



## Jack "Doc" Watson

June 14, 1940 - August 2, 2015

Watson, Jack "Doc", age 75, of White Lake, died Sun. Aug. 2, 2015. Beloved husband of Patricia; dear father of Jason (Michelle) and Whitney (Jimmy) Dowsett; grandfather of Ryan (Jackie), Connor, and James; great-grandfather of Kiedis and Dylan. Committal service 2:30 PM Wed. Aug. 3, 2015 at White Chapel Memorial Cemetery, Troy. A memorial service will be held at the Flint Farmer's Market Ram Tail Room at 300 E. 1st St. Flint, MI 48502, on Sat. Aug. 15, 2015 from 12-2 PM. In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial donation to continue Doc's legacy to Reality Resources Inc., 711 Dixie Hwy. #125, Clarkston, MI 48346. [www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com](http://www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com)

# Cemetery Details

## White Chapel Cemetery

621 W. Long Lake Rd.  
Troy, MI 48084

# Previous Events

## Service

AUG 5. 2:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Some of the best of the best in the industry.  
I just learned of Doc's passing as I was creating the obituary for  
David Landrith  
I didn't know Doc personally but the Landrith family did as Doc and  
David worked together on several projects.  
So sorry for your loss*

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**Jennifer Jones** - October 15, 2015 at 11:38 AM

GS

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**George Shultz** - August 19, 2015 at 09:43 AM

AM

“ *I had the pleasure of getting to know this fine man while working in  
Grand Blanc. He was a true gentleman and, as I can best describe  
it, reminds me of the movie "Big Fish"!! He was a character, a  
generous man, and will be missed by people far and wide. I feel  
honored to have had his company on so many occasions. RIP Doc,  
and to his wife and children, I am so sorry for your loss. The world  
lost a true class act.*

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**Amber Moss** - August 15, 2015 at 01:19 AM



“ *Doc Watson was a very nice, humble man. I had the pleasure of hanging out with Doc Watson at one of the Woodward Dream Cruise parties. It was truly an honor to even be invited to one of his parties. He gave a lot to the auto industry and he will be truly missed. RIP Doc Watson.*

*Pam Steward*

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**Pamela Steward** - August 14, 2015 at 03:47 PM



“ *While I only knew "Doc" for a short period of time, there are very few individuals that have helped so many, in so many different fields of life, so unassumingly. Doc was an inspiration to many merely by being himself and investing his efforts to "leaving things better than you found them". Thank you Whitney for reminding me of this when we talked recently. As the former Director of the Michigan State Fair, I saw first-hand Doc's willingness to give of himself in order to benefit a cause/others. The Michigan State Fair always highlighted the best that Michigan had to offer...Doc Watson was indeed the Best!*

*Thanks for helping to create memories.*

*SteveJenkins*

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**Steve Jenkins** - August 13, 2015 at 08:58 AM



“ *Whitney and Jason...So sorry to hear the loss of your dad! I know he was a big part of your life, always treasure your memories. xoxo*

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**Terri Butka Even** - August 11, 2015 at 09:25 AM

DS

“ With a heavy heart I wish condolence to the entire Watson family. I'll miss Jack's ever willingness to help at a moments notice. He hardy laugh and great stories. Sharing some memorabilia with me through the years. R.I.P.

*Dr. Eric M. Schiffer*



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**Dr. Eric M. Schiffer** - August 09, 2015 at 01:37 PM

DS

“ 3 files added to the album Doc always helping the Royal Pontiac Club since the '80's



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**Dr. Eric M. Schiffer** - August 09, 2015 at 01:26 PM



Andrew  
Skuta

“ *Met Doc Watson quite a few times in my career, always in passing, and always through mutual friends. Always a "regular Joe" to talk with, but inside I knew I was shooting the s#!t with a real legend and felt privileged every time to have even half an hour of casual conversation with someone who has done so much in an industry that flows in your veins if you're a real wrench at heart. RIP Doc, and thanks for making everybody you met feel a little more a part of this great business and life!*

