



## Owen Watson

January 5, 2024

With heavy hearts we announce that Owen Grant Watson passed away on Friday, January 5, 2024 at the age of 77. He will be forever loved and remembered by his cherished wife of 56 years; Mary Ann (Fournie) and by his loving daughters Kimberly (Randy) Pugh and Jody (Greg) Shaw. Owen's grandchildren were the light of his life, he will be greatly missed by Lauren, Troy, Braiden and Kylie. Son of the late Grant and Ethel Watson and dear brother of Karen (David) DeRooy, Roger (Darcy) Watson and the late Ron and Jean Watson and Laura and Pete Thomaes. Brother-in-law of Ralph (Heather) and the Late Linda Attwater. He will be fondly missed by his many nieces, nephews Cathy, Janice, Ron, and the Late Carol, Rob, David, Jennifer, Adam, Ashleigh, Nick, Joseph, Christena, Tim, and extended family and close friends.

Owen grew up farming in Sombra. Worked 32 years at the Glass Factory in Wallaceburg. When the Factory closed he started his own machine shop that was his pride and joy. He loved his community and volunteered 30 years to Wilkesport Fire Dept including 13 years as Chief, and Volunteering at Wilkesport Community Center.

He was the neighbour that loved to help anyone whether it be to wire their house, snow plow the laneways of anyone in a five mile radius. He had every tool imaginable if not two and was always willing to help anyone any time and

any day. Many returned the favour as he took on the challenge of building his own house, where he cherished living back on the St. Clair river. His favourite hobbies were working. Whether farming, machining, woodworking, welding, electrical and loved best the challenges brought to him to invent a solution to fix for tractors or machinery of any kind. Prided himself on precision and solid builds. His only greater joys were his family, pets, and baseball especially his New York Yankees.

His family would like to give a special thank you to all the dedicated team members at Bluewater Health Oncology and Palliative Care Units especially Dr. Lilly, Dr. LeBere, Dr. Crombeen, and Dr. Martin (Urology). Owen was able to manage a four year battle of cancer with Strength and Dignity to the very end, and stayed at home until Jan. 1/24

Family and Friends are invited for visitation at the Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home, 409 Nelson Street in Wallaceburg(519-627-3231), on Tuesday, January 9, 2024 from 2-4 and 6-8pm. A firefighter walk through will take place at 6pm Tuesday evening. Owen's funeral will be held at the funeral home on Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at 11am with burial at Riverside Cemetery in Sombra. If you wish to make a donation in his memory, please consider the Bluewater Health Oncology or Palliative Care Units. Cherished stories and tributes may be left for the family at [www.CavanaghFuneralHome.ca](http://www.CavanaghFuneralHome.ca)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Owen Watson*



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**Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home** - January 09, 2024 at 10:43 AM

CK

*So sorry to hear of Owens passing. Good memories of him during our Libbey Mold Shop days. He will be greatly missed. Marianne and family, you are in our thoughts during this time of sorrow.  
Liz and Carl Kacer*

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**Carl Kacer** - January 09, 2024 at 02:28 PM

RT

“ *As I remember Owen in Secondary School he was always very upbeat and had a good heart.*

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**Roger Tilleman** - February 03, 2024 at 01:09 AM

SJ

“ *Mary Ann, Kimberly, Jody and families would like to thank everyone for the donations, flowers, and food in honour of Owen.  
We are truly blessed  
Thank you to all the staff of Cavanagh You are exceptional and we could not be more grateful*

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**Shaw Jody** - January 20, 2024 at 07:09 PM

CW

“ *Many a memory of uncle Owen that I'll forever cherish.* ”



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**Chris Watson** - January 16, 2024 at 09:17 PM

KI

“ *Best Dad & Papa ever! Love you! Until we meet again, rest in peace. Love Kimberly, Randy, Lauren & Troy.* ”



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**Kim** - January 13, 2024 at 01:38 PM

TC

“ *Sorry to hear about Owen's passing  
Many great memories through the years  
Tom & Susan Clancy and family* ”

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**Tom Clancy** - January 12, 2024 at 09:38 AM

CH

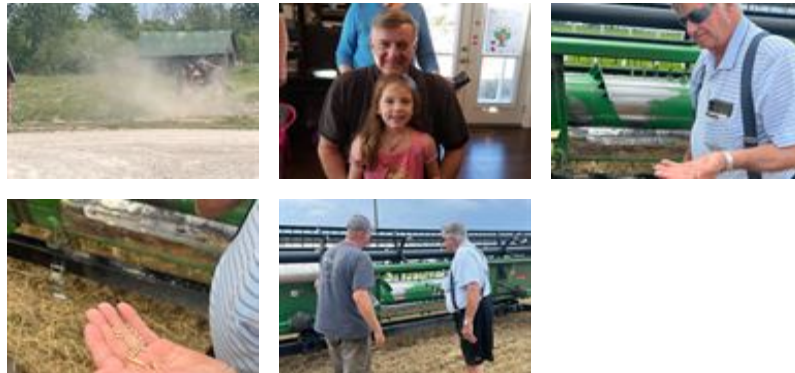
“ *Our condolences to Mary Ann, Kim, Jody and families. It was always fun to run into Owen when he was out and about, he always had a story! He will be missed by all who knew him.* ”

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**Charlie & Linda Henry** - January 11, 2024 at 06:50 PM



“ 9 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home** - January 11, 2024 at 03:09 PM

AR

“ *Dear Mary Ann and family-please accept our sincere condolences. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

**Aldeo and Mary-Joyce Rossignol** - January 10, 2024 at 07:09 PM

MD

“ *Dear Mary Ann and family, we are so sorry to hear of your loss of Owen. We remember many good times when we were all involved with the Becher Fire Hall and Wilkesport Firehall. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Mary and Lionel*



**Mary Van Damme** - January 09, 2024 at 09:26 PM

JH

“ *So sorry to hear of Owen's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time.*

**Jim & Anne Hay** - January 09, 2024 at 08:23 PM

TB

“ *Todd Carol Babcock lit a candle in memory of Owen Watson*



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**Todd and Carol Babcock** - January 09, 2024 at 07:29 PM



“ *Sending condolences Mary Ann, Kim and Jody and your families on the passing of your dear husband, father and grandfather*

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**Linda Hall** - January 09, 2024 at 05:50 PM

WB

“ *Very sorry for your loss I always enjoyed talking to Owen.*

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**Wayne Bradburn** - January 09, 2024 at 05:44 PM

SC

“ *Sherry David Crowe sent a virtual gift in memory of Owen Watson*



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**Sherry & David Crowe** - January 09, 2024 at 02:52 PM

CK

“ *So sorry to hear of Owens passing. He was good man and will be missed.*

*You are in our thoughts and prayers during this time of sorrow.*

*Liz and Carl Kacer*

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**Carl Kacer** - January 09, 2024 at 02:15 PM

PH

“ Rest in peace Owen. Mary Ann and family, we are so very sorry to hear of your loss. Knew Owen all my life with neighboring farms. He always had a project on the go. We hope your memories sustain all of you in the coming days and months.

Patrick Clancy and Donna Hentz - January 09, 2024 at 01:10 PM

PO

“ Phil O'Leary lit a candle in memory of Owen Watson



Phil O'Leary - January 09, 2024 at 12:59 PM

HAYCOCK  
CAVANAGH  
FUNERAL HOME

“ 125 files added to the album LifeTributes



Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - January 09, 2024 at 10:42 AM

JS

“ *Sharpless lit a candle in memory of Owen Watson*



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**Julie Sharpless** - January 09, 2024 at 10:03 AM

TS

“ *Todd, Riley Sharpless lit a candle in memory of Owen Watson*



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**Todd, Julie, Riley Sharpless** - January 09, 2024 at 10:02 AM

RD

“ *Our condolences to Mary Ann, Kim, Jody and the Watson family. Randy and Christy Duffy*

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**Randy and Christy Duffy** - January 09, 2024 at 08:31 AM

WN

“ *Wendy Nead lit a candle in memory of Owen Watson*



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**Wendy Nead** - January 09, 2024 at 12:46 AM

JE

“ Sincere condolences to Owen's family.  
The staff of Wallaceburg Automotive (NAPA  
Auto Parts)



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**Jean&Dave Elliott** - January 08, 2024 at 09:39 PM

DD

“ Sending our sincere condolences to the Watson family. Owen was a  
good friend to all who knew him. We have great memories of him  
helping out at many community events.  
Dan & Sandra Douglas

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**Dan & Sandra Douglas** - January 08, 2024 at 07:57 PM

TS

“ Mary Ann, Kim, Jody and families we were so sorry to hear of  
Owen's passing. We do remember that great smile of his anytime  
we crossed paths. A true gentleman.  
Hugs to all of you. May he Rest In Peace.

