



## Teresa Poynter Watson

October 19, 1948 - May 11, 2020

Teresa Poynter Watson, 71, of Lebanon, Indiana, passed away Monday night, May 11, 2020, at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. She was born October 19, 1948 in Lebanon, the daughter of the late Robert A. “Bob” and Carra Nelle (Scott) Poynter.

A life-resident of Lebanon, Teresa was a 1966 graduate of Lebanon High School. She attended the University of Miami where she attained her bachelors degree.

Teresa worked many years as an administrative assistant for the Indiana State Department of Health. She also volunteered her time at the Boone County Health Department whenever there was a need.

A devoted mother and grandmother, Teresa’s family was her world. She cherished every moment they spent together. She was a fan of Indy Car Racing and enjoyed working at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway for over 35 years. In her free time, she like to do needlepoint and loved attending music concerts. She was a huge fan of the Oak Ridge Boys and Tracy Byrd.

Survivors include Gene Watson of Lebanon; two children, Robert Watson of Avon and Melanie Watson of Lebanon; and a grandson, Hans Rienger of Indianapolis.

In addition to her parents, Teresa was preceded in death by a son, Edward Christopher "Chris" Watson, and a brother, Gary Poynter.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Monday, May 18, 2020, at Myers Mortuary, 1502 North Lebanon Street, in Lebanon, Indiana. Visitors will need to follow the current social distancing guidelines.

No Funeral Services are planned.

Boone County Crematory has been entrusted with her cremation arrangements following visitation.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 18. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Myers Mortuary  
1502 North Lebanon Street  
Lebanon, IN 46052  
(765) 482-0620  
[office@myersmortuary.com](mailto:office@myersmortuary.com)  
<https://myersmortuary.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Teresa Poynter Watson*

November 27, 2022 at 01:43 PM



“ *I'll miss her always telling me "Behave yourself, kid". She was brutally honest with people and that's why we got along so well. Work won't be the same.*

*Behave yourself up there, T*

MICHELLE D DONNER - May 19, 2020 at 03:07 PM



“ *Rob & Melanie,*

*I am sorry for your loss, Your mother was a good person and had a way to keep the 2 of you in line most of the time. I will remember the times I saw her at Little Bit of Texas (8 Seconds) when I first started coming out there.*

*She is now in heaven watching over her family as a Guardian Angel.*

Ron Thomas - May 18, 2020 at 05:22 PM



“ *From Antoniette and Her Health Fair Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Teresa Poynter Watson.*



From Antoniette and Her Health Fair Family - May 18, 2020 at 02:25 PM

MW

“ Teresa will be surely missed. We shared many interests and activities in our lives. My deepest sympathy to you, Melanie and your family. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.  
Mary Beth Wren

Mary Beth Wren - May 18, 2020 at 01:47 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Teresa Poynter Watson.



May 18, 2020 at 09:29 AM

RA

“ Rick, Amanda & Bailea Abbott purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Teresa Poynter Watson.



Rick, Amanda & Bailea Abbott - May 18, 2020 at 07:00 AM

JF

“ Judy Adler Feltman purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Teresa Poynter Watson.



Judy Adler Feltman - May 18, 2020 at 12:36 AM

JF

“ Oh dear so sorry to hear of the passing of my dear friend Teresa . Our families were intertwined for so many years and I loved you all. Teresa always had so many kind words for me and my family and I will remember her forever with love. Sending wishes of love and peace and fond memories to her family.

*Judy Adler Feltman*

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**Judy Adler Feltman** - May 18, 2020 at 12:27 AM

LM

“ Love Patti Bailey and Family(Give to Melanie) purchased the Footprints Tribute Blanket for the family of Teresa Poynter Watson.



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**Love Patti Bailey and Family(Give to Melanie)** - May 17, 2020 at 09:58 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Teresa Poynter Watson.



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May 17, 2020 at 04:32 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Teresa Poynter Watson.



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May 17, 2020 at 03:43 PM

GS

“ I met Teresa when her wonderful children were in my class at Harney. She was that special parent who greeted life with common sense and a great sense of humor coupled with an unforgettable laugh. Her life was well-lived. Sweet memories of her will live on!

