



Dan Watson

January 16, 2026

Daniel Warren Watson died at home in Tulare, California on January 16, 2026, at the age of 65.

Born in Chatham- Kent, Ontario in April of 1960, Dan started grade 1 at the age of 5 skipping Kindergarten at the Baldoon School, a small one room schoolhouse. He later went to DA Gordon Public School, WT Laing (middle) School and Wallaceburg District Secondary School (WDSS), graduating from both Grade 12 and Grade 13. At WDSS he enjoyed playing football.

He furthered his education attending Lambton College from 1989 - 1991; later obtaining a Bachelor in Human Resource Management from Spring Arbor College in Michigan, he then attended Ambassador University in Texas and obtained a Masters in Social Work (MSW, Israel Credit) from Fordham University in New York City. Dan worked as a counsellor on Long Island, NY for most of his career, later moving to Tulare, California in 2018 to be closer to his daughter, Jenni while enjoying the California sunshine and continuing his career.

Dan enjoyed travelling. He especially enjoyed his recent trips to Europe with his daughter Jenni and his trips home to Canada.

Dan is the proud father of Jennifer Watson of West Hollywood, California. A

devoted father he took great pride in Jenni and all her accomplishments.

He is predeceased by his father James Watson (2001), his mother Margaret Watson (2018), a sister-in-law Bonnie Watson (2003), sister Cheryl Limoges (2021) and a nephew David Limoges (2017).

Dan's surviving family includes: his beloved daughter Jennifer Watson, aunt and uncle Betty and Steve Horuci, brothers and sisters: Mark Watson, Paul (Patricia) Watson, David (Alison) Watson, Tarry (George) Aitcheson, Robert (Kellie) Watson and Lori (Peter) Spencer; and brother-in-law: Marcel Limoges. 16 nieces and nephews along with their partners; and 27 great nieces and great nephews; and 9 great-great nieces and great-great nephews.

A memorial service will be held at Grace Church of the Valley in Kingsburg, California on Monday, February 9, 2026 at 2 PM Eastern Standard Time.

Friends and family are invited to stream the service from this link:

<https://vimeo.com/event/5703729/5fab1ed48e>

A celebration of Dan's life in Wallaceburg will still be announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, Dan's daughter, Jenni would ask that you share a memory here on his memorial wall so that she may learn more about his early life in Canada. Please share any fond memories, stories or photos so they can be enjoyed by everyone. In addition to posting a memory, donations can also be made in Dan's memory to the Canadian Diabetes Association at the Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home, 409 Nelson Street in Wallaceburg, Ontario, Canada, N8A 4G9 519.627.3231

Tribute Wall

PM

“ I met Dan at Island Christian Church in 2010. He was a member of our life group and I used to meet with him for a Bible study on Tuesday nights. I got to meet Jenni once at a father daughter dinner at the church. I lost touch with him when he made the move out to CA. He was a great guy and he is now with his savior Jesus Christ in heaven.

Patrick Merkel - March 29 at 04:34 PM

SG

“ Very sorry to hear this. I have fond memories of combine rides with Dan many years ago. I did not know him well but it was clear he was a very kind person.

Scott Gormley - March 06 at 12:51 PM

DC

“ I met Dan at Northport Baptist Church in E. Northport, NY Dec. 2001. In addition to Sunday services, we attended a weekly home (cell group) fellowship of about 25-30 people. When my expectant wife and 2 school age boys joined me Spring 2002, it was not long afterward, I became the cell group leader. Dan faithfully attended, bringing his sweet daughter Jenni, then age 4-9. At the Fri. night group, the 10-15 kids ate snacks, sang with the adults, and then played in the backyard or living room while the adults had the Bible study. I do not know a more godly man than Dan, devoted to prayer and the Scriptures and who exhibited the fruit of the Spirit. Gal. 5:22,23.

I worked as a clinical psychologist at Pilgrim Psychiatric Hospital on Long Island. Dan and I shared clinical experiences, and he provided professional advice for some of my most difficult clients. Dan was keen and insightful and provided excellent counseling services to his clients.

Dan helped us pack to move to Georgia in 2006. He and Jenni visited us at our home in Augusta, Ga a few summers later. We went to Six Flags Atlanta and they also visited my wife's family in Chattanooga, TN. Sandra and I, and by then 4 boys, also visited Dan another summer in Myrtle Beach, SC.