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**Andrew Skuta** - August 08, 2015 at 09:08 PM

PL

“ *Jason,  
My sincere condolences to you upon hearing of Doc's death. He certainly left a wonderful legacy for you to be proud of. I will be thinking of you and praying for your peace and comfort.  
Peggy Lawrence*

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**Peggy Lawrence** - August 08, 2015 at 02:04 PM

LK

“ *Patricia, Jason and Whitney,  
SO sorry to hear about 'Doc' - he was one of mt dad's greatest friends and poker buddies. The stories my dad would tell about their antics were quite "entertaining". Your husband/dad will be missed ...*

*Laura (McLogan) Karle*

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**Laura Karle** - August 08, 2015 at 09:33 AM

BM

“ I met Doc almost 40 years ago, playing with him in a golf scramble in Fenton. My observation then and now is that he was a character, impossible to forget or ignore, kind of a force of nature. Moving forward, he always went out of his way to acknowledge me; and he continued to include me, Jim McLogan, Dale Grainger, et al, in virtually every lunch, dinner, golf outing, or charity event that he hosted or otherwise participated in. He had a huge heart and was a generous man, and a great story teller. It was never a bad day when I walked into a room (bar?) and Doc was holding court. I will miss him greatly, and I've lost a "top tier" friend. I'm going to walk upstairs now and inform my "much better half" Deb Clary of this news, and she will be greatly saddened as well. Buck Morrison, Trenton MI

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**Buck Morrison** - August 08, 2015 at 09:14 AM

DB

“ Dear Patti and Family,  
I am so very sorry for your loss. Doc was truly one of the "good guys" - dynamic, funny and kind. My love and prayers are with all of you.  
Diane Barden

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**Diane Barden** - August 07, 2015 at 01:27 PM

HA

“ Diane and I enjoyed working with Doc and Jason over the years. He was a true Patriot for our military, Thanks Doc. Jason and family members, our prayers are with you. We will never forget this gentleman. RIP

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**hal almand** - August 05, 2015 at 01:47 PM

MH

“ *Doc always had a kind smile for everyone and I loved that he treated everyone the same when he would come in our office I loved hearing his stories. Heaven got a true gentleman . So so sorry for your loss I am happy to say I knew him. Maureen from Dr Gischia's office.*

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**Maureen Hasting** - August 04, 2015 at 08:34 PM

EH

“ *Dear Pat, Jason and Whitney,  
We are so very sorry for your loss. We are fortunate to have so many great memories of Jack and your family from Dilley Road. Please know that our thoughts, love and prayers are with you all.  
Love to you always,  
Dick & Betty Hull*

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**Elizabeth Hull** - August 04, 2015 at 04:31 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jack "Doc" Watson.*



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August 04, 2015 at 01:14 PM

JG

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Jeff Glen** - August 04, 2015 at 10:12 AM

JG

“ My name is Jeff Glen and I'm from Rochelle, IL. I met Doc last year in Indianapolis at the Hurst/Olds National Meet. I must say it was one of the great thrills of my life to meet this man who had such a storied career and significant impact on the automotive world. I have a 1975 Hurst/Olds and Doc autographed my glove compartment door. I was able to talk at length with him and get my picture with my son. What a great honor to meet him. I only wish I'd had more time to get to know him better. My sincere sympathies to his family. He will be greatly missed. God bless.

Jeff Glen - August 04, 2015 at 10:10 AM

BV

“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



Benjamin Virga - August 03, 2015 at 10:33 PM

BE

*Photo taken Monday, August 3rd, 2015...in Fond remembrance and Respects to Jack "Doc" Watson and his Family..... You will be missed and never forgotten, and may the Drag Races continue in Heaven. Thank you Jack "Dr. Oldsmobile." Watson!*

