



## Stanley L. Watts

January 1, 1968 - February 8, 2011

Stanley L. Watts, 43, of Stelle, died Tuesday (Feb. 8, 2011) at the Norfolk Southern Corp. rail yard in Kankakee. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee, and from 2 p.m. Saturday at the Herscher United Methodist Church, until the 3 p.m. funeral services. Pastor Scott Baird will officiate. Cremation rites will be accorded following the services. Memorials may be made to the donor's choice.

Mr. Watts worked for Norfolk Southern Railroad. He was born Jan. 1, 1968, in Chicago, the son of Stanley T. and Loretta Wall Watts. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving from 1986-1990. He coached youth football and was active with his sons sports. He enjoyed camping and was an avid Bears fan. He loved spending time with his family.

Surviving are his wife, the former Sara Wilson, of Stelle, whom he married April 25, 1992, in Memphis, Tenn.; two sons, Zachary Watts and Andrew Watts, both at home; his parents of Madisonville, Ky.; one sister, Kellie Pate, of Madisonville; four brothers and sisters-in-law, Kenny and Lisa Watts, Rodney and Sherry Watts, Thomas and Becky Watts, Terry and Kim Watts, all of Madisonville; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Roger and Bernadette Wilson, of Stelle; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Pam and Tom LaBelle, of Seattle, Wash., Barb and Howard Kite, of Villa Park, Bill and Becky Wilson, of

Stelle, Susan Cassels, of Stelle, Jane and John DiCesare, of Wilmette; and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Dinner will be served at the church following the service.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 11. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home  
1480 W. Court St.  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-1214  
cgfuneral@gmail.com

## Visitation

FEB 12. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Herscher United Methodist Church  
274 N. Elm Street  
Herscher, IL

## Funeral Service

FEB 12. 3:00 PM (CT)

Herscher United Methodist Church  
274 N. Elm Street  
Herscher, IL

# Tribute Wall



“ Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Stanley L. Watts



Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - February 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I am married to Stanley's brother Tommy a.k.a "Chubs. We have so many good memories there is no way we can pick just one. We love & miss you Stan. Although the world is a little dimmer we know heaven is alot brighter. If that is possible

Becky Watts - September 02, 2011 at 10:51 PM

AR

“ Just am always thinking of you and your family =)



Angie Reid - August 08, 2011 at 09:45 PM

LL

“ just thinking of you man we miss you

larry lalumendier - April 06, 2011 at 11:47 PM

Chris  
Benfield

“ I worked with Stanley at GNB Battery in Kankakee from 1999-2001 and it was always a great time. He had a great sense of humor and was an excellent Euchre partner. I was pretty young when I knew Stanley and could always ask him for advice on anything life could throw at me. It was a pleasure knowing him for the time I did, and my condolences go out to his family. He will be greatly missed.

Chris Benfield - March 11, 2011 at 02:02 PM

RW

“ I am a railroader and work for Union Pacific here in Chicago. We all heard the news during our safety briefing. As railroaders, we never want to hear of things like this. It just gives us a sinking feeling and really hits home. Though none of us had the pleasure of knowing Stanley, all of us in the Union Pacific - Chicago Service Unit - Proviso Car Department would like to extend our deepest condolences to the family. God Bless.

Ryan Webb - March 02, 2011 at 05:00 PM

SP

“ Stan was a good-hearted man whose wit and humor got me laughing and brightened the workday. He was fun to be around and will be missed.

Our condolences and prayers go to his wife, Sara, and family.



Steve Paskash - February 15, 2011 at 05:32 PM

SH

“ I went to school with a lot of the Watts kids. Tommy and I graduated together. I am sorry for your loss and it is a great loss. Stan was always wonderful to me and I thought a lot of him and the whole family. Please know that all of you are in my family's prayers.

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**Stephanie Heltsley** - February 15, 2011 at 11:01 AM

BE

“ Stan coached my son during Youth Football. He was a good man. While he took his coaching seriously, it wasn't unusual to see him doing a cheer with the cheerleaders or cleaning up the bleachers after a game. He ALWAYS had a smile and made us laugh. He also left a lasting impression on Christian. Such a tragic loss to Sara and the boys. We are so sorry.

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**Brenda Christian Ewoldt** - February 14, 2011 at 10:16 AM

SC

“ I'm very sorry to hear about the tragic accident that took Stanley from you...our deepest condolences to all of the Watts and Wilson family.

