



Dean "Deano" Watkins

November 20, 1960 - April 17, 2010

Dean M. Watkins, 49, went to be with the Lord Saturday, April 17, 2010 at the University of Toledo Medical Center, surrounded by family and friends. Dean was born in Toledo on November 20, 1960, to Dean and Louise (Carone) Watkins. Let us Rejoice in his New Life! - 2nd Corinthians 5:8 "... rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord." We will miss his smile and the joy that he brought to our world.

In addition to a long career at St. Luke's Hospital, in Facilities Management, he had served as a volunteer fire fighter and EMT in Waterville Township. Dean was an excellent electrician and HVAC mechanic and enjoyed helping neighbors and friends with repairs and projects. He also enjoyed coaching at St. Joseph of Maumee, Anthony Wayne High School & AWABSA. In his free time he loved to fish, play golf and spend time with his family; especially his beautiful grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife and high school sweetheart Toni (Sherman) Watkins; daughter, Tonia (Fiancé Randy Birkhimer); sons, Nick and Vinny Watkins; mother, Louise (Carone) Watkins; sisters Tina (Dan) Goodnough and Karla (Mark) Hoffman; grandchildren, Arianna, Taylor, Anthony, Sophia and Alyssa; and many loving friends & family. He was preceded in death by his father, H. Dean Watkins, his grandparents, and uncles Jerry and Gene Watkins.

Family and friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd., Toledo, on Wednesday, April 21st from 3-6 p.m., with a memorial service

beginning at 5 p.m. A “Celebration of Life” will follow the service at Crosswood Church, 32 S. Reynolds Road (Meadowbrook Plaza).

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Crosswood Church and the family.

Tribute Wall



“ Toni, Nick, Tonia, and Vinny,
I am so sorry for your loss. Mr. Watkins was a great coach and
made a big impact in my life. He will be greatly missed.##imported-
begin##Lauren (Christian) Gedman
lauren_gedman@yahoo.com##imported-end##

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“ Dear Toni,

My thought and prayers are with you and your family.

Joyce Bozzetti
Bella Architectural Prod##imported-begin##Joyce Bozzetti (Bella
Arch)##imported-end##

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“ Tina and Watkins Family, I am so sorry to hear about Dean. We
have such great Lodge Avenue memories.##imported-begin##Amy
(Flynn) Flack##imported-end##

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“ hi honey and your family,i didnt know exactly what to say because our hugs say it all.i know that you know that my thoughts are and have been with you.i know your faith is your rock.Dean recieved his gift before us. i love you and if you and your family need anything i will be honored to assist you. solong for now.##imported-begin##susie suzie991@yahoo.com##imported-end##

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“ Toni,
I am so very sorry to hear about Dean. All of us @ Bella wish to convey our deepest condolences to you and your family. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you. May God bless you and your family at this difficult time.
Sincerely,

Mark I##imported-begin##Mark Ingratta bellaarchitectural@sbcglobal.net##imported-end##

April 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Toni
So sorry to read about your husband. God bless you and comfort you always. It will be hard but you have your family. Again my deepest symphony.

Diane's Mom##imported-begin##G. Cappelletty##imported-end##

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“ Toni-

So sorry to hear about your husband Deano. My prayers are with you and Deano and your family. May God bless you !

*Bob Syroka and Family##imported-begin##Bob Syroka syroka@mc
hsi.com##imported-end##*

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“ *We are so sorry to hear about Dean. He was a wonderful young man. We are sorry we will not be able to attend the services, but our thoughts are with Dean and his family. We have great memories of Dean. We wish you God Speed Dean.##imported-begin##Larry and Joyce Arnold & Family##imported-end##*

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“ *Tina and the Watkins family,*

I am very sorry for your loss, my prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Jim Rizzo howie39@gmail.com##imported-end##

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“ *Toni and family, Please know my heart and prays go out to you for your loss. It has been my years however the great memories will never be lost. God Bless you and am deeply sorry for your loss. Sincerely, Jon J. Leidel##imported-begin##jon j leidel klljl@yahoo.com##imported-end##*

