



## Samuel Joe Watson

July 27, 1976 - November 17, 2014

Former Kearney resident Samuel Joe Watson, 38, passed away Monday, November 17, 2014, at Hospice House in Omaha, NE.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m., Friday, November 21, 2014, at the Federated Church in Sutton, NE with Rev. Harry Cross officiating. Graveside services will be 3:00 p.m., Friday, at the Kearney Cemetery in Kearney, NE. Visitation will be Thursday, from 1-8 p.m., with the family present from 5-7 p.m., at Sutton Memorial Chapel in Sutton, NE.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the family to be designated at a later date.

Samuel Joe Watson was born July 27, 1976, in Kearney, NE. Sam received his education in Kearney and Grand Island. Sam was employed with Millard Electronics until his illness.

He is survived by his beautiful Princess, Elizabeth; mother and step-father, Mike and Carol Finley of Sutton, NE; brother, Vince Watson and wife Samantha of York, NE; sisters, Jessica Watson of Lincoln, NE and Jordane Finley of Sutton, NE; grandmothers, Pat Journey of Kearney, NE; Marjorie Finley of Sutton, NE; aunts and uncles, Karen & Dave Job; Linda & Alan Cranford; Deb, Terry & Shala Journey; cousins, Josh; Matt; Lacy; Cory; Jered;

Jeremy; Summer; nephews, Dakotah; Jacob and Nathan.

He was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Lester Journey; Charles Finley; his great-grandparents and cousin, Darin Crumm.

# Tribute Wall

KS

“ *Carol and Family*

*I'm so sorry for the loss of your son Samuel. My son Jason died Sept. 2012 at the age of 32 and my Lara in August of 81 at age 4 We shouldn't be buring our kids.*

*Marcia and I were just talking about your dad the other day may he R.I.P. how he made us laugh with our nic names he called us since my late dad said I should of been a boy your dad called me Christopher oh the fun we had of growing up and walking to school together even though it's been many a years you've not been off our minds.  
Your in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Kris (Straatmann) Schneider*

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**Kris (Straatmann) Schneider** - November 22, 2014 at 06:13 AM

JS

“ *It was my privilege to have sam as a friend for over a decade here in omaha. I still remember all the great times Sam, me, and the entire group had over the years. Sams passing hurts each of us more than our words can possibly express. I will just consider myself lucky to have him as a friend who always.....always greeted me with a smile. I'm going to miss watching husker games and ufc fights with sam. I still have great memories of watching ufc fights at bob koorys parents going way back to 2004. The endless poker nights. The many parties, the nights out on the town. I would like to say from our entire group of friends to sam.....we love you sam. We will miss you always. We will never forget you.*

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**John Sullivan** - November 21, 2014 at 07:17 PM

JW

“ My heart breaks for Sam's family, I am so sorry for your loss. I met Sam when I was a freshmen and he came to Kearney with his friend Matt Steele. I think we may have all been going up and down main street on a Friday night. We remained friends through our 20's and kind of lost touch... He was always one person I would ask about though, when I would talk to anyone from home. He was a great friend, always fun to hang out with. I will always cherish the memories I have, thanks Sam!! Enjoy your ride around the universe friend, we all love you and will miss you dearly.

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**Jessica Willhoit** - November 21, 2014 at 11:58 AM

SH

“ My Thoughts and prayers go out to Sam's family. I was his mailman and always seen him out playing with his little girl, you could tell she meant the world to him. Again, sorry for your loss.

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**Shane Hufferd** - November 20, 2014 at 05:35 PM

KS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Carol and the family during this difficult time.  
May God be with Sam and his family.

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**Kerry Smith** - November 20, 2014 at 12:10 PM

SC

“ I met Sam over 17 years ago he was good Friends with my sisters. The things about him back then that stuck out was his kind heart, gentle tone of his voice and his ability to make everyone feel like a friend. 5 years later I started dating a friend of Sam's we all moved from Kearney to Omaha around the same time. I got to see many other sides of Sam he was a loyal, hard working, and a pretty funny guy. My husband and I moved away from Omaha about 1 year before Sam had Libby we all kept in touch but we're not able to spend much time together. We kept in touch through phone calls, messages and seeing Sam at special events. This is because Sam had changed it became very apparent he wasn't all about chilling with his friend you did not have to spend much time with him and you quickly realized that Sam had added a new and his best characteristic a amazing father. When my husband would call and say I'm in town and want to hang out Sam would quickly respond with no hesitation I can't man I have Libby lets hang next time! Sam never ever would want to be with anyone over his daughter . Libby was his fun time she was his everything! What I have heard over the last few day before and after his death is that while he never much talk about his bouts with cancer I believe it weigh heavy on his mind he was constantly trying to reach out to trouble show them the way life could be if you choose to live for the great and leave the negative in the past he could not change people but he was there trying to give them the option to see what could happen if they moved in a positive direction. Sam was never a troubled soul but he defiantly had a soft spot for one and I believe the Cancer only intensified his want to help people none the less Sam you were and are a amazing person I only wish I would have as many people rallying up or saying such kind word about me one day. It's true what they say the good die young I hope he found peace on his final journey to become a angel from above!

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Shantel Coe - November 20, 2014 at 06:55 AM

WK

“ *Omaha LOVES you, Sam, and we already miss you dearly; we cannot believe you are gone :( You were a great father, and a friend we could trust; a friend with morals, honor and integrity. We are so happy you and Libby graced our lives. May the perpetual light shine down upon you for eternity. Pray for us like we prayed for you and we will see you soon.*

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**Wanda Koory** - November 19, 2014 at 08:54 PM

PB

“ *Many warm thoughts and sincere prayers for you and your family Sam. You were a good friend and a great neighbor. I'll always remember playing ball and blowing bubbles with our girls out front and in the yard. Rest peacefully Sam. God Bless.*

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**Patrick Bonnett** - November 19, 2014 at 03:40 PM

BK

“ *We extend our most sincere condolences to everyone affected by Sam's passing. He is an amazing father and wonderful person. Words cannot express our sorrow and we continue to pray each day for strength and healing for those he touched. Sam will be greatly missed and it was truly a blessing to have been able to know him while he was with us. We love you Sam!*

*\*When you lose someone you love, you gain an angel you know.  
~Anonymous*

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**Bob and Colleen Koory** - November 19, 2014 at 02:23 PM

JE

“ *My heart goes out to Sam's family. He was a wonderful person and and an AWESOME FATHER!!! I am thankful for the time I spent with him.*

*I pray to God to give you strength and comfort through this very difficult time in your lives.*

*God Bless.*

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**Jackie Engel** - November 19, 2014 at 10:53 AM