

Dale Evan Watson & Mary Jean Watson

October 21, 2021



Dale Evan Watson was born on May 19, 1927 in Atchison, Kansas to James and Louise Watson. Dale died on March 06, 2020 in Brookings, Oregon of congestive heart failure. Growing up in Southern California, he served in the Navy as a medic then attended UC Berkeley and earned an advanced degree. He married Barbara Thornton and had four children. His career brought him to Shasta County where he was Health Sanitarian then Chief for decades. Dale was a devoted cyclist, loved to play rugby, was an avid backpacker and ascended Mt Shasta many times. He loved to play solitaire with cards and later on computer. Dale loved The Lawrence Welk Show reruns and knew the words to almost every song.

Dale was preceded in death by his parents, brother Jack Watson, and son Daniel Watson. He is survived by sons James (now deceased), Joseph Watson (partner Debbie Kaut) and daughter Mary Jane Watson, grandchildren Anje Walfoort and Michelle Watson, Winona Ready and Dana Paterson. He leaves 11 great grandchildren and 3 great great grandchildren.

Mary Jean Watson was born on February 26, 1931 in St. Helena, California to Frederick and Daisy Whittier. Mary Jean died on August 18, 2021 in Olympia, Washington of heart failure. Growing up in Oakland and

then Paradise, California, she earned an AA degree from Shasta College. Marrying Gordon Odenbach, she had six children. She was the Shasta College Science Learning Center paraeducator (and proud union member) and though she earned no advanced degree, she took nearly every science course to better assist students in their educational goals. An accomplished seamstress, she became a passionate quilter upon retirement.

Mary Jean was predeceased by her parents, brother Lyle Whittier, beloved daughter-in-law Marcia and grandsons Colin Chapman and Joshua Husted. She is survived by sons Terry (Alice) Odenbach and David (Jane) Odenbach and daughters Anita (Charles) Brady, Laura Chapman (former spouse Ken), Debra (Jack) Rice and Kim (John) Herling, grandchildren Rion and Kevyn Odenbach, Coral and Pearl Brady, Katherine Chapman-See and Megan Swidecki, Sarah Odenbach, Elisabeth Odenbach, Mary Calloway, Rachael Krentz, Ruth Odenbach, Anna Karriker, Isaac Odenbach, Laura Powers, Cody Powers and Joshua Powers, Heather McCabe, Scott Rice and Emily Rice, Jake Husted, Jennie Husted and Patrick Herling. She leaves 25 great grandchildren.

Exchanging vows on Veterans Day (so they always had a holiday for their anniversary), Dale and Mary Jean were married for 53 years. After retirement, Dale and Mary Jean moved to Crescent City to escape the heat of the Redding area. They became involved in community groups

and attended the welcoming United Methodist Church. Dale was an active member of the Del Norte Search & Rescue, and took up tennis while Mary Jean was active in TOPS and Lighthouse Quilt Guild. They loved the cool sea air, tall shady redwoods, hosting family

visitors and The Chart Room Restaurant.

Internment will be held on November 12, 2021 at 10 am at Lawncrest Memorial Park in Redding, CA. A Celebration of Life will be held afterwards and details can be requested by emailing [HYPERLINK](mailto:watsoncol53@gmail.com) "mailto:watsoncol53@gmail.com" watsoncol53@gmail.com. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the United Methodist Church, Crescent City in their memory.