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**Sheri Conover** - February 12, 2011 at 08:30 PM

DN

“ It wasn't always a great day to be a railroader but I don't think I ever saw a day when you didn't try to make it one.

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**Dennis Nolan** - February 12, 2011 at 03:25 PM

PG

“ *The first time I met Stanley at Paperback Reader, he was working for Coke and I am a Pepsi person. We had a lot of laughs about that. He gave me a Coke clock so I would have to look at it all the time. Stan always talked about his family and what they were doing. He very much was a family man who loved his family. I used to tease him that he had it easy raising boys as I raised girls. He would just smile at me. No matter what happens always remember that HE LOVED YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!  
My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Paula @ Paperback Reader*

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**Paula Goodwin** - February 12, 2011 at 01:04 PM

 Jim  
Ailes

“ *Jim Ailes sent a virtual gift in memory of Stanley L. Watts*



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**Jim Ailes** - February 12, 2011 at 10:38 AM

 Jim  
Ailes

“ *Jim Ailes lit a candle in memory of Stanley L. Watts*



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**Jim Ailes** - February 12, 2011 at 10:37 AM

JF

“ I'll miss how when we worked together me and stanley would play a game where we would try to sing the most annoying song and try to get it stuck in the other person's head the rest of the trip. words cannot express what stanley meant to everyone on the railroad.he was one of the best person i have ever met. our prayers are with sara and the boys.



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**Jeremy and family** - February 12, 2011 at 09:06 AM

JM

“ Was quite fond of Stanley. He was good family man- taking care of his wife and children. Am so sad and lost of words for Sara and boys. Thank-you stanley for your kindness and just being the person you are. Love jim Marty Princeton,KY

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**Jlm marty** - February 12, 2011 at 08:58 AM

KH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you, Sara and your children as well as the rest of your family and friends.  
Karla (Childress) Halterman

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**Karla Halterman** - February 11, 2011 at 08:37 PM

KH

“ Karla Halterman lit a candle in memory of Stanley L. Watts



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**Karla Halterman** - February 11, 2011 at 08:34 PM

JJ

“ *Julie (Ms. Julie) sent a virtual gift in memory of Stanley L. Watts*



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**Julie (Ms. Julie)** - February 11, 2011 at 08:05 PM

BG

“ *Bill Gould lit a candle in memory of Stanley L. Watts*



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**Bill Gould** - February 11, 2011 at 03:55 PM

KK

“ *Ken Kertesz lit a candle in memory of Stanley L. Watts*



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**Ken Kertesz** - February 11, 2011 at 02:30 PM

EN

“ *Our deepest sympathies go out to the Watts family. I (Mary) graduated with Stan and thought the world of him. He will be greatly missed by the class of 1986 of West Hopkins High School. May the peace of God comfort you all.*

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**Eric Mary (Schreiber) Nelson** - February 11, 2011 at 01:29 PM

RF

“ *Rich And Family lit a candle in memory of Stanley L. Watts*



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**Rich and Family** - February 11, 2011 at 01:28 PM

JD

“ *To Sara and boys, Aunt Loretta, Uncle Stanley & Family, the extended Watts, Wall, and Wilson families you are all in my heart, my thoughts, and prayers. I Love You, Always.*

*No person is ever truly alone.*

*Those who live no more,*

*Whom we loved,*

*Echo still within our thoughts,*

*Our words, our hearts.*

*And what they did*

*And who they were*

*Becomes a part of all that we are,*

*Forever.*

*(by Richard Fife)*



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**Jessica Downey** - February 11, 2011 at 11:16 AM

CW

“ *Stosh , as our family called him will be missed . My thoughts and prayers go out to all the family. My love always.*



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**Cheryl Watts** - February 11, 2011 at 10:06 AM

LG

“ Our hearts go out to all of Stanley's family, friends and co-workers who will miss him dearly. We will keep him in our thoughts and prayers.

*The members of UTU Local 1895(NS), Chicago*

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**Larry Grutzius** - February 11, 2011 at 09:59 AM

DB

“ Keeping all of you in our thoughts and prayers. May your good memories of Stan help you through this difficult time.