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**Gail Suscha** - May 16, 2020 at 11:54 AM

HF

“ Howard & Susan Cundiff and family purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Teresa Poynter Watson.



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**Howard & Susan Cundiff and family** - May 16, 2020 at 09:19 AM

DO

“ Rob & Melanie: Please accept my sincere condolences for the passing of your sweet momma. When I worked at the City, she came in every 2 weeks to see Emmadell and I and always had us laughing. In addition, she made us the cutest cross-stitch picture for Halloween. I loved her opinions, sense of humor and loyalty to her friends and family. It is an honor to call her my friend and I am so glad I have happy memories of her. She will be missed. May God Bless each of you and your dad as you move forward.

*Debbie Ottinger*

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**Debbie Ottinger** - May 15, 2020 at 02:48 PM

ES

“ I was so sorry to hear of Teresa's passing. She was so attentive to my Mom when she lived next door. I don't know what we would have done without her and Gene. When I went to the graveyard to put flowers on my Mother's grave, there was always a pot of geraniums put there by Teresa. Her family meant everything to her She made me laugh and added spice to my life. She will be sorely missed.

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**Emmadell Sturgis** - May 15, 2020 at 02:39 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Teresa Poynter Watson.



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May 15, 2020 at 02:09 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Teresa Poynter Watson.



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May 15, 2020 at 02:06 PM

RM

“ I had several conversations with Teresa on the shuttle bus. She would often talk about working at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, and I told her about some of stories of working there too as well. She always had a clever comment to make. During this difficult time I will be keeping your family in my thoughts and prayers.



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**Rose Miller** - May 15, 2020 at 09:22 AM

MJ

“ Met her at the Oak Ridge Boys concerts many years ago. She was the only woman yelling and clapping louder than me! We became friends and her kids helped me collect money by the old hospital for MDA. We all had a blast! Unfortunately I haven't been to see her in a number of years. Her son Chris death was so hard for her. He was with my brother and others when he died. I know that they have reunited and are loving on each other now. Enjoy being with your son. Rob and Melanie please accept my deepest heartfelt condolences. RIP Teresa RIP GODSPEED!



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**Michelle Kelley Jackman** - May 14, 2020 at 10:27 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Teresa Poynter Watson.



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May 14, 2020 at 07:27 PM

MH

“ Hi Family,  
Mrs, Teresa will truly be miss, at the State.  
I work the Health fair with her for many years.



Teresa would set at the Registration for many hours from open to close.  
She could tell really interesting old stories. she would talk about old type writers,  
to how Indiana Department stores names and there locations net. :)

Yes, I will miss old girl. That's The Girl.

Mary Hasenstab

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**Mary Haseenstab** - May 14, 2020 at 05:02 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



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**Myers Mortuary** - May 14, 2020 at 03:35 PM

MM

“ Your family is in my prayers! She was one of the Northfield Brats.  
She will be missed! M

Butch Minnick

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**Marion(Butch) Minnick** - May 14, 2020 at 12:55 PM

LG

“ *Mama W. was a huge support and easily our biggest fan for many of us during our HS volleyball season. She was our biggest cheerleader and always ready for a hug when one of us needed it. She was a kind soul, and even though I haven't seen her in years, she definitely made a positive impression on my life. Thank you Mama W. You will be missed by many.*

*Condolences & big hugs to the family during this difficult time.*

*Lori Peters Gahimer*

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**Lori Peters Gahimer** - May 14, 2020 at 11:16 AM

MO

“ *Teresa and I were co-workers at the health department. She and I also shared the same birthday, October 19th, and we always enjoyed that fact when we'd be around each other. She was such a talker, a mover and a shaker. She didn't bite her tongue about anything and could tell you a lot of the history of the State through her many years of service.*

*I was so sad to hear that Teresa had transitioned, she will be missed. May she rest in peace.*

*My condolences to her son and the other family members. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Michelle Ogburn*

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**Michelle Ogburn** - May 14, 2020 at 10:51 AM