He always sent cards throughout the years with pictures of Jenni. We watched her grow from a lovely child to a beautiful young woman. We are happy Dan made the move to California during Jenni's college years and found a wonderful church.

Last year when catching up after a long absence, we were at it again sharing how we integrate our Christian faith into our clinical practice. We are heart broken at the passing of our dear friend. His prayer was that his loved ones and friends receive God's mercy and salvation, which is freely offered to all, so that heaven is more crowded. We love you, Dan.

Dr. Ken and Sandra Crabtree

David and Katherine, John and Rachel, Luke and Joel

Dr. Ken and Sandra Crabtree - February 09 at 04:16 PM

MK

“ Dear Jenni, Wishing you comfort and peace during this difficulty time. I will always remember your dad's kindness and compassion. I am very grateful to have known him, will miss him dearly. Monica Kong

Monica Kong - February 09 at 03:27 PM

VA

“ Dear Jennie, our love and heart is with you as you are grieving the loss of your wonderful dad. He adored you and your times spent together were his happiest times. You were the sweetest love in his life and you held the most special place in his heart. You made him smile and filled his heart with joy. He faithfully prayed for you and his prayers for you will still continue to bless you and have an eternal impact over your life. Dan was in our Life Group for many years. He was a good friend, a man of faith and committed to God. His life reflected his faith as he lived and served in submission and humbleness and obedience to the Lord. If you needed Dan, he would always be available to listen, pray or lend a helpful hand. He was the type of man and friend you could depend on. He was a good listener. His guidance and prayers and wisdom always came from the Word. We are so blessed to have had Dan as our dear friend and he will truly be missed. We know Dan is at home with the Lord. He was always ready for the day. He lived his life for his beautiful daughter Jennie and serving God and others. Jesus' arms welcomed Dan home. We know Dan heard the words we all hope to hear... Well done, my good and faithful servant. Jennie, God loves you and will watch over you and help heal your hurting heart. God's Love and Grace and Peace...to Jennie and his family. Laurie and Vinny

Vincent Addeo - February 09 at 01:33 PM

LS

“ Here is a tale of Dan vs. horse. We had a spirited horse that did not come with a user’s manual, so every ride was an adventure. Dan was throwing the football around with Rob but took a break and decided he would like to ride the horse just as I returned from my ride (I handed over the keys). Dan’s plan was to get on the horse and blast straight down the road. The horse’s plan was to take a sharp left and head up the lane. In a compromise, the horse ran straight for 50 yards, took his sharp left, then a right, went through the ditch and scraped his passenger’s leg along the side of the garage (ouch). To Dan’s credit, he stayed on the horse albeit, he was halfway up the horse’s neck (it’s all about passenger trajectory at that speed). Dan was wearing cut off shorts (summer dress code of the 70s) and football cleats (not recommended riding attire). His ride ended at the garage. Pretty sure that incident left a mark!
Lori Spencer

Lori Spencer - February 09 at 01:01 PM

EK

“ My heart breaks very deeply to hear the loss of Dan in my life as well as I know his daughter Jenny in all of his family and friends It's a long story how I got to know Dan since the early 90s, I feel we had a very special friendship and understanding of one another He was such a gentle soul and kind, loving, caring man unlike anybody I've ever known
He loved his daughter Jenni very deeply and was a very committed Christian devoted to living life devoted to biblical principles and enjoyed going to church every week and staying close to his daughter Jenni and his family and close friends
I will miss him so very much and it's just too surreal to get my head and Hard around that he will not be here to share thoughts and feelings with, though can rest in the comfort that he is now with God, which also is what he always strive for to be with him someday when it was his time
My prayers are with Dan family and all that loved and cared for him which includes my wife, Mari and myself
Eric Kravitz

Eric Kravitz - February 07 at 06:13 AM

TA

“ When we were young a friend of our Father invited us to use his yard to pitch a tent and enjoy camping at Mitchells Bay. This came at a time when the farm chores were somewhat caught up and the haying and hoeing in the fields gave us a break. The big blue tent was placed in a yard across from the park where we had use of the washroom facilities. Both the boys and the girls enjoyed time with their friends spending the days and evenings at the beach. There was a variety store across the street with a handy telephone booth to call home in case of emergency :) (not sure if anyone had change). When the Mayflies swarm the main street covering every inch it became a little weird crunching them underfoot as we walked. We loved going to "the bay", and after working in the haymow or hoeing we would beg our Dad to take us. Needless to say he was glad when the older kids got a licence. Swimming was usually followed by a stop at the variety store for a refreshing treat to help cool us off!

