



Arthur "Big Art" "Gus" Watson

July 30, 1950 - September 7, 2025

WATSON, Mr. Arthur "Big Art" "Gus" - age 75, passed away Sunday, September 7, 2025 in Waterford, Michigan. Family hour 10:00AM Saturday, September 20, 2025 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 268 North Perry Street, with funeral service commencing immediately at 11:00AM. Minister Montel Shaw, officiating. Interment Perry Mount Park Cemetery, 878 North Perry Street. Friends and pallbearers will assemble 10:00AM at the funeral home Saturday. Mr. Watson will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home and may be viewed between the hours of 12:00PM - 6:00PM Friday.

Mr. Watson leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Evelyn Watson; children, Arthur Watson, Jr., Ayanna (Minister Montel) Shaw and Alicia Watson; grandchildren, Katyla (Khareem) Slaton, Andre John Smith-Watson, Arjane Watson, Arzavion John Watson, SaMaria Bercant, SaDannah Bercant and Elijah Shaw; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **19**. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Family Hour

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Arthur "Big Art" "Gus" Watson*



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - September 20, 2025 at 09:21 AM

LB

I miss you so much baby I know you are still watching over us if you was still here you would see the growth in me I finally is using all the knowledge you installed in me

Latrese Brown - February 06 at 05:11 PM

MV

“ *Maxine Van lit a candle in memory of Arthur "Big Art" "Gus" Watson*



Maxine van - September 23, 2025 at 04:33 PM

DW

“ Take your rest big brother and I will see you in the new paradise..❤️
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Dollie Watson - September 19, 2025 at 06:09 AM

DG

“ Dorothy Gordon lit a candle in memory of
Arthur "Big Art" "Gus" Watson



dorothy gordon - September 18, 2025 at 10:12 AM

HJ

“ My condolences to your family and may God bless them all in this
time of sorrow. This hurts me deeply. I can recall every moment we
spent together on the road playing great music together. Traveling
all across the country, and the cruise ships. What good times those
were. Gonna miss you. God bless your soul. And once again, my
deepest sympathy and condolences to and for your whole family.
Your friend and comrade HEZZY ATKINS

Hezekiah Atkins Jr. - September 15, 2025 at 10:52 PM

LT

“ Leon Whiting and family, Houston Texas purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Arthur "Big Art" "Gus" Watson.



Leon Whiting and family, Houston Texas - September 15, 2025 at 12:33 AM

LT

“ Leon Whiting and family, Houston Texas planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Arthur "Big Art" "Gus" Watson.

Leon Whiting and family, Houston Texas - September 15, 2025 at 12:33 AM

LA

“ Luella Adams-Wiley lit a candle in memory of Arthur "Big Art" "Gus" Watson



Luella Adams-Wiley - September 13, 2025 at 02:36 PM

LW

“ Lonnie Walker lit a candle in memory of Arthur "Big Art" "Gus" Watson



Lonnie walker - September 12, 2025 at 02:06 PM

HB

“ *Helen Butler sent a virtual gift in memory of Arthur "Big Art" "Gus" Watson*



Helen Butler - September 12, 2025 at 02:04 PM

LB

“ *There's so much through the last 23 years then I just have to let pictures show the story*



latrese Renee Brown - September 12, 2025 at 12:25 AM

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“ *Elijah Shaw (ELI) sent a virtual gift in memory of Arthur "Big Art" "Gus" Watson*



Elijah Shaw (ELI) - September 11, 2025 at 09:06 PM

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“ *Elijah Shaw (ELI) lit a candle in memory of Arthur "Big Art" "Gus" Watson*



Elijah Shaw (ELI) - September 11, 2025 at 09:05 PM

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“ *My Grandfather was very nice, kind, and very respectful towards his grand children. I found my grandfather very funny and very loving. One thing I can say is my grandfather always made sure his bass was right by his side, and I think that's one reason why I enjoy music because every time he would come visit me , my mom and my dad he would always go to the basement and play his bass. I feel very sad about my grandfather passing and that he had to die from cancer, I would have weathered him to leave this earth with out an illness and leave the earth in a non painful way but, I'm certain that his living a better life with god and would not want to come back to this evil world. Last words my grandfather said to me was "focus " I took that to the heart.*

Elijah Shaw (ELI) - September 11, 2025 at 08:54 PM

MM

“ *I knohim as Big Art, I new about him from talks in the music scene around town. But real got to know him in 1985 when he came in to play for The Del Vikings. We got really close and became brothers for life. We call him Dr. Watson because he has knowledge of so many areas of life and he will be missed a great deal. He was my friend and my true brother.*

Mpmg e Mpmg - September 11, 2025 at 04:10 PM

CM

“ Rest Easy Cousin Gus! 🕊️❤️🕊️



Claudette McDonald - September 11, 2025 at 03:27 PM

AW

“ My dad was a real dad!! I will always remember all the talks we had, all the support he gave, and all the stories he told! He had one of the purest hearts! I love you dad, and you will be truly missed, always and forever!!

Alicia Watson - September 11, 2025 at 01:41 PM

AS

“ I have so many memories to share about my Dad. Im still in disbelief! Dad was a great dad, he loved his family, and his music. I will miss my daddy forever 😭



Ayanna Shaw - September 11, 2025 at 11:59 AM

LS

“ My Ex Father-in-law was very cool and a great dresser. He used to tickle me because he'd always have his water, and gym bag prepared for his workouts. (As a minister) One thing I asked him before he transitioned was did you make peace and talk with the Lord? His answer was YES! That made me sooo happy! Loving him was easy!

LaTrena Smith - September 11, 2025 at 11:47 AM

AD

“ Arletta Allen- Dilworth lit a candle in memory of Arthur "Big Art" "Gus" Watson



Arletta Allen- Dilworth - September 10, 2025 at 05:02 PM

RJ

“ Rosie Jordan lit a candle in memory of Arthur "Big Art" "Gus" Watson



Rosie Jordan - September 09, 2025 at 07:37 PM

LW

After over 40 years of not seeing nor talking with Gus I had the opportunity to talk and break bread with. I recall as a little boy my brother and I would walk around their house to play with Gus, Boo Dan and Bob Tee, those were the good old days. I will be praying for our family and remembering Gus.

Leon and Roy Whiting

Leon Whiting - September 17, 2025 at 10:35 AM