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**Dwain Nichole Weber, Cullen & Dalton Breeden** - February 11, 2011 at 08:37 AM



“ The railroad airwaves will never be the same again. Everyone looked forward to hearing Stanley's cheerful voice over the radio at the NS. To all my friends and colleagues, remember, it's still "a great day to be a railroader, over."

*Stanley will be dearly missed. My prayers and condolences to his family.*



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**Pat Brouillet,** - February 11, 2011 at 08:33 AM

JH

“ *Jim, Hannah & Nate Hoffman lit a candle in memory of Stanley L. Watts*



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**Jim, Hannah & Nate Hoffman** - February 11, 2011 at 08:27 AM



“ *Please accept my deepest condolences for the loss of Stan, Dan Lauzon, Boston MA*

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**Dan Lauzon** - February 11, 2011 at 07:53 AM

DT

“ *Dean, Morgan And Jordan Tharp lit a candle in memory of Stanley L. Watts*



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**Dean, Morgan and Jordan Tharp** - February 11, 2011 at 06:55 AM

RL

“ *Ronnie Luethy lit a candle in memory of Stanley L. Watts*



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**Ronnie Luethy** - February 11, 2011 at 06:10 AM

TW

“ 1 file added to the album Photos



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**Terry Watts** - February 11, 2011 at 04:18 AM

LG

*BLET Division 394 (BRC) extends its deepest sympathies to the Watts family. A terrible tragedy.*

*Larry Graham  
Leg. Rep. 394*

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**Larry Graham** - February 11, 2011 at 04:38 AM

BM

“ *You will be sadly missed by all, whose lives you've touched, may God watch over your wife and children...*



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**Bill Pattie Murphy** - February 10, 2011 at 09:39 PM

DM

“ I met Stanley thru the rail yard. I am a PTI driver in Elkhart and had transported him and his Engineer from Kankakee about 4 years ago. He was a real character and very likable. We came to know each other, everytime I saw him I would ask how is Stanley today.

He loved his family and children, talked about them all the time. I just saw him last week in Elkhart and he was the Engineer of the train this time. I hadn't seen him in along time.

The minute I heard of the accident in Kankakee I thought of Stanley and prayed it wasn't him. I looked up the Kankakee newspaper on the internet and their he was. I am so sad, he never deserved just a terrible death. My prayers are with his family and children. Let the Lord bless you. I will miss Stanley and never forget him.



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**Dawn Merrill** - February 10, 2011 at 09:10 PM

AC

“ Truly one of dearest guy's I have ever known with such a deep love and commitment to his wife and boys. Stanley was always smiling and his laugh was infectious - you just couldn't be around him long before you were laughing with him. He will be missed by so many - Sara, Zack, Andrew - my love and prayers go out to you.



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**Anita Carpenter** - February 10, 2011 at 07:55 PM

DB

“ Doug Sue Smith & Michelle Berumen lit a candle in memory of Stanley L. Watts



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**Doug Sue Smith & Michelle Berumen** - February 10, 2011 at 07:49 PM


DB

“ You are all in our thoughts and prayers. We know he was a wonderful husband, father and son and will be greatly missed.



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**Doug Sue Smith & Michelle Berumen** - February 10, 2011 at 07:45 PM

 Jennifer Werstein

“ Sara and Family. I am so sorry for your loss and our prayers are with you all.

*Ronnie, Faye and Jennifer Werstein*

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**Jennifer Werstein** - February 10, 2011 at 07:09 PM

JC

“ Sara, Andrew and Zack, my deepest sympathy for the loss of one of your own. As Staley did with me, I extend my unconditional friendship and support to you. It was a pleasure working for and alongside Stan. He will be missed. I am here for you in any way that I can help.

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**Jerry C.** - February 10, 2011 at 06:44 PM

AM

“ Amanda Miller lit a candle in memory of Stanley L. Watts



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**Amanda Miller** - February 10, 2011 at 06:42 PM

JM

“ Stanley was the most upbeat and genuinely happy person I have ever met. You are sorely missed and forever will be. You will never be forgotten. Hopefully some day it will be a "Good day to be a Railroader" again.

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**Jimmy Martell** - February 10, 2011 at 06:41 PM

TH

“ Stan was a great man and still is. He will always be remembered in our hearts.

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**Thorsons** - February 10, 2011 at 06:19 PM

JW

“ Our deepest condolences to Sara, Zach and Andrew, you are all in our thoughts and prayers. Please call us if you need anything!



