



Rodney William Watts

April 9, 1958 - April 10, 2015

Rodney William Watts, devoted husband, father, son, brother, uncle, and friend, passed from this world into the arms of his Lord and Savior on April 10, 2015, in Tallahassee, Florida, surrounded by his loving family. Rodney was born April 9, 1958, in Victoria, Texas, to a close military family who traveled extensively in the Pacific, living in the Philippines and Japan, eventually settling in Fort Walton Beach, Florida. In 1976, Rodney graduated from Fort Walton Beach High School and thereafter attended Fort Walton Beach Vo-Tech School where he learned his trade in business machines. He accepted a position at Advanced Data Systems and moved to Tallahassee, Florida, where he fell in love at first sight with his future wife and soul mate of 38 years, Tallahassee native Mary E. Moser. They were married in 1981, and in 1986 they were blessed with the birth of their daughter, Kristin E. "Pocket" Watts, who is her daddy's pride and joy. After coming to know the Lord, Rodney became a Deacon at First Christian Church in Tallahassee. A successful local businessman, Rodney established Southeast Digital Networks, Inc., in 1991. He was an enthusiastic Seminoles fan, and he particularly enjoyed tailgating, sports, fishing, cooking, and family gatherings. Rodney was preceded in death by: mother-in-law, Gertrude Moser; sister, Marcia Hicks; and father, Ira S. Watts, Jr. He is survived by: his wife, Mary M. Watts; daughter, Kristin E. Watts; mother, Mary V. Watts; brother, Ira S. "Sidney" Watts, III (wife, Melinda); brothers-in-law, John J. W. Moser and Tommy Hicks; sisters-in-law, Lee Ann Moser and Shelia Moser; niece, Virginia Hicks Cochran and husband

Drew Cochran; nephew, Jonathan Moser; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and many long-time friends. He will be deeply missed by all. A celebration of Rodney's life will be held for friends and family on Tuesday, April 14, 2015, at First Christian Church, 1319 High Road, Tallahassee, FL 32301. Visitation will begin at 10:00 a.m. (EST), and services will begin at 11:00 a.m. (EST). Interment will be Friday, April 17, 2015, at 11:00 a.m. (CST), at Beal Memorial Cemetery, 316 N.W. Beal Parkway, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547. Flowers are being accepted or memorial donations may be made to Tri-State Christian Camp, 100 Christian Camp Road, DeFuniak Springs, FL 32433 (www.tristatecamp.org). The online guestbook is at www.abbeyfh.com.

Tribute Wall

CA

“ Thoughts and prayers. So sorry Pocket.

Connie Clark of Yuma, AZ - April 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HG

“ Rodney William Watts

Harald Reber of Germany - April 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WL

“ You are in my thoughts. Rest In Peace

William Sherrouse of Baron Rouge, La - April 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ May the Peace of Christ envelop and enfold you, and may you be comforted knowing that Rodney is safe and completely healed and is basking in the radiance of the Lord. Much love, ~ Shelia

Shelia Moser of Tallahassee - April 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KE

“ So sorry for your loss. I got to know Rodney through BNI and Maria Hendrickson. He was a special person who always had a smile on his face. I will be praying for your family.

Karen of Ellis - April 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ Sidney, I am very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers for comfort for your entire family.

Scott Buchanan of Tallahassee - April 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Mary and Kristen, so sorry to hear of your loss. Rodney was a great boss and one of the kindest men I ever met. Please know that you guys are loved and are in my prayers!

Amber Hernandez of Tallahassee, FL, United States - April 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ Mary, So sorry for your losse,, wish I'd been in town. Ill never forget our younger days and trips to the beach, Rodney cooking for us all. Remember you have lots of friends, call me if I can help in anyway. Your Friend, Danny

Danny Bartholf of Tallahassee - April 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WV

“ Our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of our cousin Rodney. Our hearts are heavy with the knowledge that family and friends are suffering through a time of untold grief with only their faith and memories of happier times to comfort them. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you all and remain secure in the knowledge that we all will be together again in that future Kingdom. God's blessings to all and rest in eternal peace, Cousin Rodney.

William and Amphorn Witt of Hampton, Virginia - April 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VY

“ Mary, Kristin and family May you all find strength and peace through these difficult days ahead. Rodney is at peace now flying high with his family looking down at us all and will never stop keeping an eye on everyone. He was a great husband, father and a great friend he will surely be missed by all. You are all in my thoughts and prayers, Love you xoxo

Vickey Schmidt & Tom Hancock of Ithaca, New York - April 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ Dear Mary, please know that my love and prayers are with you and your family at this time. I still see you as little Mary Beth, but love you very much as a grown woman and wife. You all have been through so much and I pray for peace for you now. Much love,
Maggi Wadsworth

Maggi Wadsworth of Lewisville, Texas - April 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ You will be greatly missed cousin!

Rick & Kim McClure of Victoria, Texas - April 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ We are so sorry to hear of your lose. May God bless you and comfort you. We love you.

Russell and Terri Kinsman of Moultrie, Ga - April 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ Jenny, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I am sorry for your loss. God Bless you and Rodney's family. Love, Betty

Betty Huffman of Bay City, Texas - April 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Dearest Mary and Kristin: Believe that Rodney will always be watching over you and reaching out to guide you whenever you ask. The love that will stay in your heart with help guide him to you always. My deepest sympathy and love. Janice

Janice Gager of Tampa Florida - April 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ You will be missed tremendously! Rest in peace Rod. My heartfelt condolences to the entire family. Cookie

Maria Hendrickson of Tallahassee, FL - April 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM