



## Charles Watts

May 31, 1932 - March 22, 2013

The active life of Charles "Chipper" Watts, 80, of Mercer, came to a peaceful end Friday March 22, 2013 surrounded by his family at the Howard Young Medical Center in Woodruff, WI. A Celebration of Life will be Monday March 25, 2013 from 1:00-3:00 pm at the Senior Center in Mercer, WI.

Chipper was born on May 31, 1932 in Radisson, WI to Charles Searle Watts and Virginia Ray (nee Ayre) Watts. Upon graduating High School, he entered the Army where he served overseas during the Korean War from 1949 until his Honorable Discharge at the end of the Truman Extension in 1952. Upon returning back home to Exland, WI, he met his love and lifelong friend, Rosalie (Mickey) Watts (nee Gordon). After a year of singing to Mickey, she finally agreed to marry and spend 59 years together, fathering and providing for their 8 children.

Chipper worked as a farmer and truck driver with several million accident free miles under his belt before retiring at the age of 67 where he kept active fishing, hunting, gardening, and taking care of the longest honey do list ever. Among all his jobs, he was most proud and honored to be his families energizer bunny, ensuring a happy and well-provided for life for his wife and 8 children.

His steadfast loyalty and integrity is among the many qualities of Chipper that made him well respected and liked among everyone that has met him. Our lives are better because he was a part of them. He will be greatly missed but will see us in Church, as long as we sit by the window to see him wave when

he drives by.

He is survived by his wife Mickey, five sons, Charles (Karen); Gerald (Arlys); Douglas (Jill); Richard (Carrie) all of Mercer and James (Kerri) of Frisco, TX; three daughters Deborah Watts (Cathy) of Dallas, TX; Lisa (Steve) Feigley of Silver City, NM and Donna (Erland) Saarnio of Mercer. Grandchildren, Rebecca Kallin, Jessica Milashus, Christopher Gaines, Janet Rivera, Ryan Chaney, Sarah Lind, Chris Bossert, Jacob Saarnio, Charles Watts, Angela Watts, Erica Watts and Kaitlynn Watts; eleven great grandchildren and a sister Virginia Steinmetz of Minneapolis, MN.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother Richard and a grandson Searle Charles Watts.

Chipper's generosity can be seen through his donations to the Nazarene Church in Mercer, WI. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Nazarene Church of Mercer

# Tribute Wall

RW

“ I'm going to miss your whisker rubs, big hugs, and giggles. Your hard work and dedication to our family was immeasurable, and I am truly proud to be a Watts kid.

Rebecca Watts-Kallin - May 07, 2013 at 09:18 AM

ED

“ Love you Pops. Thank you for teaching me honor, respect, and the difference between right and wrong. Love you and miss you.

Ed - May 07, 2013 at 09:18 AM

AC

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers. We are so sorry for your loss. He was a wonderful and generous man and will be missed.

*The Claypools*

Alan & Phyllis Claypool - May 07, 2013 at 09:18 AM

DG

“ So sorry for your loss. He was a great man, and a great pleasure to know. Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this most difficult time.

Dennis & Rose Grulkowski - May 07, 2013 at 09:18 AM

JM

“ Grandpa - thank you for raising our family to honor, respect and love. You've shown us that above all else in life, family is most important. I will hold tight to all the memories, for the love and laughter will live long after the tears and sadness. Love You Grandpa!! xoxo

---

**Jessica Milashus** - May 07, 2013 at 09:18 AM

DM

“ We were so sad to hear of Chipper's passing. We had a great respect for him. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time of loss.  
Dan & Deanna Maki

---

**Dan & Deanna Maki** - May 07, 2013 at 09:18 AM

CW

“ Dad you will be greatly missed by all. You are the greatest man I have ever known. You and Mom raised some wonderful children and that reflects back totally on you two. I hope you and Searle are up there fishing together and having a blast! Love you!!

---

**Carrie Watts** - May 07, 2013 at 09:18 AM

DW

“ Dad...you passed on that green thumb to me. It is a really good thing to have. It skipped my son but I am going to try real hard to help it pop up in Drayce. I do not have anyone to call any more to ask how to keep the coyotes out of the yard or what kind of dirt is the best, and then there are all those car questions. Thank you for taking care of Mom all these years. You are a very much loved man.  
Your # 1 daughter. Debbie

---

**Debbie Watts** - May 07, 2013 at 09:18 AM

GI

“ Dear Family,

*I just received news of Chipper's passing. I am so sorry for your loss. I had the pleasure of meeting and talking with him several times when he came to visit his daughter Debbie. He was the biggest cut up. I called him my Chip and Dale dancer once and he laughed for 5 minutes. He was a quiet man but he did not miss a beat during any conversation I had with him. They honestly don't make men like Chipper any more. I always said if he ever became single I would get rid of my husband and marry him.*

*I hope the whole family can feel my arms around you during this sad time. There is no question that you will see him again.*

*All my Love,*

*Gigi Williams  
gigi.williams@sbcglobal.net*

---

**Gigi** - May 07, 2013 at 09:18 AM

MO

“ Dad, Thank you for taking care of me for the past 59 years. I LOVE you and MISS you. Love you, Mom.

---

**Mom** - May 07, 2013 at 09:18 AM