



H. Ross Watson Jr.

July 25, 1939 - August 24, 2024

H. Ross Watson Jr., known as Ross, passed away on August 24, 2024 at Kindred Hospital in Havertown , Pennsylvania. He was the beloved husband of the late Ann Hart Watson, loving son of the late H. Ross Watson and Ann Steuart Watson. loving brother of Rowland L. Watson and Suzanne Deangelo of Malvern, PA, George S Watson of Falmouth, ME and Ann (Nancy} Watson lgoe of Boston, MA. And, uncle of seven nieces and nephews and great-uncle of nine great-nieces and nephews!

Ross graduated from Episcopal Academy and attended Amherst College. After serving 2 years in the U.S. Army in Germany, he started on his creative journey, taking wonderful outdoor family portraits, outdoor yearbook pictures for several schools and colleges and wedding pictures.

Ross owned the Photo Center in Bryn Mawr helping legions of photography enthusiasts who became long term friends and acquaintances. Ross acted as mentor for many of these friends.

Ross was a huge motorcycle enthusiast and co-founded Valley Forge Trail Riders. Many week-ends he and Ann travelled to numerous states to participate in MotorCycle Enduros making lifelong friends along the way.

Ross and Ann were devoted to their 250 year old home, Frog Hollow - and to each other. They spent a lot of time and love on animals – their own cats and

dogs – and feeding deer, geese, chipmunks, squirrels, raccoons, foxes and birds. Ross could often be seen holding out a peanut for a blue jay to swoop over and grab it.

Ross was very loyal to his friends and family. Ann, his wife of 53 years, passed away three years ago and he missed her every day. They had a wonderful life together and welcomed friends and family on holidays and special occasions to their beautiful home. We miss them both.

A celebration of life will be held for Ross on November 9th at 12 PM at St. Francis in the Fields, 689 Sugartown Rd., Malvern, PA Please RSVP to Nancy Watson Igoe
nigoe@comcast.net

Donations may be made to Francisvale Home For Smaller Animals, 328 Upper Gulph Rd, Radnor PA.

Tribute Wall

KK

“ I worked for Ross for two summers at the Photo Center in Bryn Mawr while I was in college. He helped me buy my first Nikon camera and was a great mentor and a lot of fun to be around. I just saw this obituary, but felt the need, even over a year later, to share my fond memory of Ross.

Karen Kenny - November 02, 2025 at 07:10 PM

JB

“ Twenty years I was privileged to share in the celebration of Ross's 65th birthday at Frog Hollow.

<http://johndallasbowers.com/ross.html>

At that point, we had been friends for 30 years. His brother George and I were classmates at EA, but it was really Ross with whom I bonded, personally and professionally over a half-century. I'm sad and shocked that I just now learned of his passing. I would have wanted to join others who loved him at his memorial.

John Dallas Bowers - February 18, 2025 at 10:00 PM

MC

“ Rest in peace Ross. Lots of memories of my first photography job at The Photo Center. Great people and great times.

Maria Carr - December 29, 2024 at 08:48 PM

JM

“ 1 file added to the album Ross Photos



Jim Moore - November 09, 2024 at 08:27 AM

AH

“ Ross became more than just a studio renter to those of us in the art world. His encouragement and facilitation of the arts has brought many people together who may otherwise not have met, and thus grow their hearts and minds, because of that interaction. Many lives were enhanced by his presence and the art that he facilitated. He was always kind to me, and it was always a joy to sit and chat with him about all sorts of things when we had time. While I'll miss the studio, I'll lament the absence of future talks with him. I have no doubt that he is in a good place with Ann and the ones he loves.

Al Heefner - October 16, 2024 at 12:50 PM

JL

“ Steve Leimberg, my husband, was one of the photo enthusiasts congegrating and absorbing the companionship of those who became close at the Photo Center, staying that way through many years. Steve introduced me to Ross and Ann. The love and appreciation and respect Ross and Ann showed for each other was so clear to see. I will never forget watching for birds with them from their warm and wlecoming home, Frog Hollow, as well as other critters! Having Francisdale be Ross's charity of choice seems so appropriate. Ross will be missed as is Ann.

Jo-Ann Leimberg - September 05, 2024 at 11:12 PM

DM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Diana Mizer - September 05, 2024 at 09:25 PM

RD

Wonderful photo of Ross at his best. Captain of the boat and in control.

Rich Dunoff - September 08, 2024 at 09:13 PM

BF

“ 5 files added to the album Ross Photos



beth fluke - September 01, 2024 at 01:35 PM

BF

Dear Ross, always the gentleman. His dry humor often caught us off guard, big smiles appreciated his wit. He was always generous with his time, thoughtful with his support and always willing to listen. Ross, sorry to have missed you at your final challenging check point. Say hi to G for me.

beth fluke - September 01, 2024 at 01:49 PM

SB

“ *The Sinkler brothers, Bill Hollenbeck, Cloudy Snath, David (last name) on a Norton and many bikers, fast car freaks, Andy Aharonion, Scramble Tracks, Enduros at Sandy Lane, Hasselblad Cameras, full knobby tires, the beautiful white house on the corner. The beautiful Annie. The terrible car crash in Bryn Mawr. The Photo Shop. Winter wood smoke. The 912 he hated. The talent we loved. God Ross, I miss you. Skip Becker*

skip becker - September 01, 2024 at 12:20 PM

RC

“ *3 files added to the album Ross Photos*



Richard Colahan - August 31, 2024 at 11:33 AM

RC

“ *Godspeed my dear friend for over 50 years. So many memories from Enduros to canoe trips to visits at Frog Hollow.*

Richard Colahan - August 31, 2024 at 11:30 AM

DH

“ *Ross was my freshman roommate at Amherst. He introduced me to a good number of things, including his lifelong love, Ann. I never lived nearby so we saw each other rarely over the years, but now and then we did. At his photography shop on Lancaster Ave. and at Frog Hollow. I always thought a float/barge trip on the Mide with them would have been splendid, but we never got around to it. He is bright in my memory and so will remain.*

David Hamilton - August 31, 2024 at 10:47 AM