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**Tom and Lucy Scott** - January 08, 2024 at 07:36 PM

RC

“ Raymond Clancy



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**Raymond Clancy** - January 08, 2024 at 06:44 PM

DD

“ so sorry to hear of Owens death.

Donna Dilworth - January 08, 2024 at 02:29 PM

JS

“ Mary Ann, Kim and Jody and families: So sorry to hear of Owen’s passing. We have so many great memories of Owen and our involvement with him in the Wilkesport Fire Department and the Wilkesport Community Centre. He will be missed terribly by all who knew him and especially his loved ones. Jerry and Marie Shephard

Jerry and Marie Shephard - January 08, 2024 at 01:47 PM

JR

“ So sorry to hear of Owen’s passing. Thinking of you and your family at this difficult time. In time we hope your memories bring you joy and comfort.

Jane (Pettit) & Brian Racher

Jane & Brian Racher - January 08, 2024 at 11:45 AM

TB

“ Tim Bechard lit a candle in memory of Owen Watson



Tim Bechard - January 08, 2024 at 10:15 AM

LJ

“ *Mary Ann and Family I am so sorry to hear of Owen's passing. So many cherished memories from the Libbey days,*



Leonard Atkins & Jeanetta - January 08, 2024 at 07:18 AM

JC

“ *Sending my sincere condolences to Owen's family and friends. I met Owen many years ago when he was a customer at Wallaceburg Automotive. Such a lovely man to talk to. Owen always had a project or two on the go. Offering prayers to the family. Rest in peace Owen.*



Jeannie Carroll - January 08, 2024 at 05:46 AM

YL

“ *Mary Ann, Jody, Kim and families. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. He was such a kind person. Yvonne and Vic Lavoie*

Yvonne Lavoie - January 07, 2024 at 09:57 PM

LS

“ *LARRY STERLING lit a candle in memory of Owen Watson*



LARRY STERLING - January 07, 2024 at 09:39 PM

JT

“ Jack Kim Thomaes lit a candle in memory of Owen Watson



Jack and Kim Thomaes - January 07, 2024 at 09:14 PM

MH

“ MaryAnn Houle-Leverton lit a candle in memory of Owen Watson



MaryAnn Houle-Leverton - January 07, 2024 at 09:11 PM

JM

“ So sorry to hear of Owen’s passing. Such a nice, humble and friendly man, he was a joy.  
John Mathany



john mathany - January 07, 2024 at 08:01 PM

MC

“ Maureen Colleen Clancy lit a candle in memory of Owen Watson



Maureen & Colleen Clancy - January 07, 2024 at 07:54 PM

RL

“ *To the Watson family, sorry for your loss*



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**Reg & Edith Lucier** - January 07, 2024 at 07:08 PM

LD

“ *We are sorry to hear of Owen's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with Owen's family.*  
*Mike and Liz Dunlop*



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**Liz and Mike Dunlop** - January 07, 2024 at 06:54 PM

WA

“ *We are sorry to hear of Owen passing i always enjoyed talking and working with him He will be greatly missed by many*  
*Wayne & Elaine Anderson*

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**Wayne & Elaine Anderson** - January 07, 2024 at 06:03 PM

LM

“ *Mary Ann and family so sorry for your loss.*  
*Deepest sympathy to the family.*



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**Larry and Patty Morrow** - January 07, 2024 at 03:39 PM

JA

“ Marianne we are so sorry to hear that Owen passed away. He was a great friend to my Mom and Dad (Ford and Eunice Cunningham) and looked after their house for a lot of winters when they were in Florida (just one of the things he did to help them out). We had a nice visit with you and Owen last summer when we met you in Sarnia. Treasure all the memories and hope they will help you through all the difficult days to come. Thinking of you and your family. Sending love and hugs. Ron and Judy Austin

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**Judy Austin** - January 07, 2024 at 03:15 PM

GV

“ So sorry for your loss. May Owen rest in peace. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time. Many Wonderful Memories from The Good Olde Glass. Factory Days. Gerald and Lynn Vandeweghe

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**Gerald & Lynn Vandeweghe** - January 07, 2024 at 01:10 PM

LG

“ So very sorry your loss! ❤️

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**Laurie Goetz** - January 07, 2024 at 01:08 PM

GV

“ Gerald Lynn Vandeweghe lit a candle in memory of Owen Watson



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**Gerald & Lynn Vandeweghe** - January 07, 2024 at 01:07 PM

BT

“ *Mary Ann and families, we are sorry to hear this news. Owen was always a friendly man and a real gentleman. Hold each other tightly and remember the good times.*



