



SSG George M Watson III

April 29, 1973 - June 22, 2025

Retired SSG George McGee Watson III was born April 29, 1973, in Baltimore, Maryland, to the late Carolyn Loretta Trent and George McGee Watson Jr. He departed from this earthly journey on Sunday, June 22, 2025.

George was a Baltimore native, and he grew up in West Baltimore. He was educated in the Baltimore City Public School System, where he graduated from Edmondson-Westside High School with his diploma and a mission in place.

On January 10, 1992, George enlisted in the United States Army. He completed his basic training in Fort Knox, KY, and advanced individual training at Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Elkton, Maryland, where he became a Quarter Master & Chemical Equipment Representative. Throughout Georges duty stations and deployments, to name a few: Germany, Iraq, Afghanistan, Bosnia, Washington state, Georgia, and North Carolina, where he retired and made his home in 2012, he received many meritorious awards, medals, and commendations for his service.

George worked hard so that he could play hard. He graduated from NCO CRS and became an Airborne Ranger. Staff Sergeant George Watson received countless awards and medals to acknowledge his military achievements, which carried over into his civilian life when he retired on May 31, 2012.

George started his civilian life working with a purpose, and that purpose was to help people. So he found his purpose at the Fayetteville Police Department, which was a good fit. He started as a patrol officer, and as time went on, he moved to becoming an aggravated assault detective, and finally got his reward of becoming a homicide detective, which was something he looked forward to, as well as being a hostage negotiator, and being a part of the honor guard. George worked for the Fayetteville Police Department for 6 years and resigned for medical reasons. He was proud of the work he did, and he wore many different hats, and he wore them well, but the hat he wore that mattered most to him was being of service to those who needed him. When George was called to be an Advocate it was with the Phoenix center in Fayetteville, NC where he relocated back to Fayetteville to accept the position. So, after working at the phoenix center and learning the role of an advocate, he became interested in doing more. After gathering experience and more knowledge of an advocate, he was interested in helping the soldiers, so he applied for the Department of Defense, Fort Bragg Family Advocacy Program. He was hired and the only male working there with a great group of ladies who all looked up to him as their big brother, and all helped to serve those in need. George worked as a Domestic Violence Victim Advocate Specialist, which gave his life purpose and understanding as to his assignment here on earth.

George leaves to cherish his memories: spouse Latina Watson, Daughter Shelby Watson, 2 bonus daughters Ashlynn Jackson and Na'Quandra Wallace, Granddaughter Aubriella Owens, 3 bonus grandchildren Azariah Laws, Austin Jackson, and Ayden Jackson. Sister Crystal Watson, Brother's Donnell Watson and Cornelius Watson, nieces Kristina Davis and Jhaunaye Watson, and nephews Devon Colbert, Tavon Colbert, Jayden Watson, and Donnell Watson Jr., Second mother Bertha Foster, and Mother-in-Law Kay Ferrell.

George leaves a host of family and friends that he loved and who loved him, and his relationships with them showed it; however, there are too many to name individually, but George, you will truly be missed by all who knew you.

Cemetery Details

Sandhills State Veterans Cemetery

8220 Bragg Blvd
Spring Lake, NC 28390

Previous Events

Viewing

JUL 20. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Colvin Funeral Home Chapel
2010 Murchison Road
Fayetteville, NC 28301

Celebration of Life

JUL 21. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Colvin Funeral Homes & Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of SSG George M Watson III*



H. M. Colvin Funeral Home - July 19, 2025 at 11:53 AM

JW

“ *Thank you for your love and support, thank you for your service and protecting our nation. You lived such a big life and now your journey has been completed and you can rest assured that you will always be loved and missed! Love Carla & Joseph Watson*

Joseph Watson - July 05, 2025 at 03:20 PM

JW

“ *Joseph Watson lit a candle in memory of George Watson*



Joseph Watson - July 05, 2025 at 03:11 PM

JW

“ *Joseph & Carla Watson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of SSG George M Watson III.*

Joseph & Carla Watson - July 05, 2025 at 03:08 PM

JW

“ *Joseph & Carla Watson purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of SSG George M Watson III.*



Joseph & Carla Watson - July 05, 2025 at 03:08 PM

MD

“ *Michele Dillon lit a candle in memory of SSG George M Watson III*



Michele Dillon - July 03, 2025 at 08:14 AM

PP

“ *What a wonderful person to be around, sincere and very approachable. May God continue to bless his family and those who knew him, and give them strength, love, and comfort...I'm going to miss this Brother in Christ and a true friend. "Wear your Wings proudly.*

Past CDR VFW Post 6018 T Person - June 29, 2025 at 07:14 PM

DH

“ *I had the pleasure of working with and supervising GW during his time at FPD. He was the ultimate professional and had a work ethic that was above reproach. He was always pleasant, and I never had to worry about him doing his job. A good brother, friend, Christian, and Investigator. He will be missed, and my prayers and condolences are extended to his family. DC Hudson*

DC Hudson - June 27, 2025 at 03:52 PM