



## Franklin Roger "Buck" Watts

August 9, 1933 - June 17, 2023

Franklin Roger Watts, known to family and friends as Buck, passed away Saturday, June 17, 2023 at the age of 89 after a short battle with cancer.

He was born August 9, 1933 in Tappahannock, Virginia, to the late Eddie and Inez Watts. He is preceded in death by a son, Kevin Roger Watts, and his older siblings, Stanley Watts, Edward Watts and Edna Spindle.

He attended Tappahannock High School and served in the United States Army during the Korean War from 1953-1955. He met the love of his life, Janet Riffle, through family and friends and they were married on June 6, 1959. They built a beautiful family with four children, Mike, Kevin, Brad, and Sheri.

Always a hard worker and dedicated to his job, Buck worked as a commercial driver for Shenandoah's Pride Dairy for 32 years. He and Janet raised their family in Springfield, Virginia until they retired to Murrells Inlet, South Carolina in 2002.

He was a fan of western movies and many different sports, but he especially enjoyed cheering on his favorite team, the St. Louis Cardinals. No visit from family was complete unless it involved a lively game of dominoes, Yahtzee, or various other card games. He loved a good laugh, a good pizza from Fox's,

and watching the various birds around his bird feeder. He enjoyed spending time with the many good friends he met while living in both Virginia and South Carolina, whom he also considered family.

He is survived by his wife, Janet Watts; children Mike Watts and wife Mini, Brad Watts and wife Kristen, Sheri Butler and husband Derek; grandchildren Ashley and husband Andy, Brandon, Shane, Courtney, Gavin and Jocelyn; and several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at [www.stjude.org/donate](http://www.stjude.org/donate).

A celebration of life will be held at 3:00 PM Sunday, July 30, 2023 at Indigo Creek Golf Clubhouse.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUL **30**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Indigo Creek Golf Club  
9480 Indigo Club Dr  
Murrells Inlet, SC 29576  
(843) 650-1809

# Tribute Wall

PC

“ *Paula Christian lit a candle in memory of  
Franklin Roger "Buck" Watts*



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**Paula Christian** - June 27, 2023 at 09:53 PM

PC

“ Janet, we know words can't take away the hurt you're feeling, but please know that you, Mike, Brad & Sheri are in our thoughts and prayers. What a Wonderful Life your Buck has led and a legacy of children, grandchildren, friends, good times and laughter. We'll always remember our fun times together. Hold tight your precious memories.

Love you....Paula Christian, Steve Marshall, Robin & Rick Staniszewski

*This ones for Buck and all who love him.....  
Remember Me - By: Margaret Mead*

*To the living, I am gone.  
To the sorrowful, I will never return.  
To the angry, I was cheated,  
But to the happy, I am at peace,  
And to the faithful, I have never left.  
I cannot speak, but I can listen.  
I cannot be seen, but I can be heard.  
So as you stand upon a shore, gazing at a beautiful sea - remember me.  
As you look in awe at a mighty forest and its grand majesty - remember me.  
As you look upon a flower and admire its simplicity - remember me.  
Remember me in your heart, your thoughts, your memories of the times we loved,  
the times we cried, the times we fought, the times we laughed.  
For if you always think of me, I will never be gone.*

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**Paula Christian** - June 27, 2023 at 09:52 PM

BS

“ Janet we love yall! Wish we could be there! Thoughts and prayers

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**Barbara and Bruce Saunders** - June 26, 2023 at 06:27 PM

JD

“ *Joe Davis lit a candle in memory of Franklin Roger "Buck" Watts*



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**Joe Davis** - June 25, 2023 at 02:39 PM

JD

*Buck was my friend for 50+ years and I will always cherish our memories! Joe Davis*

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**Joe Davis** - June 25, 2023 at 02:43 PM

JD

“ *JOE & VIRGINIA DAVIS purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Franklin Roger "Buck" Watts.*



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**JOE & VIRGINIA DAVIS** - June 25, 2023 at 02:27 PM