

Larry Watson

Gillespie | Monday, April 3 2023

Larry "Watty" Watson, 72, of Gillespie, IL, died at St. John's Hospital, Springfield, IL on Monday, April 3, 2023 at 11:44 pm. He was born July 11, 1950, in Litchfield, IL to James T. Watson & Gloria McCourt Watson. He married Donna Rae Mertz on August 23, 1969 in Carlinville, IL. He was retired after having been a coal miner for Monterey Coal Mine. Lawrence was a member of the UMWA Local 1613. He was a volunteer fireman for Gillespie Fire Department Unit District 7. He enjoyed the St. Louis Cardinals, playing poker, hunting, and going to auctions with his friends. He is survived by his spouse, Donna Watson of Gillespie, IL, children, Steve Watson of Gillespie, IL, Vickie (companion, Travis Nessler) Watson of Gillespie, IL, Jimmy (spouse, Paula) Cox of Gillespie, IL, grandchildren, Austen, Tessa, Shelby, Ryley, Kaylee, Joie, Addison, great grandchildren, Liam, Stetson, Lyle, sisters, Leann Shuey, Gaye (spouse, Charlie Rossini) Watson, sister in law, Sally Watson. Lawrence was preceded in death by his parents, brother, James Watson. Friends may call on Monday, April 10, 2023 at Kravanya Funeral Home in Gillespie from 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm. Funeral services are Monday, April 10, 2023 at 7:00 pm at Kravanya Funeral Home in Gillespie. Memorials are suggested to Gillespie Fire Department or Gillespie High School Sports. Anyone wishing to send an online condolence may do so at www.kravanyafuneral.com.

Kravanya Funeral Home, Gillespie, IL is in charge of the arrangements.