



Craig Allen Watkins

February 5, 1953 - January 1, 2014

Craig Allen Watkins, age 60, of Amboy, died unexpectedly January 1, 2014 at KSB Hospital in Dixon. He was born February 5, 1953, in Cleveland, Ohio, the son of Roger and Mary (Nickerson) Watkins. He moved to Rockford, Illinois and attended East High School. He graduated from Luther College in Decorah, IA, with a degree in elementary education. Craig taught in Ossian IA, but spent the majority of his career in Amboy. He was active in IEA and his church. He spent many years working at Green Wing Bible Camp and at Woodhaven Lakes.

He is survived by brother Geoff Watkins of Amboy and sister, Holly Johnston of White Bear Lake, MN; as well as several cousins and many friends. He was predeceased by his parents, paternal and maternal grandparents as well as his uncles and several cousins.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Memorial services will be held on Tuesday, January 14, 2014 at 11:00 AM in Immanuel Lutheran Church in Amboy, IL. Visitation will be on Monday January 13, from 7:00 until 9:00 PM, and also on Tuesday from 9:30 until time of service, in the church. Luncheon will follow the service. A memorial has been established.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **13.** 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church
960 US Rte 52
Amboy, IL 61310

Service

JAN **14.** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Craig Allen Watkins*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Craig Allen Watkins*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *I would like to send my sympathy to Craig's family and friends that will miss him. I am a teacher at Amboy High School and attended many IEA and NEA conventions with Craig. I have many happy memories; dinners at the Chinese restaurant on the way to IEA, the "touristy" tour of Los Angeles, the times in New Orleans. All these bring a smile to my face and make me feel lucky for having known him. Please take comfort at this time.*
Deb Goy

Deborah Buffington Goy - January 14, 2014 at 10:10 AM



“ *Craig will be missed. He was a blessing to us in IEA. His work on behalf of colleagues and students was an example to us all. I so much enjoyed working with him on the IEA Board of Directors. His sudden passing leaves us all saddened but we can take comfort in the legacy he leaves behind. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends.*

Ken Swanson, former IEA President.

Ken Swanson - January 13, 2014 at 11:37 AM

GE

“ One of my Most Favorite Teachers of All-Time who introduced our class to Apple Computers, he was the first teacher that I knew that had a computer! I was honored to be his Teacher's Aid while in High School. Mr. Watkins was a Class Act guy who truly loved to teach...Mr. Watkins will be greatly missed but never forgotten! Please accept my Condolences...

Gary Ely

Gary Ely - January 11, 2014 at 06:13 PM

GT

“ My sympathy to Geoff and family on your loss. I attended East with Craig and last saw him at a Diakonia function a couple of years ago. He was always a happy guy. May your memories of Craig help you through this difficult time.

Garry Tubbesing, Rockford

Garry Tubbesing - January 10, 2014 at 04:59 PM

JC

“ Saddened to hear the Craig passed away so young. I remember him from many church functions at Our Savior's, and Luther League. I wish Geoff and Holly comfort and holding on to good memories.

Jan (Ritter) Carter, Rockford

Jan Carter - January 09, 2014 at 07:38 PM

MN

“ *Saddened to learn of Craig's death. I'm a Luther classmate and always appreciated his cheerful smile, love for Luther, and the conversations about his teaching career when we met at Luther reunions. May you be comforted with the promise of Christ's resurrection that supported Craig in his Christian faith.*
Mona Nelson

Mona Nelson - January 09, 2014 at 10:12 AM

BL

“ *The family of Catherine Luther-Grossman would like to pass on our condolences for your loss during this time. you will be in our prayers. We remember Craig during his times out at Woodhaven Lakes.*

Bruce Luther - January 08, 2014 at 08:28 PM

GS

“ *I worked with Mr Watkins while I was the D.A.R.E. Officer for Amboy Junior High School. Mr Watkins was very supportive of our program and it was a pleasure to work with such a great teacher.*

Gary L Schultz - January 08, 2014 at 06:05 PM

CK

“ Craig and I have known Craig W. for over forty years. I was on a Luther mission team with him, and he was one of our best friends there. He also served as an usher at our wedding. He had a wonderful sense of humor and from all accounts was dedicated to the teaching profession as well as Luther College. As we will be in Florida, we will be unable to attend the visitation or funeral, but will think of all of you who knew him, especially Geoff and Holly. God bless you. Julie and Craig Knutson



Craig and Julie Knutson - January 06, 2014 at 09:47 PM