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**Jerry Julia Wilkison** - February 10, 2011 at 05:39 PM

DR

“ Stan ~ You will always hold a special place in The Reid family. You were always so kind to the boys, Don and I. Your heart was made of pure gold. I always remember the time you told the football team that you would dress like a girl if they won. I was so hoping to see that ;) You are a precious gift to all of us who knew you.

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**Don, Aaron & Blake Reid** - February 10, 2011 at 05:33 PM

DR

“ Don, Aaron & Blake Reid lit a candle in memory of Stanley L. Watts



Don, Aaron & Blake Reid - February 10, 2011 at 05:30 PM

JS

“ Jack Dixie Savoree lit a candle in memory of Stanley L. Watts



Jack Dixie Savoree - February 10, 2011 at 05:15 PM

JM

“ Jimmy Gina Martell lit a candle in memory of Stanley L. Watts



Jimmy Gina Martell - February 10, 2011 at 05:01 PM

JP

“ Jolene Paquette lit a candle in memory of Stanley L. Watts



Jolene Paquette - February 10, 2011 at 04:11 PM

JP

“ I first met Stanley when he was the Senior football coach when my son Nicholas was in Juniors. From the first instant I could tell he was a family man of integrity and wonderful community leader. He was also one of the only people from the TriPoint area that brought his family to a fundraiser we had for another family in need within the community. My heart is crushed that this loving husband, father and leader has been taken. My only peace comes from knowing God must be taking his perfect home before the trials and tribulation.

*My most heartfelt condolences go out to Sara, Zachary and Andrew as well as the rest of the family, friends and community this man has been taken from.*

*I am certain he has earned his eternal home and is hearing his Lord say, "Well done, my good and faithful servant."*

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**Jolene Paquette** - February 10, 2011 at 04:10 PM

CK

“ CJ Kopp lit a candle in memory of Stanley L. Watts



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**CJ Kopp** - February 10, 2011 at 02:39 PM

CK

“ To the friends and family of Stanley our thoughts and prayers are with you during this most difficult time. Stanley will be missed deeply by all who had the pleasure to meet him.

*CJ & Alice Kopp*

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**CJ Kopp** - February 10, 2011 at 02:39 PM



“ Stan was a son, a husband, and most of all a father. He was a family man that will be sadly missed by all that knew him.. He was the type of person that would do any thing to help someone out, no matter what.

*My heart and prayers go out to the whole family.*

*Just remember he is with God now and will look down on all of us.*

*Jim*

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**Jim Coon** - February 10, 2011 at 02:25 PM



“ Stan, you and your family will always be a part of the Tri-Point community Thank you and God rest your soul.

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**Ted Tri-Point School Board President** - February 10, 2011 at 02:19 PM



“ Jim Coon lit a candle in memory of Stanley L. Watts



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**Jim Coon** - February 10, 2011 at 02:19 PM



“ Some of my first memories of Stanley are with he and Bo, their dog, and the boys - just romping around having a fun time. I always appreciated his openness with me and his sense of humor was quick. He will be missed so much by so many. My heart goes out to everyone in the family.

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**Carolyn Jacobson** - February 10, 2011 at 09:59 AM

LL

“ morning chats and jokes messing around and having fun it will never be the same

larry lalumendier - February 10, 2011 at 02:41 AM

LL

“ i will miss you forever stan you will always be in my heart i will miss our morning chats and doughnuts you will never be forgotten

larry lalumendier - February 10, 2011 at 02:38 AM

TW

“ Stan i'm going to miss you so much. Love you brother.

Terry Watts - February 10, 2011 at 01:10 AM

TW

“ Terry Watts lit a candle in memory of Stanley L. Watts



Terry Watts - February 10, 2011 at 01:07 AM

Doug Mcwilliams

“ Doug Mcwilliams lit a candle in memory of Stanley L. Watts



Doug Mcwilliams - February 09, 2011 at 10:04 PM



“ *I always genuinely liked Stan and enjoyed working with him when the opportunity arose, on those occasions I knew it was going to be a great day. Stan always had a good attitude and a great sense of humor and it was a good feeling to be working with a professional such as he was. I will sincerely miss him!*

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**Doug McWilliams** - February 09, 2011 at 10:02 PM