



# ROGER WATSON

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**P**ERRY-  
Roger Warren “Rod” Watson, 68, passed away on September 27, 2021, in Perry, Georgia. Due to Covid, there will not be a service. The family respectfully requests memorial contributions to the homeless ministry, Family Promise of Greater Houston County, 2762 Watson Blvd, Warner Robins, Ga 31093.

Roger was born in Dublin, Georgia, to Sheryll Smith Watson Tiller and Roger Warren Watson, both of whom predeceased him. Rod often spoke of his mother’s excellent cooking skills, especially her homemade fudge. He also laughingly described the family’s demolition derby participation and fishing trips. Roger graduated from Northside High School (1971) in Warner Robins and then moved to Atlanta. He earned an engineering degree from the Georgia Institute of Technology and, while in Atlanta, he worked as a bridge examiner. He eventually moved to California, where he spent approximately 25 years working as a surveyor/engineer. Roger donated much time in Atlanta and California as an advocate for the homeless.

Roger was a knowledgeable sports fan, always following the Yellow Jackets and Falcons, and many other teams in numerous sports. He particularly enjoyed debating the virtues of the Jackets vs. the Dawgs within a predominantly UGA family. Roger returned to his home in Middle Georgia after retiring from his position with D.L. Horton Homes. At that time, he was disabled and confined to his electric chair; however, his physical limitations did not stop him from living a very active and independent life. He pulled together the 30th Reunion of Northside High School’s class of 1971 by working tirelessly on the Reunion Committee, constantly searching to locate classmates. He started the NHS Class of 71 Facebook page so classmates could stay in touch. Genealogy, history, and reading were other pastimes enjoyed by Rod.

Rod was a family man and was very close to his brother, Richard, and sister-in-law Christine, and their family. Sadly, Richard died in 2020. Rod is survived by one sister, Holly Ann Brady (Frank) and one brother, Gifford Tiller (Susan), both of Warner Robins; several nieces, nephews, and cousins; one uncle; and several aunts.



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Rod's faith brought him through very hard times physically. Even through the years of incapacitation, he still found ways to serve and minister to anyone and everyone who spent time with him.

Philippians 4:11-13 KJV...I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: everywhere and in all things, I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

Condolences for the family may be left in the online guestbook at [www.watsonhunt.com](http://www.watsonhunt.com). Watson-Hunt Funeral Home in Perry has been entrusted with the arrangements.



## Tribute Wall

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KA

**Kathy** posted:

Holly,I am so sorry to hear this. Praying for you and your family.Love yaKathy Durham

October 6 at 10:54 AM

TA

**Tony Abel** posted:

Roger was a friend and classmate of mine. I enjoyed serving on our class reunion committees with him. He was instrumental in contacting our classmates and getting the word out for our class reunions. I will hold Roger's family in my prayers. He is in pain no more.

September 30 at 8:24 AM

DH

**Diane Holley** posted:

Roger was a special friend to me through the past 20 years or so. We grew up together, yet did not become best friends until he returned home from California. It was a joy to be around him and listen to all his stories. He was so highly intelligent and helped me by advising me on many things in my life. He loved people and was always willing to help anyone with anything. He would give you the "shirt off his back" if you asked him to do so. I will miss our many visits and conversations. I always walked away with more knowledge than I had before I walked into his room. He made good a very confining situation. Although I know he did not want to be in the nursing home, he tried to keep on ministering to others, especially the workers there, which he always sympathized with them and any problems in their lives. I'm sure he spent many hours praying for me, my family, and anyone and everyone that he met along the way. I will miss his friendship, his giving heart, encouragement, and wonderful/wise advice. I'm wishing I could visit with him one last time, yet I know we will see one another again soon at the feet of our Saviour. My sympathy to each of you in this great loss. God Bless, Diane Holley

September 29 at 11:21 AM

CW

**Christine Watson** September 30 at 7:21 AM

Diane, you were such a bright light in his life! You were a special friend to Roger and I'm so very sorry for your loss, as well.



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