



## Mr. Roadecker "Roe" Watts

June 7, 2024

Roadecker Dean Watts, Jr. (Roe) was born November 27, 1955, Roe is the third child born to the late Roadecker and Shirley Watts, Sr. and their first born son. Roe attended Alton Public school district and graduated in class 1973 from Alton Senior High. Shortly thereafter he served in the United States Marine Corps and was Honorably Discharged. Roe realized he wanted to embark on a new career path and was hired at Dillards department store. He was driven to pursue Dillards alteration program where he received a certificate for completing a fitting/marking course. This marked the beginning of love and passion for fashion, not only for him, but for anyone who asked.

His life journey took a turn to pursue a basic nursing training program, whereby he received a certificate in 1992 at Lewis & Clark Community College. Roe was later employed at JCPenney for 20 years, retiring in November 2023. Roe loved and enjoyed everyday and was a committed employee at JCPenney where he learned his sense of style. His commitment to please every customer was always a top priority. He deeply loved people, his family, friends, and always dressed to impress.

Beyond his kindness and compassion, Roe was a man of great character. He faced life's challenges with grace and resilience, never losing sight of his values or his sense of humor. He taught us the importance of perseverance, staying true to ourselves in the face of adversity, and cherishing the moments

we have with those we hold dear.

As we bid farewell to Roe, we find solace in the memories we shared, in the lessons he imparted, and in the love he gave so freely. Though we mourn his passing, we also celebrate the incredible life he lived and the legacy he leaves behind. His spirit will live on in our hearts forever, a guiding light in times of darkness, a reminder of the beauty and joy that he brought into our lives.

He was preceded in death by his father Roadecker Watts Sr., mother Shirley Watts, son Edrow Perkins and sister Angela Watts.

Roe's strong, loving and kind spirit now leaves to cherish his memories by Sandra K. Herron of Godfrey, IL, Pearl Watts of Missouri, Rian Watts of Los Angeles, CA, Michelle Watts of Alton, IL , Carol Ann Wright of Edwardsville, IL and Rose McDade of Alton, IL. His uncle Earl Watts of Godfrey, IL and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends that was truly his second family.

Roe was a man of unwavering integrity, a beacon of strength and wisdom in our lives. His presence brought joy and laughter to every gathering, his infectious smile lighting up the room and warming our hearts. He was a pillar of support, always there to offer guidance, encouragement, and a listening ear to those in need. His kindness knew no bounds, and his generosity touched the lives of countless individuals, leaving an indelible mark on all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Roe, you were a source of strength, a beacon of love, and a shining example of what it means to live a life filled with purpose and compassion. Your memory will be cherished, your legacy will endure, and your spirit will live on in the hearts of all who had the privilege of knowing you. Rest in peace, dear uncle, knowing that you were loved and respected by all who crossed your path. Until we meet again, may your soul find peace in the arms of eternity.



# Cemetery Details

## Upper Alton Cemetery

Oakwood Rd  
Alton, IL 62002

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Cathy M. Williams & Sons Funeral Home LLC  
1695 Oakwood Ave  
Alton, IL 62002  
(618) 462-9155  
fdrwilliams08@yahoo.com  
<http://www.cathymwilliamsandsons.com>

## Service

JUN 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church  
1 East 6th Street  
Alton , IL 62002

# Tribute Wall

JN

“ I have just returned from out of the country and learned of Roe’s passing. I worked with Roe at Dillard’s Jamestown, ‘86. From day one, we have remained good friends. I’d pick him up at Village Square Shopping Center, and he would ride with me to the city for a night of fun. I always teased him by saying I taught him how to dance, but he and I knew it was me who had no rhythm. While he notably did not like water, I would pick Roe up on a dock along the river in Alton in my boat, and we would hang out on the river. Coming from a St. Charles marina, I could always find Roe on land because he would be the only one standing with an umbrella out in the sun with no rain prediction. He always said that’s how he keeps his beautiful skin glow. Well, it was not just the glow of his skin that set Roe apart from others; it was the magnificent glow of his soul that set him apart and what we all will fondly remember and dearly miss. I extend my heartfelt and deepest condolences and love to the surviving family and friends of Roderick (Roe) Watts.

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**Jim Nilges** - September 08, 2024 at 10:04 AM

TW

“ Rest in Peace Roe . You was the kindest gentleman that worked at J.C .Penney’s in Alton . You are going to be missed by many in the community Roe . Thoughts and prayers to your family and friends at this time.



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**Tammy White** - June 24, 2024 at 02:38 PM

JW

“ I worked with Roe over 35 years ago. It was always nice to see him at Penny's and catch up with each other. Such a nice, caring person. He will be missed. RIP old friend.