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“ Dear Toni and family, We were so sorry to hear about Dean's passing. He was such a wonderful man and father and he was so very good for our Andy in growing up with sports. He will be sorely missed by many and know he left his hand print in a lot of kids lives with all the time he spent coaching. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of you and if we can be of help don't hesitate to contact us. Love, Linda and Will Szymanski###imported-begin##Linda and Will Szymanski lindaszy@roadrunner.com###imported-end##

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“ Dean I'm so glade I came to know you<you had a kind and gentle sprit. I will miss you.###imported-begin##Kathy Field gramsey60@hotmail.com###imported-end##

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“ Dear Toni, Tonia, Nick and Vinny-
I am so sorry to hear of your great loss of Dean. He was a wonderful man whose smile was so contagious. My thoughts are with you all in this time of saddness. Great big hugs to all of you!!
Ashley (Butler) Reed###imported-begin##Ashley (Butler) Reed reed_girls_momma@hotmail.com###imported-end##

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“ In loving memory of a great father, grandfather, son and brother. You will be missed!###imported-begin##Kelly Breniser###imported-end##

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“ Toni,
You have my deepest condolences on your loss and from everyone at Sadev. I will never forget the support you showed me last year and hope you know you are always welcome to call and simply talk. You and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Brian Mudd##imported-end##

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“ hey dad!

I just want you to know how much I love you and miss you! You were an amazing father...grandfather...a great provider...you always wanted the best for your family!

We will always remember you...your laugh...your smile...and all of your great stories!

I will miss hearing your voice...or seeing your face...but I know in my heart...that it won't be forever...and soon we will be reunited again!

Tell Grandpa Dean I said hi!!

Love you...your daughter
xoxo##imported-begin##tonia tonia_willis@yahoo.com##imported-end##

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“ We just heard of your loss and are so very sorry. We remain in Florida for a while and will be unable to attend the services. Be sure you will be in our prayers###imported-begin##Jim & Mary Jo Sherman###imported-end##

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“ I was saddened to read of Dean's passing. I remember Dean's infectious smile from our days at Arlington Elementary. To Toni and kids, rest assured knowing Dean will live forever in your hearts.###imported-begin##Traci (Feltus) Bialy talb1014@yahoo.com###imported-end##

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“ Toni,

I remember Dean as the person who always made you laugh (both grade school and high school). My deepest sympathy to you and your family in this difficult time.

Karen###imported-begin##Karen (Starkloff) Patton karen4806@msn.com###imported-end##

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“ Toni and family,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your children as you go through this emotional time. Dean made it to the place where we all hope to be some day and I'm sure he was welcomed with open arms!###imported-begin##Matt and Sommer Mello###imported-end##

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“ My dear friend Toni:
We have shared so many stories about Dean and your family. Friendship & fellowship will see you through. May our Lord grant you the strength and wisdom to always remember Dean and the many memories you will always have. Our entire church family will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. May God Bless you and keep your family always.
We Love You!##imported-begin##Keith##imported-end##

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“ Toni - You and the family are in my continued prayers. Please let me know if I can do anything. May GOD provide you his strength, peace and love during this time.
-Love you...##imported-begin##Snehal##imported-end##

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“ Dear Toni and family, We are so very sorry for your loss. Dean was a great guy with an awesome laugh! We will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers. I think of all of you when I pass your old house in Waterville.##imported-begin##Par and Monique Ricketts##imported-end##

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“ Tony
I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Dean. I will keep you in my prayers.##imported-begin##Mike Bruss dolphins2213@sbcglobal.net##imported-end##

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“ Dear Louise, Karla, and Tina,

My heart goes out to you. I was so sad to learn you have lost your precious little Dean. Of course I just remember a perpetually smiling kid running through your house on Lodge on holidays.

