2021 at 02:39 PM

EB

Calvin was a good friend for over two decades. We had many laughs and good times both on and off the Rball courts. We enjoyed many conversations on a myriad of topics including how proud he was of his sons/daughter/family. He was a kind man but also a brave one for his major service to his country in the military. He will be sorely missed.. Sincere condolences to his family for their loss of a truly good man.

Ed Barter - December 01, 2021 at 02:54 PM

EW

A friend from Texas Calvin will be miss praying for the family. Emma Wheat.

Emma Wheat - December 06, 2021 at 03:42 PM



Thanks David.. Your words are very much appreciated. Your aunt Margaretha Watson

Margaretha Watson - December 08, 2021 at 12:10 PM



I'm sorry David. I thought I was talking to my nephew. His name is David Moore too. Sorry

Margaretha Watson - December 08, 2021 at 03:40 PM

SW

Emma,

Thank you for your heartfelt sentiments and for sharing in the life of our Father. Your support and kind words are appreciated.

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Stephanie A. Watson - December 12, 2021 at 03:21 PM

SW

Ed,

Thank you for sending love to our family. The wonderful memories and great things you said about our father are appreciated. We thank you for honoring the life of our Father and being a great friend to him. God Bless You.

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Stephanie A. Watson - December 12, 2021 at 03:26 PM