All of us belonged to Oldfield United Church and spent many hours practicing for the choir in which we sang every Sunday. I'm not sure how good we were but thank goodness for Laurie and Brenda who made us sound good ;) !

Tarry Aitcheson - February 04 at 05:45 PM

PL

“ I grew up with you dad and uncle Rob.. we all were children at d.a. gordon school in wallaceburg. Then we moved to w.t.lang and high-school.w.d.s s. I was one of your dad's biggest fan.. loved him dearly and still do..we dated through high-school and he was soo kind and charming ..big hugs to you my dear..lots of love from wallaceburg to you..

Paula loxton - February 04 at 12:24 PM

JW

Please reach out to me I'd love more stories ❤️

Jenni Watson - February 05 at 12:55 AM

PL

Jenni 519 331-6850. Hugs my dear

Paula loxton - February 09 at 07:54 AM

DM

“ *On behalf of the Rotary Club of Chatham, I am sending sympathy.
Thinking of you and your family.*

Donna Litwin Makey - February 01 at 06:47 AM

HC

“ It is with great sadness i write this remeberence of a truly great friend. A member of a great family as well. I met Dan in either W.T Lang or W.D.S.S

I'm not sure which. He was a football player. I was a hockey player. We shared a love of sports. Our real similarity was we were first and formost farm boys. Our fathers both had the same make and model of combine. I remember in the 70's (ya we go back that far) he came over to our farm and helped unload hay. I noticed he always flipped the bale over before putting it in the stack. I asked him why he did that

It seemed to be an extra exertion that was not necessary

He said the bale coming up the elevator had a flat side and a curved side

It made for a better more uniform stack if you put the flst side down. He was right. That summed up Dan. He was a quiet but strong guy who was happy to help but would never impose him self on anyone or anything.

After he moved away he always included a stop at Courtisville Farms each summer

It was a highlight of our summer. I would be lieing if i didn't say the biggest chocolate bar i have ever seen which he always brought with him was also a high light. The center of his world was his beloved daughter Jennie. She came to our place one summer with him as a teenager. That poor girl had to listen to an endless time of him and i reminiscing about old times. I jope the resultng 4 wheeler ride was worth the wait. He was such a proud dad. Debbie and I send our deepest sympathies to Jennie and the whole Watson family.

Harry Courtis - January 31 at 11:14 AM

AS

“ Rob, Kellie and family, we are so sorry to hear of your brother's loss. We are sending you comfort and support as you grieve Dan and his life of service.

Alysson Storey - January 29 at 04:52 PM

E(

“ My deepest condolences to you Jenni.
I have some fond memories of Uncle Dan as I (vaguely) remember spending some years with him on the farm before he left for school...I must have been 4 or 5!! He had a love for gardening and taught me how to hoe out the weeds, on our plot at Ed Raymond's! Unfortunately my helpfulness didn't always prove beneficial...when I thought carrot sprouts were weeds....I had to apologize for wiping out his whole row!! I also remember the year he got 2000 chickens! Man was that barn noisy!
It's difficult to move away from home and continually make the effort to come back, but Uncle Dan was faithful to bring all of us Watson's together by planning a trip back to the Farm! He was so consistent in his desire to see Ontario friends (and Virginia friends-Dana!) and to make sure he saw as many as he could fit in!
Uncle Dan and I also shared a great faith and I've had the opportunity over the years to be encouraged by Dan's words to keep pressing forward to the upward call of Christ and to continue to raise our kids to know the Lord's love and grace. He would want everyone to know that he is now celebrating in heaven with our Lord and Saviour, no more worries about blood sugar numbers or adrenal function, just dancing, laughing and making jokes and he has likely found some chocolate somewhere and is giving some to his parents Jim and Marg as well as Cheryl and David!
We will miss him dearly.

Erin Robinson (Watson) - January 28 at 10:33 AM

RF

“ Rest in peace Dan our condolences to all the family..long time neighbors.

