



## David Watson

February 11, 1957 - August 30, 2020

David Eugene "Butch" Watson, III 63, entered eternal rest on August 30, 2020. David was born on February 11, 1957 to the late David Watson, Jr. and Maxine Watson. A native of Portsmouth, David attended New Bethel Baptist Church. David was a product of the Portsmouth Public School System where he graduated from Manor High School in 1975. He was a member of the Mighty Marching Mustang Band. David had a love and passion for music. Upon graduating from high school, David attended Shaw University in Raleigh, NC where he obtained his Bachelors of Arts Degree in Music Education in 1979. While attending Shaw, David was a member of the Shaw University Marching Band. Continuing in his pursuit of higher education, David obtained his Masters Degree in Music Education from Hampton University in 1984. He later obtained another Masters Degree in Music Education from Fairfield University in 2006. David has served in many different musical avenues in his life. He served as an assistant band director at Hampton University and a music teacher in Bridgeport, CT, Suffolk Public Schools and Portsmouth Public Schools where he retired in June of 2019.

David was a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated and the Doric Lodge #4 Free and Accepted Masons of Bridgeport, CT.

David leaves to cherish his memory: his significant other Gwenevere Hardy; sister Jeanette Watson-Miller; three special daughters LaTasha Rawls (Alfred), LaNeisha Boone (De'Chaun) and LaKendra Hunter; three cousins Shirley Adams, JoAnn Heard, and Tammie Heard; four special grandchildren

Anderson Rawls, Ian Boone, Nia Boone and Tia Boone; and a host of friends and family. David will also be remembered by a special family friend Jacquelyn Hooker and two special brothers Tony Colden, Sr. (Karen) and Reginald Wells (Cheryl).

# Previous Events

## Service

OCT **10**. 1:00 PM (ET)

J. T. Fisher Funeral Services Chapel  
1248 N. George Washington Hwy  
Chesapeake, VA

# Tribute Wall



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Webcast in memory of David Watson

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**J. T. Fisher Funeral Services** - October 10, 2020 at 11:57 AM

RH

*BEAUTIFUL UNTIL THE AUDIO START MESSING UP THEN AT 33 20 IT SHUTS DOWN WHILE REV YVONN HARDY IS PRAYING. WHAT HAPPEN, REST UP BROTHER DAVID WATSON.*

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**REGINA HARDY** - October 10, 2020 at 01:46 PM

VC

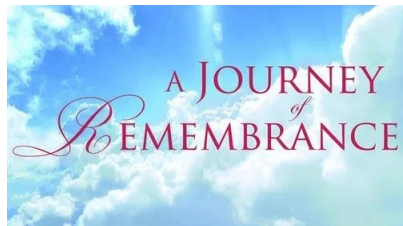
*I didn't know David had passed. I'm just finding out. David was my student's music teacher at Ben Franklin in Bridgeport. Ct. He was a beautiful person. May he rest in the arms of Jesus. 🙏🌹*

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**Valerie Carr** - May 05 at 05:43 PM



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of David Watson



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**J. T. Fisher Funeral Services** - October 08, 2020 at 05:35 PM

DB

“ *Delores Bryant lit a candle in memory of David Watson*



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**Delores Bryant** - October 08, 2021 at 04:09 PM

JJ

“ *We extend our most sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Butch! Our families grew up together in Cavalier Manor, including our Mothers being good friends and all of us as members of New Bethel. Rest in peace, my friend!*

*The Whitehead Family*

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**James W. Whitehead, Jr.** - October 10, 2020 at 12:20 PM

CL

“ *My condolences to the family. David was a kind- hearted gentleman. I vividly remember his strong bass voice in the Voices of Praise at New Bethel Baptist Church back in the day. He was a gifted musician. Now he can Rest In Peace.*

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**Carolyn Clark Lawton** - October 10, 2020 at 10:40 AM

RL

“ *My condolences to the family of my fraternity brother, David Watson. Rest in peace " Butch " for you " stepped " well through this life.*

*Bro. Rev. Dr. James Edwards, III  
Immediate Past 3rd. District Chaplain  
Zeta Iota Chapter*

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**Rev. Dr. James Edwards, III** - October 10, 2020 at 09:19 AM

SW

“ One of the nicest guys I know, and yes he loved that "Music Thing." He could sing some bass in the Voices of Praise at New Bethel Baptist Church!!! OMG!  
"Holy Spirit Walk With Me", I can hear you singing it and then directing us now David.