JW

*Prayers for all the family J. Watson*

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**John Watson** - May 18, 2020 at 01:52 PM

DK

“ You will be missed mama! However, we all know that you are giving Chris big hugs and smiling!  
We love you 💜



Dawn Abbott Kidwell - May 14, 2020 at 07:08 AM

TS

“ Teresa Steelsmith lit a candle in memory of Teresa Poynter Watson



Teresa Steelsmith - May 13, 2020 at 10:43 PM

TS

We will miss you ! Met you all many year's ago at Witham ! Watched your family grow up! And you watched mine ! 🌹

Teresa Steelsmith - May 13, 2020 at 10:46 PM

JW

“ You will be missed Mama W. You were such a special person to me. My thoughts and prayers are with Mel and Rob.

Love,  
JR

Jennifer Wolfenbarger - May 13, 2020 at 08:48 PM

DE

“ *Deb lit a candle in memory of Teresa Poynter Watson*



Deb - May 13, 2020 at 07:41 PM

DE

*Rob, Melanie, and family,  
I didn't know your Mama very well, but she went to school with one of my Uncles. That's kinda how we became FB friends. I thoroughly enjoyed her and her friendship. She will be missed. God bless you all at this most difficult of times.*

Deb - May 13, 2020 at 07:44 PM

MW

*Thank you* 💜💜

Melanie Watson - May 17, 2020 at 09:46 PM

KG

“ *We will miss the kind support and good fun she shared with everyone. You have our sympathy and we share your loss. Dan and Kathie Ginn who share the cousins*

kathie ginn - May 13, 2020 at 05:05 PM

MW

*Thank you so much Kathie.* 💜

Melanie Watson - May 17, 2020 at 09:46 PM

RW

“ *I am so sorry for your lose* ❤️🙏

reba wright - May 13, 2020 at 04:52 PM

MW

Thank you 💜💜

Melanie Watson - May 17, 2020 at 09:43 PM

SC

“ Scott purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Teresa Poynter Watson.



Scott - May 13, 2020 at 02:42 PM

LO

“ Miss you friend.

Lori - May 13, 2020 at 02:36 PM

MW



Melanie Watson - May 17, 2020 at 09:41 PM

AJ

“ I will miss walking to the copier and seeing your smile. I will miss you sitting on the second floor waiting for the elevator to arrive and you telling me stories of your children growing up, your grandchild stealing your heart, and your sibling's many adventures our conversation will continue to rest in my heart for years to come. I will miss you deeply Ms. Teresa.

Sincerely,  
April Jones

April Jones - May 13, 2020 at 02:01 PM



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**Melanie Watson** - May 17, 2020 at 09:40 PM

PP

“ Teresa and I met the beginning of 4th grade at the newly built Harney Elementary School in 1957 (I think). We were not in the same class that year but that did not matter. As the years went by we would do movies at the Avon Theater on Sunday afternoons followed by a chocolate or cherry Coke at the Star Drugstore. Her dad would usually come pick us up and drop me off at home. Oh so many movies for 2 young girls! The movies continued through junior high years as did our friendship.

Once we were in high school we went to home and away basketball games which was exciting. We were able to attend the basketball tournaments in our Jr and Senior years which was so special for both of us! Teresa's dad was always there to take us out of town for those games since neither of us drove out if town.

I remember in high school going to Teresa's house to help her "iron" her hair before we went to a game or event! She was always so proud of her beautiful long hair!! Frozen orange juice cans used to roll her hair after shampooing! I envied the hair but never enough to let mine grow that long! She did enough for both of us.

After college I moved away from Lebanon and we lost touch for several years but I had memories! Several years later after my husband had started working for the State of Indiana, he came home one day and told me Teresa Watson said to tell me hello! The then director of the ISDH was working with my husband on a project and somehow mentioned his name to Teresa and she said to her director "I think I know this guy". Small world for sure. When I started working for the State in 2005 I made sure to reconnect with my friend again. We were "old school friends" until the end. We did not talk frequently but each of us knew where we were.

God love her soul and I know we will see each other again. Love you!