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**Brian & Linda Thornton** - January 07, 2024 at 12:08 PM

TS

“ *MaryAnn and family so sorry to hear about the passing of Owen; he was such a nice guy who would do anything for anyone ..... and had the knowledge to do more than most. It was a pleasure to have known him while doing Security at the Glass. Thoughts and prayers with all of you at this most difficult time.*



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**Tracy Shaw** - January 07, 2024 at 12:06 PM

KG

“ *Mary Ann and family,  
So sorry for your loss. May Owen rest in peace. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Memories from The Glass.  
Mike & Karen Galloway*



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**Karen Galloway** - January 07, 2024 at 11:54 AM

JD

“ To Mary Ann and the Watson Family. Our deepest sympathy to you at this time. Owen truly was a great friend and one of a kind. Over our years of farming Owen got us out a lot of difficult situations so many times when machinery broke down or electrical wiring problems or other things, you name it Owen would come up with a solution and it didn't have to wait till office hours. We enjoyed many good times and trips with them. We worked together so closely building the Wilkesport Community Centre. Old buddy we are going to miss you but life goes on and I know you are not suffering now. We have so many great memories to hang on to. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Jim & Anne Duffy

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**Jim and Anne Duffy** - January 07, 2024 at 10:58 AM

PP

“ Mary Ann so sorry to hear of Owen's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.



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**Pam Perrin** - January 07, 2024 at 09:57 AM

BI

“ BETTY & BILL INNIS lit a candle in memory of Owen Watson



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**BETTY & BILL INNIS** - January 07, 2024 at 08:54 AM

DF

“ Condolences to you and your family Mary Ann.

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**Don Fuoco** - January 07, 2024 at 08:24 AM

MS

“ *Condolences to Karen DeRooy and all of Owen's family. Rest in Peace Owen.*



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**Marjory & Rick Smith** - January 07, 2024 at 08:21 AM

JC

“ *John Clark lit a candle in memory of Owen Watson*



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**John Clark** - January 07, 2024 at 07:58 AM

GF

“ *Gerry Flynn lit a candle in memory of Owen Watson*



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**Gerry Flynn** - January 06, 2024 at 11:12 PM

LJ

“ *Heartfelt condolences to Jody and family. Take strength from all the wonderful memories of times together. Liz Jobbitt*

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**Liz Jobbitt** - January 06, 2024 at 10:44 PM

AM

“ *Mary Ann and Family I am so sorry to hear of Owen's passing. So many cherished memories from the Libbey days, Trips across the river, etc.*

*Sincerely,  
Allon Meredith*

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**Allon Meredith** - January 06, 2024 at 08:31 PM

BV

“ *Maryanne Bill and I are so sorry to hear of Owens passing Bill always enjoyed working with Owen on farm equipment Keeping you and your family in our prayers. Sherry and Bill*

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**Bill Vandevenne** - January 06, 2024 at 07:50 PM

LP

“ *Lola And Matt Pamer lit a candle in memory of Owen Watson*



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**Lola and Matt Pamer** - January 06, 2024 at 06:56 PM

KB

“ *Mary Anne and Family. We are so sorry to hear this news. Owen was our neighbour for almost 30 years. There is no more accurate statement than "the neighbour that loved to help anyone". He did so much for us. The ultimate handyman, we learned something everytime he helped us out. Thank you Owen for all you did. We appreciate it. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.*

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**Kevin, Diane, Derek and Brandon Bechard** - January 06, 2024 at 06:52 PM

MM

“ I just finished reading the write up obit. on Owen.  
Whatever family member or friend that completed it did an excellent  
job paying tribute to Owen. It is so very very true.  
Let's hope we can all leave a legacy like Owen has.

*The third paragraph of the obit. said it all:  
I could not have said it any better.*

*We are all thinking the same thing of Owen,  
“Owen Watson was a giver, not a taker,”*

*Owen , you are going to missed by all of us.  
Rest in Peace our friend.*

*Our sincere condolences to Owen's entire family.  
You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Sincerely*

*Edie & Mike McNaughton  
Sombra TWP*

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**Mike McNaughton** - January 06, 2024 at 06:47 PM

KJ

“ Kellie O'Neil Johnston lit a candle in memory  
of Owen Watson



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**Kellie O'Neil Johnston** - January 06, 2024 at 05:14 PM

LR

“ *Larry & Louise Reek lit a candle in memory of Owen Watson*



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**Larry & Louise Reek** - January 06, 2024 at 04:44 PM