



Kenneth Ray Watson

May 21, 1955 - May 14, 2026

Kenneth R. Watson, age 70 of Coleman, passed away peacefully at his home on Thursday, May 14, 2026. On May 21, 1955, Ken was born the son of John and Jacqueline (Ebeling) Watson in Dearborn, MI. Ken was a patriot. For twenty years, he served as a member of the United States Navy, and then ten additional years as a Naval Reservist before retiring from the military as a Chief Petty Officer in 1992 and moving to Coleman, MI. to enjoy his “retirement” years. On August 26, 1988, Ken was united in marriage to his soulmate Sheryl Mullins in Toledo, OH. In his retirement years Ken enjoyed serving as a bus driver for the Isabella County Transit Commission until the early 2000’s. Beyond his passion for service to his country and community, Ken was an avid reader of classic westerns and civil war history. In his younger years, he loved fishing the Great Lakes, woodworking, and tinkering with any type of “fix-it” projects. More recently, Ken became a fanatic and supporter of the WNBA.

Ken is survived by his loving wife Sheryl Watson of Coleman, and his four sons Wayne Watson of Oklahoma City, OK., Jimmy (Melissa) Cross of Gladwin, MI., Andy Watson of Montana, and Jason (Marie) Cross of Newport, MI. Other survivors include his nine grandchildren and three brothers Ted Watson, Eddie (Jennifer) Brymer, and Jim Brymer. Ken was preceded in death by his parents John and Jacqueline Watson, his in-laws Levern and Geraldine Mullins, and his brother Steve Brymer.

In keeping with Ken’s wishes, cremation has taken place. A graveside

committal service with military honors will take place in the Great Lakes National Cemetery of Holly, MI. with the exact date and time yet to be determined. In the servant's spirit of Ken, his family has asked that any memorial contributions considered in his honor be directed toward any charity of the donor's choosing. For those unable to attend services, online condolences may be shared at www.stephenson-wyman.com

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Rd
Holly, MI 48442-9444
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Events

Details are pending.