



## James Lawrence Patterson

September 24, 1935 - October 5, 2014

JAMES LAWRENCE PATTERSON, age 79, passed away Sunday, October 5, 2014 at his home in Gainesville, VA.

He was born on September 24, 1935 in Columbus, Georgia to the late Silas Minter and Lucille (Mahan) Patterson. Preceded in death by a son, Jeffrey L. Patterson and a brother, Steven Patterson.

Survivors include his loving wife Fran Patterson; daughters: Jamie L. Patterson, Robin A. Crabtree; sons: Lance A. Patterson and John Patrick Patterson; step-daughters: Paige A. Newell and Kellie J. Wakefield; sister: Anne Patterson; 16 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, October 8, 2014 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, VA where services will take place on Thursday, October 9, 2014 at 11:00 AM. Interment will be held at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors on Friday, January 2, 2015 at 9:00 AM.

If anyone wishes to do something in lieu of flowers, Dad would like donations made to the Georgia Military College High School Class of '53 Award Fund in his name. Gifts may be made online at Georgia Military College Foundation in care of the High School Class of '53 Awards Fund, or can be sent by mail to

the GMC Office of Advancement, 201 East Greene Street, Milledgeville, GA  
31061.

Condolences may be sent to: [www.piercefh.com](http://www.piercefh.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA 22211  
<http://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 8. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home  
9609 Center St.  
Manassas, VA 20110  
(703) 257-6028  
[pfh@piercefh.com](mailto:pfh@piercefh.com)  
<https://www.piercefh.com>

## Service

OCT 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home  
9609 Center St.  
Manassas, VA 20110  
(703) 257-6028  
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<https://www.piercefh.com>

# Tribute Wall

KW

“ Dear Fran!

*It was so good to talk to you today.*

*Instead I consoling you it was very comforting to me too;*

*and I thank you that you took the time to talk to me about it all.*

*Needless to say,*

*We were devastated to hear*

*That our good friend Jim*

*had passed on so unexpectedly*

*What a shock for you that must be!*

*We are with you in our thoughts and prayers*

*And we wish you strength to go*

*through these dramatic times in your life!*

*Jim will live on in our memories!*

*And only a person that is forgotten is completely and really dead.*

*Jim will never be!*

*Too many lives he has touched,*

*Too many friends he has made,*

*And too loving a family, actually families,*

*He has cherished and treasured!*

*He can never be forgotten*

*We hope to be able to see you sometime soon.*

*If not, be assured that we will stay in touch*

*via phone, facebook and e-mail*

*Grieving with you*

*Gisela and Leo*

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**Kellie Wakefield** - October 13, 2014 at 07:52 PM

“ Condolences from Pat's Facebook post

*Pat Patterson*

*October 7 at 9:16pm ·*

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*Thank you to my sisters for the beautiful memories of my dad. Both he and my mom, Margaret Harkins Patterson, worked endlessly throughout their entire lives to better their families, their community, and our country. They gave us all a standard to strive for. Rest in well-earned peace Mom and Dad.*

*Mia Strickland I'm sorry for your loss, Pat. May your loving memories give you peace during this difficult time.*

*October 7 at 9:19pm ·*

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*Dena Hawkins Garcia Sending you our love and prayers.*

*October 7 at 9:22pm ·*

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*Yolanda Brittle I'm so sorry, Pat. xo*

*October 7 at 9:24pm ·*

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*Kris Brown I'm sorry, Pat. Thinking of you...*

*October 7 at 9:25pm ·*

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*Jenny Skaritzza-Miller So sorry for your loss, Pat. Much love to all of you.*

*October 7 at 9:25pm ·*

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*Michelle Pinette Hawkins I'm so sorry, Pat. I've been thinking about you since I saw Kellie's post. Love and prayers to your whole family.*

*October 7 at 9:27pm ·*

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*Cindy Barnes Hancock Very sorry for your loss, Pat. Sending prayers your way.*

*October 7 at 9:28pm ·*

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*Serdar Akin Very sorry for your loss Pat.*

*October 7 at 9:34pm ·*

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*Jennifer Allison Cox So sorry for your loss Pat. Thinking of you.*

*October 7 at 9:45pm ·*

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*Frank Asher Sending you PEACE...*

*October 7 at 9:47pm ·*

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*Mike Cosgrove Sorry for your loss Pat. We're all thinking of you and your family*

*October 7 at 9:48pm ·*

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*Mareen Johnston Dahulich Oh Pat im greatly sorry for your loss!*

*I lost my Dad last week ;0(*

*Thoughts are with you!!!*

*October 7 at 9:50pm ·*

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*Sejal Gunderia So sorry for your loss Pat! Thinking of you and your family.*

*October 7 at 9:59pm ·*

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*Alexis Castagnaro Swann Pat, I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you and your family.*

*October 7 at 10:07pm ·*

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*DiAnna Hudson So sorry to read this, Pat. I hope all is well outside of this sad news.*