Robert Vink and family - January 26 at 09:48 AM

DB

“ Wayne Bowen's comments sum up the friendships we all have and Danny was an integral part of all that. Ground Hockey was all summer activity as well all of us participated in. I hope he's in heaven preparing for that now.

I attended a service in the Air Force where a Senior Chief Master Sergeant made a poignant comment- "To live in the hearts of those we leave behind is not to pass but to live on in our memories".

My thoughts and prayers are with all my family and friends. Danny you will forever be in our hearts. Rest in peace my friend.

Dana

Dana Barnett - January 26 at 07:44 AM

HH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Harvey Handsor - January 25 at 10:45 AM

HH

“ Our Condolences go out to Jeni and the Watson family. Dan was a good friend growing up and I enjoyed our visits when he would come home. Had a nice catchup at his nephew's wedding.



Harvey Handsor - January 25 at 10:28 AM

MH

“ Our deepest condolences Paul and Patty.

Mary Anne & Dave Henderson - January 24 at 09:03 AM

KE

“ Jenni, one of my earliest memories of Dan was when Rob and I first starting dating. The guys decided we should go on a double date, so Rob and I along with Dan and his friend went to Erieau to go smelt fishing one evening. Dan was driving and he drove right onto the beach. The car sunk deep into the sand and Dan and Rob spent the entire evening trying to get the car out of the sand and back on the road! Lucky they were both strong, as there were no cell phones in 1978. We eventually got home and my parents couldn't believe that I actually went on a "smelt fishing" date. Oh the memories....

Kellie - January 23 at 09:51 AM

WB

“ It is with great sadness when Colleen and I found out about Dan. A close friend since childhood. Our farms were one road apart. We had so much fun. Playing football at Dana Watsons in the summer after church. And in the winter we played pond hockey every weekend. When Dan got his license he would drive Rob and I all over the place. As years went on and Dan moved away. We would always tex or call each other from time to time. Dan would always come back to Canada in the summer. He would always stop in. And we would carry on a conversation like he never left. Dan was so proud of his daughter Jeni. He always spoke highly of her accomplishments. A great dad. And a great friend. He will be missed dearly. Prayers to the entire Watson family at this difficult time.

Wayne and Colleen Bowen - January 22 at 02:10 PM

JZ

“ The world has really lost such a wonderful, influential and positive soul. He changed so many lives and was in the process of changing so many others. I had the privilege to work with him for about 3 years at COR. I always admired his ability to remain calm in some of the worst moments we would be presented with in our field of work. I will always remember how kind and funny he was. I can picture him now with his black leather jacket and brown boots. To his family, I hope you know how great he was and the footprint he left on this earth. He will never be forgotten and I truly feel blessed to have met him. May you find peace in all the greatness he brought to this world!

Jennifer Zamora - January 22 at 01:45 PM



“ Thoughts and prayers to Rob, Kellie and the entire Watson family during this difficult time.



Tina & Andy Myers - January 22 at 07:48 AM



“ My condolences to Dan's family. I played football with Dan at WDSS all those many years ago. He was a good friend, an excellent athlete and a fierce competitor. One time Dan wasn't supposed to go on a road trip (I can't remember why or who we were playing) but there was no way that Dan wasn't going to be on that bus. I seem to recall that there was heck to pay for both Dan and Coach Stucke when we got back to Wallaceburg - but Dan got to play in the game! I've posted some photos our WDSS football team from, I believe, 1977. Dan is wearing #34.

Brad Heath - January 21 at 11:06 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Dan Watson - WDSS Tartan Football



Brad Heath - January 21 at 10:59 PM

EG


“ My sincere sympathy to your family. I met Dan at church and always enjoyed visiting with him. May God give you comfort knowing he is with Jesus and comfort as your grieve here on earth, I'm sure you will miss him. Emily de Graaf

Emily de Graaf - January 21 at 08:32 PM

LC

“ Tarry and siblings....I am so sorry to read of your brother's passing. RIP, Dan.

Lorraine Chambers-Meredith - January 21 at 07:05 PM

 Linda
Bilodeau
Salisbury

“ Saddened to hear of Dan's passing. Great memories of time spent during school years here in Wallaceburg No surprise as I read his obituary, that he had a life well lived. He was a great guy. Condolences to the Watson Family from John and Linda Salisbury.

