



GALATIANS 6:9

Let us not become weary in doing good,
for at the proper time we will reap a harvest
if we do not give up.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



JESSE LEE WATTERS

July 21, 1981 – May 26, 2023

Jesse L. Watters, 41, of Swaledale, died on May 26, 2023, at the MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center.

Jesse Lee Watters was born on July 21, 1981, in Mason City, to parents Steve and Brenda (Enabnit) Watters.

As a child Jesse looked forward to spending weekends on the Mississippi with the Watters Family. He was an avid 4-H and FFA member, earning his American FFA Degree. Jesse enjoyed breaking and training horses, and spent many weekends with his dad and brother, Jake, competing in ranch rodeos. To this day, Jesse still claims he has won more gold buckles.

Jesse was a strong athlete, competing in all sports with football being his passion. He was a Rockwell-Swaledale Rebel and wouldn't miss the chance to talk about the Friday Night Lights and reminisce about Rebel Football. Jesse continued his football career, playing for the Upper Iowa Peacocks. Jesse looked forward to this coming Fall, as any father's dream, being on the sidelines with his son, Jack.

Jesse met the love of his life, Tanya, on a summer day when the dads were playing matchmakers and tricked Tanya into coming up to the big town of Swaledale, to meet this "Watters Boy." Jesse loved to tell the story about when he looked out that window and knew he was going to marry her. His dream came true when they wed on July 10, 2004.

Jesse was a kind and loving husband to his wife, Tanya, as well as an amazing father to their children, Jack, Ava and Emerie. Jesse thrived on being active in all the kids' activities and took pride in all of their accomplishments. Raising and showing pigs was a highlight in their life and from that passion, Double WW Swine was created. Many lessons were learned during those late nights in the barn with his children. There were many late nights in the barn. He was proud of his 1,255 TikTok followers.

Jesse was a leader of the Shifting Gears 4-H Club, a North Iowa Fair Board Member, and Swaledale Assistant Fire Chief. Jesse was a faithful member of the Open Bible Church where he served in many roles. Jesse's love for the Lord was at the core of who he was, and he desired for all he met to come to know Christ.

What we will miss most about Jesse is his big heart and his generous, caring soul for all those around him. We find comfort knowing that he is Home.

Jesse is survived by his wife, Tanya; children, Jack, Ava, Emerie; parents, Steve and Brenda Watters; brother, Jake (Katie) Watters; grandfather, Arlin Enabnit, father-in-law and mother-in-law Darwin and Lori Gjerde; brothers-in-law, Shawn (Jess) Gjerde, Jimmy (Katie) Gjerde; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Carleton and Edna Watters and Marilyn Enabnit; aunts, Deb Watters and Terri Jochimsen; and cousin, Carl Watters.

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FUNERAL SERVICE

10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 3, 2023
Open Bible Church
Clear Lake, Iowa

OFFICIATING

Pastor Will Hunsaker

MUSIC

"When I Get Where I'm Going" - Brad Paisley
"A Cowboy's Prayer" - Casey Donahew
Amazing Grace - Wade Bowen

PALLBEARERS

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| DeWayne Watters | Shawn Gjerde |
| Jimmy Gjerde | Jim Dotzler |
| Jesse Parcher | Cody Weaver |

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

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| Clay Weaver | Dean Weber |
| Kurt Hartman | Jake Ditsworth |

INTERMENT

Pleasant Valley Township Cemetery
Swaledale, Iowa

The family invites everyone to a luncheon in the fellowship hall following the funeral service.

Memorials may be directed to the family of Jesse Watters.

Major Erickson
Funeral Home and Crematory