Benjamin - August 04, 2015 at 08:11 AM

JA

*I have worked with JACK,DOC WATSON and his son JASON several times on the SLOAN MUSEUM AUTO FAIR on special exhibits for our event.I have enjoyed working with both.DOC seemed to know everyone involved in the AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY usually on a first name basis.HIS knowledge and marketing skills lead to many unique vehicles including the HURST OLDSMOBILES jeff anderson*

jeffery anderson - August 04, 2015 at 01:33 PM

JK

*Rest in peace, Jack. Thanks for all the memories, Jim Kerr*

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**Jim Kerr** - August 04, 2015 at 01:53 PM

JT

*A true Pioneer and all around great guy! Thanks for all you did for the industry. We should all remember "Doc" and his family.*  
*John Towle*

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**John Towle** - August 04, 2015 at 07:43 PM

KB

*What I experienced with Doc Watson was a kind heart and an adventurous soul. He was the only one that reached out and helped my family when no one else would or could. I will always cherish that. You will be missed and your stories will live on with all of us. God Bless you Doc. Love, Karen Birt and family*

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**Karen Birt** - August 04, 2015 at 07:55 PM

DW

*Another automotive legend lost, RIP Doc, you will be missed.*

*Dick Winkles*

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**Dick Winkles** - August 05, 2015 at 12:30 PM

DS

*Jack was a great man always with a HUGE SMILE. Pat, Jason and Whitney you will always be in my thoughts*

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**Doug Steele** - August 05, 2015 at 03:12 PM

BD

*Pat, Jason and Whitney,  
Jack was a true gentleman and a bigger than life character. He had a easy smile and infectious laugh that always brightened my day. He will be missed by all that knew and loved him. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Brant S Pittsley DDS*

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**Brant S Pittsley DDS** - August 05, 2015 at 04:03 PM

AH

*Having known Doc' for a short ten years, he truly was an amazing man who lived life to its fullest. A great supporter of the automotive performance world, the car collecting hobby and the 'Back to the Bricks', 'Doc' took a gamble on the 'BttB eleven years ago and we can honestly say 'he hit the jack pot'. Your presence will be missed but your spirit will always be with us. Until we meet again on the 'great highway in the sky', rest in peace my friend. And to your family, on behalf of the BttB event committee and Board of Directors, our sincerest condolences.*

*Sincerely,*

*Al Hatch*

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**Al Hatch** - August 08, 2015 at 06:40 PM

BS

*I, like so many others, was privileged to know Doc as a true humanitarian and a walking piece of automotive history. His generosity was incredible as he gave of his personal time so willingly and often. He truly "paid it forward" with so many people and organizations and is now rightfully cruisin' the great highways above.*

*Several of his autographed photos and posters adorn my garage walls, along with other wonderful gifts. I'll smile and fondly remember Doc every time I see one of them.*

*RIP, Doc, you were certainly one of a kind and will be missed.*

*Bob Steel*

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**Bob Steel** - August 10, 2015 at 09:50 AM

RT

*I like so many others grew up with the "legend" of Doc Watson and George Hurst. I was born to be an Oldsmobile enthusiast and carried that into my professional career in the auto industry. I was blessed to be part of the R.E. Olds Transportation Museum in Lansing, where I had the opportunity to first meet 'Doc' and Linda Vaughn. But Doc came to work for my company after I left GM, and I got to work side-by-side with my long-time hero. He was talented, but could be stubborn. He also was local and we visited a few times in Grand Blanc at his new venture. Although I only knew you for a little over 15 years, my time and experiences are memorable. I met Whitney on a couple occasions too. My heart and prayers go out to your family! You have a great place in automotive history, and in our hearts too. Greatly missed!*

*Rev. Brian Tuttle*

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**Rev. Brian Tuttle** - August 19, 2015 at 07:29 AM

NM

*I had the great pleasure to meet Doc at the Fox & Hounds. He was a delightful customer and an entertaining part of so many of my days. In Las Vegas he introduced us to so many people at the annual SEMA show. He was funny, sweet and generous to a fault. I was so saddened to hear of his passing. I wish all of his family peace and the joy of knowing how many people he touched with his kindness.*

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**Nikki Mondella-Medaugh** - September 28, 2015 at 11:08 AM