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**Janis Williams-Poindexter** - June 19, 2024 at 08:40 AM

MG

“ Rest in Heaven Roe...



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**Mandy Gratz** - June 18, 2024 at 08:50 PM

NR

“ Norma Jackson Roberts lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roadecker "Roe" Watts



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**Norma Jackson Roberts** - June 18, 2024 at 10:39 AM

DW

“ Dana Watts purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Mr. Roadecker "Roe" Watts.



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**Dana Watts** - June 17, 2024 at 04:29 PM

CW

“ Children of Melvin T. Watts purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Mr. Roadecker "Roe" Watts.



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**Children of Melvin T. Watts** - June 17, 2024 at 04:21 PM

AP

“ Dearest Roe,  
Thank you for being a shining light to all of us. It was an absolute honor to know you. Rest well my friend. ❤️

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**Ann Parker** - June 16, 2024 at 06:23 PM

KC

“ Almost smiling, keep on smiling

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**Kimberly Commander(Jordan)** - June 16, 2024 at 11:32 AM

KC

“ Kimberly Commander(Jordan) lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roadecker "Roe" Watts



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**Kimberly Commander(Jordan)** - June 16, 2024 at 11:31 AM

CE

“ Cecilia lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roadecker "Roe" Watts



Cecilia - June 16, 2024 at 09:12 AM

RO

“ Roe A Community Lost A Beautiful Person. You will be missed by so many .I'm sure you will be well received by all in Heaven. Keep that smile and keep being You. 😊❤️🙏🌈

Robin - June 15, 2024 at 09:02 PM

ER

“ Rest in peace my friend. You will be missed.

Eric - June 15, 2024 at 10:21 AM

DW

“ Roe was always kind with a warm contagious smile. I knew him since he was a child. He never changed. To his friends and family, I send prayers for strength and guidance during this very difficult time. I know he was loved and will truly be missed. Duanne Willis



Duanne Willis - June 15, 2024 at 09:16 AM

JG

“ I didn't know Roe well! But he has a joyful and generous spirit!!! Does anyone know a good place to make a donation in his sweet memory?

Jenni G - June 15, 2024 at 12:42 AM

TL

“ *TRACY J LANCASTER lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roadecker "Roe" Watts*



TRACY J LANCASTER - June 14, 2024 at 02:43 PM

BB

“ *Knowing Roe was a great treasure. His light & smile was contagious. He was overjoyed by the retirement party. I was his "Tenpin girl". We danced often. I will be out of state & unable to attend the service. My prayers are with you while we celebrate a great man. RIP Roe*

Bonnie Beckwith - June 13, 2024 at 12:18 AM

RH

“ *Sending prayers and condolences to the family. I'm sure Roadecker will be truly missed.*



Ruth Hardimon - June 12, 2024 at 08:50 PM

JA

“ *Jenny and April purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Mr. Roadecker "Roe" Watts.*



Jenny and April - June 12, 2024 at 05:50 PM

JA

“ Jenny and April planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Roadecker "Roe" Watts.

Jenny and April - June 12, 2024 at 05:50 PM

LE

“ The kind salesman with the radiant smile and flawless complexion. May your good deeds live on...



LeahB - June 12, 2024 at 04:30 PM

LH

“ Lynda Holmes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roadecker "Roe" Watts



Lynda Holmes - June 12, 2024 at 04:01 PM

LH

He Was Good Guy Grow Up With Him And We Worked Together At One Time I'm Reall Going 2 Miss That Smile And Kindness

Lynda Holmes - June 12, 2024 at 04:03 PM

BR

“ Roe never met a stranger kind man and a big heart! God be with his family and friends. Will miss you my friend.

Brenda - June 12, 2024 at 02:14 PM

SA

“*Sheila D Alexander lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roadecker "Roe" Watts*



Sheila D Alexander - June 12, 2024 at 11:27 AM

JE

“*Roe will be missed by all who knew him. That contagious smile, encouraging conversation, and super kind spirit. To his sisters, family and friends I pray for comfort and strength that God will restore your joy in due season.*

Joyce Elliott - June 12, 2024 at 12:20 AM

RJ

“*Rose M Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Roadecker "Roe" Watts*



Rose M Jackson - June 11, 2024 at 02:17 PM

MD

“*Roe dressed sharp and his demeanor was always pleasant. He was a great asset at JCP's due to his EXCELLENT customer service skills--always had a smile. He will be missed. My prayers are for his family during this difficult time.*



Melody Davis-Wilson - June 11, 2024 at 01:44 AM