



## Mr. Joshua Adam Watson

December 14, 1981 - October 12, 2025

Joshua Adam Watson (1981-2025) – Joshua Adam Watson, a longtime resident of Mobile, AL passed away on October 12, 2025 after a long battle with brain cancer. Josh was predeceased by his father, Mark Watson, and his grandparents, Jack and Katherine Watson and Herbert and Hermenia Basch.

Those left to cherish his memory include his mother, Susan Watson; sister and brother-in-law, Sarah and Shaun Laurio; two cherished nieces, Emily and Anna Katherine; one adored nephew, Jack; two aunts, Kathy Willis and Patricia Brock; a sister/cousin, Corinne (Justin) Hayward; many cousins, and three incredible best friends – Stewart (Noel) Hanley, Nathan (Brittney) Ankerson, and Candice (Richard) Dodson.

Josh attended McGill-Toolen Catholic High School, the University of South Alabama and Auburn University, where he was able to freely yell his favorite “WDE” without worry of hearing other college chants by opposing fans. He was definitely in his element while living in

Auburn.

Josh and his twin sister had an incredible bond, where they spoke their own language (and understood each other) as babies and grew up to become the best of friends. Josh was always the independent one; moving to Montana to work at Glacier National Park one summer and later moving to New York City, where he lived for several years. Josh was diagnosed with Glioblastoma/Oligodendroglioma Brain Cancer following his work on MTV, Tough Crowd with Colin Quinn, and as Post-Production Coordinator for the Colbert Report in NYC. His doctors have called him the “Miracle Man” for years because he long surpassed their life expectancies for him.

Josh loved his cat Jules, watching live music, opossums, car concerts, Coke Icees, fireworks, the Auburn Tigers, and most of all, his friends and family – his favorites being his nieces and nephew. A special thanks to all of the amazing medical staff who guided Josh and our family through 12 years of brain cancer; specifically Dr. Timothy Hecker at CNI, Dr. Burt Nabors at UAB, and Dr. Michael Lim at Johns Hopkins (now at Stanford); and all of the sweet staff at Amedisys Hospice (especially Rebecca and Lydia) for their love, care and dedication to our whole family during this time.

Visitation will be on Thursday, October 16, 2025 from 4:00-6:00pm at Cottage Hill Funeral Home. A celebration of life party will be held immediately afterwards at a private residence.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Josh's favorite charities: Dumas Wesley Community Center (126 Mobile St. Mobile, AL 36607), United Cerebral Palsy of Mobile (3058 Dauphin Square Conn, Mobile, AL 36607), or St. Jude Children's Hospital (Memorial Giving, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

OCT **16.** 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Cottage Hill Memorial Funeral Home  
7158 Cottage Hill Road  
Mobile, AL 36695  
(251) 380-6601

# Tribute Wall

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“ Josh and I sat next to each other during his time at *The Colbert Report*. We became friends the moment he arrived. We shared some of the best years of my life. He has a great soul and I'll continue to think of him all the time.

Nick Vasile - October 15, 2025 at 10:14 AM



“ My daughter, Hillary, was a classmate and good friend of Josh's cousin Corinne. When Hillary and I visited NYC together in @2012 we were keen to get tickets to the *Colbert Show*. Guess who was kind enough to get us VIP tickets? We were so proud to know the talented young man who worked at such a great show. I knew from Hillary and Josh's extended family what a rare and fine young man he was. Sincere sympathy to those who were fortunate to know him. Valerie Case

Valerie Case - October 14, 2025 at 02:02 PM

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“ Love, Laura Kujawa and Phillip Watson purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Mr. Joshua Adam Watson.



Love, Laura Kujawa and Phillip Watson - October 14, 2025 at 11:15 AM

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“ *Pete, Tera, Jack and Henry purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Mr. Joshua Adam Watson.*



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**Pete, Tera, Jack and Henry** - October 14, 2025 at 09:45 AM