*October 7 at 10:19pm ·*

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*Lisa Lansdowne Pat sorry your for loss!*

*October 7 at 10:24pm ·*

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*Shane Earley Thinkin' about you bro...*

*October 7 at 10:28pm ·*

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*Shelly Sebesky Dingeman Very sorry for your loss, Pat.*

October 7 at 10:37pm

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*Chasmalia Leoni Berlin So sorry for your loss, Pat. Thinking of you guys.*

October 7 at 10:41pm ·

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*Jeremy Healy so sorry, man.*

October 7 at 10:42pm ·

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*Robin Crabtree*

October 7 at 10:48pm ·

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*Sharon Richardson Dyer So sorry for your loss Pat- thinking of you and your family*

October 7 at 10:49pm ·

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*Dottie Blevins Sfredo Pat, so sorry to hear about your Father, my prayers are with you doing these difficult days.*

October 8 at 7:59am ·

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*Jeff Fantell Pat, I am very sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you and your family, may God be with you friend.*

October 8 at 8:08am ·

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*Yvonne Hullett Gefrich So sorry Pat.*

October 8 at 8:55am ·

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*Ricardo A. Lasso I will keep your family and you in my thoughts and prayers Pat.*

October 8 at 10:43am ·

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*Jose Garcia Very sorry for your loss Pat*

October 8 at 10:46am ·

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*Kelley Jarvie Collins Very eloquently put, so sorry for you loss Pat*

October 8 at 2:23pm ·

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*Lisa Chubb Elders Sorry for your loss Pat.  
October 8 at 4:06pm ·*

*Mariann Drake Boyd Thinking of you Pat!!  
October 8 at 4:50pm ·*

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Shelly Morris Dean Sorry Pat Thinking of you..  
October 8 at 6:51pm ·*

*Mareen Johnston Dahulich Pat Im deeply sorry for your loss, I too  
am dealing with these difficult feelings!  
My father died 2weeks ago  
Your in my THOUGHTS and prayers!!!  
October 10 at 4:56pm*

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**Kellie Wakefield** - October 12, 2014 at 02:51 PM

KW

“ Additional condolences to family from Kellie's Facebook post  
October 6 at 12:48

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*Virginia Liddle Kelly, I am so sorry my thoughts and prayers to your mother!! P please let me know what I can do love you guys!!*  
October 6 at 5:58pm ·

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*Christine Verciglio DiModica We are so very sorry. Amazing and sad how their larger than life character leaves such a huge void in the lives of a family. Sending our best to everyone.*  
October 6 at 6:25pm ·

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*Dene Patterson Love and condolences*  
October 6 at 6:30pm ·

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*Jim Morrill Beautiful tribute to a wonderful guy. He will be missed.*  
October 6 at 6:40pm ·

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*Cynthia Henson Love you. Keeping all of you in prayer.*  
October 6 at 6:54pm ·

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*Diane Heifner Gibbs So very sorry for your loss, Kellie*  
October 6 at 7:30pm ·

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*Dena Hawkins Garcia So sad to hear this. Love to the entire family.*  
October 6 at 7:51pm ·

*Tammy Huber I'm sorry for your loss.*  
October 6 at 7:59pm ·

*Eileen Baker Balberde My prayers are with you and your family, Kellie.*  
October 6 at 8:01pm ·

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*Mark Crawford With you!!*

October 6 at 8:08pm ·

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*Shelly Sebesky Dingeman Very sorry for your loss Kelly.*

October 6 at 8:27pm ·

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*Maria Nitowski Stewart So sorry for your family's loss...prayers and hugs for all of you.*

October 6 at 8:28pm ·

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*Laura Conway Payne So sorry for you and your family .... Prayers and hugs .. Well written tribute to a wonderful man!!!*

October 6 at 8:51pm ·

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*Yvonne Hullett Gefrich So sorry Kelly. Sending thoughts and prayers to you and your family.*

October 6 at 8:52pm ·

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*Marianne Strathman So sorry for your loss Kellie. My thoughts and prayers go out to your family and the Pattersons.*

October 6 at 9:46pm ·

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*Liz Whitacre Kellie, I was so saddened by the news of Jim's passing. He was a great man.*

October 6 at 10:31pm ·

*Susan Hannum Kellie, so sorry to hear... Love to You and Paige and Fran xoxo*

October 6 at 11:02pm ·

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*Kellie Salkco Wakefield Thank you for your condolences, kind words, thoughts and prayers! Our family is grateful for your thoughtfulness and your friendship.*

October 7 at 1:31am ·

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*Mary Jane Buzzi thoughts and prayers are with you all!*

October 7 at 6:07am ·

*Larry J Knox Kellie, My prayers are with you and family... miss u.....*  
October 7 at 7:55am ·

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*John David Strathman sorry for your loss*  
October 7 at 7:49pm ·