Linda Bilodeau Salisbury - January 21 at 05:44 PM

GM

“ MY CONDOLANCES TO THE WATSON FAMILY- I LIVED JUST AROUND THE CORNER ON THE FRASER ROAD- MY MEMORIES GO BACK TO JAMES THE GRANDFATHER /JIM MARRYING MARGARET AND THE CHILDREN- I BABY SAT PERIODICALLY FOR THEM- A LOVELY FAMILY

GARDA MARKHAM - January 21 at 03:19 PM

SG

“ *Sincere sympathy to the Watson family*
Susan Crowe



Susan Granger - January 21 at 03:19 PM

DW

“ *Our life on the farm as kids was a pretty hard life but we also had a lot of fun together. We played a lot of different sports and at one time Dan, Rob and I played football together with the Sarnia Golden Bears. After Dan moved to the states we didn't see him as much as we would have liked to. He was focused on school , work, and later on his daughter Jenni who was his pride and joy. When we did see Dan on his trips back to Canada, he always brought giant chocolate bars for every member of each family. That was a LOT of chocolate bars! We will miss Dan so much. He was a kind and gentle man*

David and Alison Watson - January 21 at 01:19 PM

KD

“ I met uncle Danny when I had the pleasure of hosting him in our home in Northern Alberta after his sister Cheryl (my mother in law) passed away. He had a warm and kind soul that loved freely, shared openly and gave valuable quality and care to those around him. He left us better than he found us at a difficult time in our lives, and I believe that is also how he entered and left the world. I will never forget how he comforted me with such a huge and impactful loss. I loved his warm hugs and the way his eyes twinkled when he and his brother Robb shared stories of childhood adventures/misadventures growing up on the family farm, Memories of siblings and parents and precious words of well earned wisdom and life tips in my living room surrounded by loving family who travelled from near and far to say goodbye to our beloved Cheryl. We will miss the Trader Joes chocolate deliveries, his love of Tim Hortons coffee, his gentle soul and pleasant disposition, his smile and ability to listen without judgment. I'm sorry to his beautiful daughter Jenni who he loved with his whole heart, and all his brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews, friends and souls he touched and impacted on his journey! Rest Peacefully, Uncle Danny! Love always from your Alberta Limoges family!

Katie DeCecco - January 21 at 01:14 PM

DC

“ Dianne Chapple lit a candle in memory of Dan Watson



Dianne Chapple - January 21 at 12:41 PM

DC

“ Sincere condolences to Rob, Kellie and family! You are in our thoughts at this time of loss.
Dianne and Fred Chapple

Dianne Chapple - January 21 at 12:40 PM

JE

“ Sending sincere condolences to Rob and Kellie and all the Watson family. Keeping you in our thoughts.
Jean & Dave Elliott



Jean&Dave Elliott - January 21 at 11:32 AM

GF

“ Gerry Flynn lit a candle in memory of Dan Watson



Gerry Flynn - January 21 at 10:12 AM

MH

“ Merle and Shelly Hazzard lit a candle in memory of Dan Watson



Merle and Shelly Hazzard - January 21 at 10:04 AM

DB

“ Our deepest condolences to the Watson family on the loss of Dan.
You are all in our thoughts at this sad time.

Doug and Cindy Babbitt - January 21 at 09:31 AM

BH

“ *Bill Henderson lit a candle in memory of Dan
Watson*



Bill Henderson - January 21 at 09:28 AM

DO

“ *DENNIS oWEN lit a candle in memory of Dan
Watson*



DENNIS oWEN - January 21 at 05:37 AM

SK

“ I’m so sorry to hear of Dan’s passing. We were younger brothers of athletic siblings that had made an impressive marks on football & wrestling at WDSS. As I remember, Dan held up his families sports legacy much better than myself. (I was awful at both those sports). I remember also the awkwardness of high school I would find myself in a informal counselling session with Dan & Mark Hazzard talking about all being from large families & perhaps trying to keep up with older brothers sports legacies & general family & high school life. I remember Dan’s calm demeanour & not getting too excited about too much was always reassuring. My sincere condolences to his daughter Jenn & the Watson family.



Stephen & Louisa Kearns - January 20 at 11:28 PM