You are in my prayers. Love, Wendy##imported-begin##wendy wood kwitny##imported-end##

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“ WE (ROGER & CONNIE BOWERS) BOTH KNEW DEAN FOR MANY YEARS AS FELLOW ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES. I CAN REMEMBER DEAN WORKING ON THE AIR CONDITIONING ON MY CAR AND HOME. I ALSO MADE SOME CALLS TO DEAN WHEN HIS BACK WAS REALLY BOTHERING HIM. I HAVE HAD FIVE BACK SURGEIES AND KNOW WHAT IT IS TO HAVE CONSTANT BACK PAIN. WAS SHOCKED TO HEAR DEAN HAD PASSED AND WAS OUT OF TOWN ON WEDNESDAY SO COULD NOT ATTEND THE SERVICE. HOWEVER, OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYS GO OUT TO DEAN AND THE FAMILY. MAY GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU IN THE DAYS TO COME.##imported-begin##ROGER & CONNIE BOWERS R.CBOWERS@YAHOO.COM##imported-end##

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“ Sorry to here of you loss. Hoping you and the rest of the family are doing well. I had all intensions of coming last night, sorry just couldn't make it.

You are in our thoughts.##imported-begin##Dave Drago/Maude Drago##imported-end##

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“ Toni, we are saddened by the sudden loss of Dean. You have always been a spiritual supporter of our work family, sending go good thoughts and messages. I'm sure that your faith will guide you, and the rest of the family thru this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with Dean and your entire family.##imported-begin##John & Jo Colapietro jcolapietro@oldcastleglass.com##imported-end##

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“ Toni and family,
I was so sorry to hear about the loss of Dean. I remember a beautiful smile, and a very kind heart and a great sense of humor. I don't ever him saying an unkind word about anyone. High school was a long time ago but I remember seeing him at past reunions and enjoyed the little time I ever had with him. He was a remarkable guy! He and your family both will be in my thoughts and prayers!##imported-begin##Julie French juju_bird@msn.com##imported-end##

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“ Dear Toni and Family, May God bless and give you strenght during this very sad time. And may you know how much you are in our thoughts and prayers. Many years have passed and we have not nor will we forget Dean and we shall not forget you and your family.##imported-begin##Anne(Jankowski) & Mike Good AnneMike 78@yahoo.com##imported-end##

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“ Toni,
Tom does not have access to Internet and wanted me to place his sincere condolences here. He wasn't sure how to get a hold of you and wanted me to leave you his number when you felt up to talking. His number is 419 270-8355##imported-begin##Julie French Averill juju_bird@msn.com##imported-end##

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“ So sorry to hear of Deano's passing. I remember his smiling face when we were neighbors on Lodge Ave. I know he will truly be missed by you all. My heart goes out to you all.##imported-begin##Marcia McLaughlin Dalton##imported-end##

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“ Toni and Family,
You are in our thoughts. Please take care of yourselves. Teresa and Family##imported-begin##Teresa Merritt teresa@opsed ge.com##imported-end##

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“ *Dear Toni and Family,
We have all of you in our thoughts and prayers and our sincerest sympathies to you all.
God Bless,
Tina, Dan, Abby, Sammy, and Gabriella##imported-begin##Tina (Drago)Polonia##imported-end##*

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“ *Toni and the Watkins family: I just want you to know that Dean and Toni were my favorite couple through the high school years. You were and will always be one of the nicest examples of relationship, friendship, companions that I'll know. Far to early for him to go. Trust that he will watch over you and be grateful for the cherished moments you were given, for as long as you shared them. You're very lucky to have what many of us could only wish for. God Bless you and your family through the grief. Your High School Friend,
Veronica Fischer.##imported-begin##Veronica Fischer VerAKAVeronica@aol.com##imported-end##*

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“ A great thanks to all that took the time to write to us, send a card, to hug us, that prayed for our family -- WE are a blessed family. Dean, I know that you are at rest best friend, soul mate, and father of our children. What a wonderful son you are... your mom loves you with all of her heart. We love you Dean and will miss you... yet I know that the next time I see you... you will be well and be at peace. God is so merciful and loving. We live our lives knowing that God allows things to happen for the good of those who believe according to HIS Great Purpose. It doesn't make sense sometimes, but we must trust in HIM alone. I know you know that Dean - until we see each other again, the memories live on forever... my heart has you in it forever. Glory to our God in Heaven -- thank you for your mercy. I Love you Dean, Me.##imported-begin##Dean's Wife - Toni ietc_crosswood@yahoo.com##imported-end##

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