



## Martha Louise Watt

November 24, 1951 - March 5, 2022

Martha Louise (Heavner) Watt, 70, of Peoria, passed away on Saturday, March 5, 2022 at UnityPoint Health-Methodist in Peoria. She was born on November 24, 1951, in Golden, MS, to Paul and Ruby Elouise Long Heavner. Martha attended school in Hammond, IN, and college at Tennessee Temple University in Chattanooga, TN. At Temple, she met Joey Watt, and married him on August 16, 1975, in Schereville, IN. They were blessed to serve together in the ministry at Wayside Baptist Church of Graysville, TN, Liberty Baptist Church of Rochester, IN, and for the past 36 years at El Vista Baptist Church in Peoria.

Martha is survived by her siblings, Tony (Wendy) Heavner of Brattleboro, VT, John (Maureen) Heavner of Hobart, IN, Mike (Sharon) Heavner of Crown Point, IN, Margie (Bob) Jackson of Hebron, IN, Joe (Debi) Heavner of Crown Point, IN, Enoch (Diana) Heavner of Westville, IN, and Eddie (Dawn) Heavner of LaPorte, IN; and sister-in-law, Sandy Heavner of Hammond, IN.

She was preceded in death by brothers, James and Robert Heavner; and her parents.

She is also survived by her six children, Benjamin (Kristina) Watt of Peoria, Philip (Erin) Watt of Peoria, Sarah Watt of Peoria, Enoch (Dana) Watt of Valparaiso, IN, Adam (Lis) Watt of Clarksville, TN, and Hannah (Justin) Derry

of Lewistown. Also surviving are nine grandchildren, Grace & Isaac, Luke, Jeremiah, Eliza, & Annabelle, Piper, and Jake & Jada Sorrels. There have been many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Martha received Jesus Christ as her Savior as a teenager following a church youth activity. She served as a Christian school teacher, home school teacher, foster parent, and very involved helper in her husband's ministry. The people of El Vista Baptist Church have been like family to her.

Thanks are due to her doctors and the staff at Methodist Medical Center, Heartland Clinic, and Midwest Orthopedic for their care in the past several years. Arrangements are under the care of Schmidt-Haller Burial & Cremation Services in Peoria. Burial will be at Prospect Cemetery in Dunlap.

Martha's visitation will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at El Vista Baptist Church. Her funeral will be at the church on Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. with an hour of visitation before the service. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to El Vista Baptist Academy or Bible Tracts, Inc. of Bloomington, IL.

# Cemetery Details

## Prospect Cemetery

Dunlap, IL 61525

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 8. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

El Vista Baptist Church  
6301 North Syler Street  
Peoria, IL 61615  
<http://www.elvistabaptist.org>

## Additional Visitation

MAR 9. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

El Vista Baptist Church  
6301 North Syler Street  
Peoria, IL 61615  
<http://www.elvistabaptist.org>

## Funeral

MAR 9. 10:30 AM (CT)

El Vista Baptist Church  
6301 North Syler Street  
Peoria, IL 61615  
<http://www.elvistabaptist.org>

## Burial

MAR 9 (CT)

Prospect Cemetery  
Dunlap, IL 61525

# Tribute Wall

LW

“ I just learned today that Martha is in Heaven. She was a dear friend while she was at Tennessee Temple. I loved Martha because she had a good heart, she loved to have fun, she was willing to take on anything with joy. I loved how she loved her brother and sister who also came to Temple, and spoke of all her other siblings often sharing events that happened growing up...I remember how they would "pass the rag" during meal times. She was a stitch. She will sorely missed by all who were blessed to know her.

Was so glad that she and Joey got together, married and served the Lord. Both coming from big families was not surprising that they would welcome a big family. People like this ought to raise big families and make the world a better place.

What a beautiful service to celebrate her life. Thank you for sharing this for those of us who couldn't make it there to stand with you and your family. May you sense God's peace and comfort during the days that follow. You are blessed and highly favored.

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**Linda Wells** - March 17, 2022 at 09:12 PM

LB

“ Martha was my pastor's wife but she made time to be my friend. She was a godly example of a humble servant who loved her family sacrificially. Her life and her laugh were genuine. Her expertise in sandwich making is the reason we switched to Hellman's mayo from Miracle Whip! Prayers for you all.