Patricia Marts Price LHS Class of 66

**Patricia Marts Price** - May 13, 2020 at 01:26 PM

MW



**Melanie Watson** - May 17, 2020 at 09:38 PM

BW

“ *Beth Wernsing sent a virtual gift in memory of Teresa Poynter Watson*



**Beth wernsing** - May 13, 2020 at 12:45 PM

MW



**Melanie Watson** - May 17, 2020 at 09:36 PM

BW

“ *Beth Wernsing lit a candle in memory of Teresa Poynter Watson*



**Beth wernsing** - May 13, 2020 at 12:44 PM

MW



**Melanie Watson** - May 17, 2020 at 09:35 PM

BW

“ Teresa was always so funny and made me laugh ....and was always so nice to me.. and we still have the scarves she made Noah and myself...she was truly an amazing lady.

Beth wernsing - May 13, 2020 at 12:39 PM

MW

Thank you so much Beth!! Miss you 💜💜💜

Melanie Watson - May 17, 2020 at 09:31 PM

JS

“ Watson as I called her was a beautiful soul to anyone that she would allow to be in her circle. I have known her for more than 20 years, from work as well as Indiana Black Expo Health Fair. we have had many long talks where she has really been my sounding board and kept me out of trouble that could have been more than it would have been worth. I Thank you my friend, sister, and most of all my secret keeper. I Love and Miss you so much that words could never explain. Peace be with you. Gone but Never Forgotten. J Renee Scott or just "Scott" as she called me.

J Renee Scott - May 13, 2020 at 11:33 AM

MW

Thank you. Hugs 💜

Melanie Watson - May 17, 2020 at 09:30 PM

RN

“ Love you and your whole family "mom". Sorry we never got to have a dinner date. Rest In Peace ❤️

Roy "Mike" Nease - May 13, 2020 at 10:55 AM

MW

*Thank you my friend* 💜

Melanie Watson - May 17, 2020 at 09:29 PM

KL

“ So very sorry for your loss. Teresa helped me many years ago with a story I was writing for the newspaper. I remember she was very proud of her children. God bless.

Kathy Linton - May 13, 2020 at 10:52 AM

MW

*Thank you* 💜

Melanie Watson - May 17, 2020 at 09:27 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Teresa Poynter Watson.



May 13, 2020 at 10:52 AM

BL

“ Teresa was a great friend..had so many fun times seeing Tracy Byrd in concert ...road trips and great music..I will miss her so much..Rest in Peace my dear friend..I am sure they play Tracy Byrd music in Heaven..

Brenda Larsen - May 13, 2020 at 10:11 AM

BS

“ *Bettychristy Susong lit a candle in memory of Teresa Poynter Watson*



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**bettychristy susong** - May 13, 2020 at 09:39 AM

KH

“ *Teresa made me laugh a lot. She was in the SECC and Year End Celebration committees with me and others. She made us aprons last year and I will cherish mine for years to come. She will be greatly missed. Please know that you all will be in my thoughts and prayers. I am so very sorry for your loss.*



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**Kristy Holzhausen** - May 13, 2020 at 09:16 AM

EW

“ *Teresa will be immeasurably missed by her ISDH coworkers and friends. While never working with her directly she always had a friendly smile and clever comment for me when we would often see each other at the end of the work day. Was always thankful to be leaving the building with a positive interaction. Eldon W.*

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**Eldon Whetstone** - May 13, 2020 at 09:10 AM

PG

“ *My best memory of our dear Teresa will be her larger than life HUGS. I will miss her & my prayers be with you. She will be an angel now, watching over us. Pat Gorman*



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**Patricia Gorman** - May 13, 2020 at 08:36 AM

ML

“ *Marsha Lundy lit a candle in memory of Teresa Poynter Watson*



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**Marsha Lundy** - May 13, 2020 at 07:38 AM

BW

“ *So sorry for your loss*

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**Beverly Watson** - May 12, 2020 at 10:33 PM

VH

“ *Vicky Heath lit a candle in memory of Teresa Poynter Watson*



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**Vicky Heath** - May 12, 2020 at 09:15 PM