*David, rest well my brother. I am sure your mom and dad have welcomed you with open arms.*

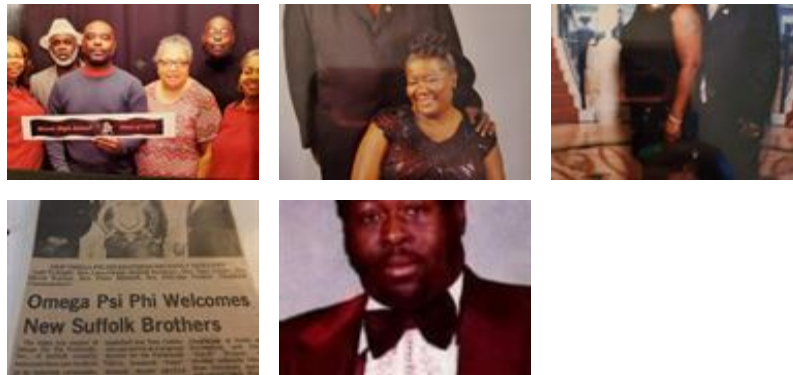
*Sharon Williams-Mack, October 9, 2020,*

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**Sharon Williams-Mack** - October 09, 2020 at 01:35 PM



“ 9 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**J. T. Fisher Funeral Services** - October 08, 2020 at 05:27 PM

LG

“ *Butch and I played in both High School and College Bands together. An excellent musician and homeboy. He will be missed. May God bless his family and comfort them with this loss. RIP.*

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**Leonard Giles** - September 25, 2020 at 11:29 AM

KL

“ Butch was such a sweet and kind person. We met at a Fraternity function and became fast friends. He will truly be missed.

Karen Lee - September 23, 2020 at 04:50 PM



“ 21 files added to the album Life Tributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - September 15, 2020 at 06:04 PM

JK

“ What a great musician and a friend. Childhood friends since new Bethel Baptist Church and all the way to Manor High school. You went to Shaw and I went off the Livingstone! Always had that band connection. When we re-claim our legacy of Manor we know you'll already be there rest well my friend rest well!!



Jacque Kendall - September 10, 2020 at 10:26 PM

MH

*Mr. Watson thank you for everything you did for me being my basketball coach at Longfellow school winning MVP that year 93" it was because of you I remember us getting eliminated and I cried in ya arms because I wanted to win so bad for you you were one of a kind love you forever big man❤️love Mike harvin*

Michael harvin - January 31, 2024 at 09:50 PM

MB

“ Thank you Mr. Watson for teaching me about music in Churchland Primary. I will always remember you teaching us our school song by Whitney Houston, "The Greatest Love Of All". R.I.P.

Macharia N. Booker - September 06, 2020 at 03:30 PM

RB

“ Mr. David Watson was an excellent & accomplished musician. He will be missed. Sorry that Churchland Primary's students will not get to see him in action, while enjoying his teaching. We will also miss seeing him at The American Legion, Post #190. Peace in Heaven David.

*Rachel Bennett*

Rachel Bennett - September 06, 2020 at 03:22 PM

RR

“ I will miss you so much my friend. Thanks for being a wonderful friend and brother when we lived in Bridgeport Ct. May you rest in peace. Rev James Larry Roberts

Rev James Larry Roberts - September 05, 2020 at 10:32 AM

MT

“ *A gentleman, an upper classman, an Awesome Musician. We and some of the ladies would met at Roger Brown during football season and battles began! LOL so much laughter shared during the season. Thanks for being a gentle giant. He will be surely missed.*



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**Marsha Taylor** - September 04, 2020 at 09:39 AM

CW

“ *Mr. Watson taught my daughters at Churchland Primary. He took so much interest in them and helped their gift of singing to flourish. It was really hard to tell them their favorite teacher passed away, but we know he is resting in the arms of the Lord. May god bless the family during this time.*

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**Cynthia White** - September 03, 2020 at 12:16 PM