**Brad & Lana Booth**

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**Lana Booth** - March 09, 2022 at 09:13 PM

RC

“ Your cousins in Red Bay, Alabama were always so excited to see your family’s car pull up at our house. So many of you came tumbling out and we knew that fun was about to ensue. And it always did! Through the years, our lives took us in different directions and the frequency of our visits grew farther apart. But Martha, what didn’t change was your warmth, your smile and the way we could always just pick up conversations as though we saw each every day. You were a gift to Lurline and her kids...especially me. You always left me feeling as though I had been filled with joy, uplifted and enlightened. That gift will stay with me in all the lovely memories I have of you.

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**Renee Collum** - March 08, 2022 at 10:00 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Martha Louise Watt.



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March 08, 2022 at 05:19 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Martha Louise Watt.



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March 08, 2022 at 05:02 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Martha Louise Watt.*



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March 08, 2022 at 03:16 PM



“ *Martha was a wonderful and faithful wife and mother to her children as well a lovely grandmother to her grandchildren. Martha to me would describe you as a virtuous woman that God describes a woman who stood by her husband and children throughout these years. You will be missed dearly and not forgotten. My deepest prayers 🙏 and condolences at this time. God bless you and I love you all.*



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**Sylvia D. Fritz** - March 08, 2022 at 02:42 PM



*Martha was my roommate at TTU for one year. I enjoyed getting to know her and her sister that year. Those days are cherished memories! Praying for your family and your church family!*

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**Judy M. (Cotten) Hodges** - March 11, 2022 at 12:49 PM



“ *Radcliffe and Van Gorp families purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Martha Louise Watt.*



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**Radcliffe and Van Gorp families** - March 08, 2022 at 02:31 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Martha Louise Watt.*



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March 08, 2022 at 12:39 PM



“ *My sweet Martha,  
I always wanted to know you more because  
I saw your tender heart and when we talked  
you enveloped me in kindness. I'm thankful your  
pain is over and I'm praying for your family and You will be Missed!*

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**Deborah Dunlap** - March 08, 2022 at 07:02 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Martha Louise Watt.*



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March 07, 2022 at 11:08 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Martha Louise Watt.*



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March 07, 2022 at 10:36 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Martha Louise Watt.*



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March 07, 2022 at 09:37 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Martha Louise Watt.*



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March 07, 2022 at 08:16 PM



“ *Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Martha Louise Watt.*



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March 07, 2022 at 07:08 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Martha Louise Watt.*



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March 07, 2022 at 06:02 PM

TS

“ *The LaVanchys and Swaders purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Martha Louise Watt.*



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**The LaVanchys and Swaders** - March 07, 2022 at 05:31 PM

RP

“ *Our hearts go out to the family. Maay the Lord comfort you all.*

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**Ronald L Plott** - March 07, 2022 at 05:17 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Martha Louise Watt.*



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March 07, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Martha Louise Watt.*



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March 07, 2022 at 02:00 PM

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“ *The Smith Heavner Family. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Martha Louise Watt.*



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**The Smith Heavner Family.** - March 07, 2022 at 01:36 PM

AL

“ *You were one of the women I looked up to growing up. I am so honored to of known you. I love you Pastor and all the kids.*

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**Amanda Linski** - March 07, 2022 at 01:06 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Martha Louise Watt.*



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March 07, 2022 at 12:22 PM



“ *Ever Upward Bouquet was purchased for the family of Martha Louise Watt.*



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March 07, 2022 at 10:40 AM

SF

“ *Martha you were such a godly woman who always stood beside her husband often .. I can say that you were more of a virtuous woman that took care of her husband and their children. Most of all she took excellent care of her many grandchildren and was in the church nursery and in her Sunday school class .. I was very honored to work with her in the nursery and her Sunday school class .. Martha you will be missed dearly but you never be forgotten ... God bless you Pastor and the families at this time ...*



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**Sylvia D. Fritz** - March 06, 2022 at 11:48 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Martha Louise Watt.*



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March 06, 2022 at 11:33 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Martha Louise Watt.*



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March 06, 2022 at 10:38 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Martha Louise Watt.*



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March 06, 2022 at 10:34 PM



“ *What a Godly lady, Pastor's wife and Mother. The legacy she has left for her children and grandchildren will last for many years to come. We are so saddened with her homegoing, but rejoice that she is with the Lord. We had such great love and respect for her and we know she will certainly be missed by so many lives of people we here may never realize. We are praying for Gods Wonderful Grace and Peace over these next few days. We stand ready to help in anyway possible. We are praying for you all.*



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**Richard and Sue Mottor** - March 06, 2022 at 08:01 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Martha Louise Watt.*



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March 06, 2022 at 07:03 PM