



Darrell Jay Wattenbarger

August 24, 1949 - May 10, 2020

Darrell Jay Wattenbarger, age 70, of Columbia, passed away Sunday, May 10, 2020 at Boone Hospital Center, Columbia, Missouri.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, June 6, 2020 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at Rhodes Funeral Home, Brookfield, Mo, graveside services to follow at Park Lawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery with Reverend Mandy Tarpensing officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations be made to the Diabetes Education Program at MU Health Care, University of Missouri Advancement, 407 Reynolds Alumni Center, Columbia, MO 65211.

Darrell was born August 24, 1949 in Reger, Mo to Raymond Jay and Dorothy Evelyn (McClaren)

Wattenbarger. Darrell graduated from Brookfield High School in 1967 and then attended Gem City Business College in Quincy, IL graduating in 1969 with an Associate's Degree in Accounting. Later he attended Columbia College and graduated in 1976 with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and then became a Certified Public Accountant. His entire career was spent mostly in public accounting and finance for the Cities of Blue Springs, Columbia and Jefferson City as well as the State of Missouri Auditors Office. Darrell received his private pilot's license in 1974 and loved to fly private planes any chance he could (so much so that he continued to fly even after crashing two planes). He also enjoyed preparing taxes, spending time researching his family genealogy, working with computer hardware and software, and traveling anywhere, anytime.

He is survived by his son, Brian Jay Wattenbarger and wife Krystle of Columbia, MO; two granddaughters, Brileigh May and Kenzie Marie; one brother, Larry (Donna) Wattenbarger, of Brookfield, and one sister Jan (Bill) Duvall, of Brookfield; five nieces and nephews, Paul, Jeri, Daniel, Jason and Jennifer; and close friend Norma Gritton.

Darrell was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond Jay Wattenbarger and Dorothy Evelyn (McClaren) Wattenbarger, his grandparents, Raymond Paul Wattenbarger and

Nellie Wattenbarger, and great-grandparents, Buel McClaren and Mary McClaren.

Cemetery Details

Park Lawn Cemetery

23394 Hwy 36
Brookfield, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 6. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Rhodes Funeral Home
216 Linn St.
Brookfield, MO 64628
(660) 258-7221

Graveside Service

JUN 6. 12:00 PM.

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Tribute Wall

WL

“ I have wondered why I could not contact Darrell for the last few years but now I know. I went to work in the finance department at the City of Columbia and Darrell was my trainer and became my very best friend for many years. He was there for me through an emotional divorce and health problem I had. We both liked to fly small planes. The problem was neither one of us should have been doing that. I lost touch with Darrell some years back when he was candidate for a state position. I loved Darrell as my best friend now I wish I had tried harder to find him. His name came into my memory because I hope to get a job In Marceline, Mo. I knew I would find then. God bless you Darrell I know you are probably an auditor for him. I will probably see you soon and if possible you will be the first person I make contact with.

D

William Bill Lewis - January 22, 2024 at 07:04 PM

KC

“ Through our friendship I met my wife of now 53 years. We have remained friends through the years although we weren't in contact for years sometimes. Lots of good memories...you will be missed my friend!
Kenny Clements

Kenny Clements - June 29, 2020 at 09:44 AM

ME

“ Have a lot of memories of good times with Darrell.

Mike Ewing - May 29, 2020 at 10:52 AM

PR

“ It seems like only yesterday when we were graduating from BHS. So sorry for the ones you left behind.

Pat (Phillips) Robertson - May 25, 2020 at 01:32 AM

JD

“ *My Brother, my Best Friend. I'll love you for eternity and I'll miss you forever. You were always there for me. No matter what. We enjoyed so many of the same things. I loved all of our trips together and the fact that no matter where I lived you always came to see me.*

We had a special bond, Dear Brother. My life was always so much better because you were in it. You always made sure that I knew how much you loved me. Tell Mom and Dad that I love them and I'm happy you are together again. All my love forever and more. Until we meet again.....

Your loving sister, Jan.

Jan DuVall - May 24, 2020 at 01:07 AM

AD

“ *You will be greatly missed by friends and family members alike.*



Amber Daniels - May 12, 2020 at 01:54 PM

DG

“ *Donna Greene lit a candle in memory of Darrell Jay Wattenbarger*



Donna Greene - May 12, 2020 at 12:30 PM

JJ

“ *May Our God Grant the Family Peace and Comfort 🙏❤️*

Julia Jackson - May 12, 2020 at 12:00 PM

VL

“ *So sorry to lost Cousin Darrell. Keep me informed, please. Vena Long, 573 777 2487*

Vena Long - May 11, 2020 at 09:03 PM

KH

A very intelligent person, with a great sense of humor.

karla haslag - January 25, 2022 at 02:24 PM

MW

A fellow licensed real estate person, my friend & made me really laugh

marilyn williams - January 25, 2022 at 02:27 PM