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*Colleen Keener-Viveiros I'm so sorry for your loss. What a wonderful tribute you wrote about him. I am praying for you and your family during this difficult time.*  
October 8 at 5:47pm ·

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*Ellen Mullinax Poppe Thinking of you and your family. So sorry for your loss. God Bless!*  
October 8 at 8:11pm ·

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*Dene Patterson Love to all so sorry*  
October 9 at 10:18pm ·

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*Christine Spade Was sorry to hear of your family's loss. What a great photo of them, and lovely tribute you wrote for him. Praying God's comfort for you all.*  
October 9 at 11:42pm ·

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**Kellie Wakefield** - October 12, 2014 at 02:30 PM

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“ Kellie Salkco Wakefield  
Facebook post

October 6 at 12:48pm ·

*In loving memory of my step father James Lawrence Patterson Major US Army Retired born Sept. 24, 1935-Oct 5, 2014 I have admiration for the life he lived. I truly do not know anyone like him. His attitude and ability to look at events and situations, do what he could to make a difference, accept what he was not able to change, always looking to the future and pushed forward through whatever challenges he faced. He was a brave and honorable man on and off the battle field.*

*He was a kind, thoughtful, big teddy bear to me when I needed him the most. I will miss him dearly and treasure the things he shared and said to me. It is an honor to have called Papa Jim my step father and I am forever grateful for the love he shared with my mom and the influence he had on the lives of me, my children and his family. He was a great man! I will miss him dearly and look to the day that I get to see his warm smile again, open arms and feel his gentle embrace to greet us when we join him. I love you Papa!*

*Jennifer Allison Cox Kellie- I saw Paige's post yesterday, again I am so sorry for your loss. Take care of Fran and please know I am thinking of you, and your family.*

October 6 at 1:02pm ·

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*Lisa Padilla Parr So sorry Kelly to hear this! Sending you hugs and prayers up for you and your family!*

October 6 at 1:06pm ·

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*Carolyn Lane Jondahl Thinking of you and your family! Sending prayers and love...*

October 6 at 1:10pm ·

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*Terry Felt I am very sorry for your loss!*

*October 6 at 1:21pm ·*

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*Janet Funk Omohundro Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time. I am so sorry for your loss.*

*October 6 at 1:22pm ·*

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*Mila Orford So sorry to hear this news. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire family*

*October 6 at 1:22pm*

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*Michelle Pinette Hawkins I'm very sorry, Kellie. My prayers are with your whole family.*

*October 6 at 1:27pm ·*

*Shawn H Costigan We are very sorry for your loss...*

*October 6 at 1:30pm ·*

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*Susan Garst McGuire Thinking of you sweet friend. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

*October 6 at 1:38pm ·*

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*Terri Monroe D'Elia My heart goes out to you and your family. I'm so so sorry for your loss.*

*October 6 at 1:39pm*

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*Celeste Casner Linthicum I'm so sorry to hear this. God bless you and your family.*

*October 6 at 1:49pm ·*

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*Tara Danner So sorry*

*October 6 at 1:51pm ·*

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*Kellie Burns Peterson So sorry, Kellie, It is so hard to lose someone special. Hugs to you and Paige.*

*October 6 at 1:52pm*

*Gwen Tetlow Correia What a beautiful tribute. I am so sorry for your family's loss.*

*October 6 at 1:55pm ·*

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*Barbara Jean LeFon Kellie, such a lovely tribute. My thoughts are with you and all your family.*

*October 6 at 2:09pm*

*Mary Shrum Kellie I'm so very sorry for your loss what a beautiful tribute prayers thoughts and hugs*

*October 6 at 2:12pm ·*

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*Beth Fisher Bell So sorry! Our thoughts and prayers are with you all!*

*October 6 at 2:14pm*

*Debbie Roman Martin So sorry for your loss.*

*October 6 at 2:26pm ·*

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*William Mcgrath Thank you for your service James. Sorry for your loss Kellie and Fran.*

*October 6 at 2:35pm ·*

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*Nicole Bourne So sorry for your loss Kellie! I will pray for you and your family and the days ahead of you. XOXO*

*October 6 at 3:14pm ·*

*Cindy Tony Luck So sorry for your' sand Paige's loss.*

*October 6 at 3:21pm ·*

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*Carol Ziewacz Wakefield So sorry for your loss! Will keep you and your family in our prayers.*

*October 6 at 3:44pm ·*

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*Kristina Korte Kellie - I was so sad to hear of his passing. Hugs and prayers to all of you during this sad time.*

*October 6 at 5:24pm ·*

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*Carol Nowakowski So sorry for your loss! Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Hugs*  
October 6 at 5:48pm

October 6 at 5:48pm · Unlike · 1

*Bobbie Belcher Kellie, so sorry for your loss. Will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers.*

October 6 at 5:51pm · Unlike · 1

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**Kellie Wakefield** - October 12, 2014 at 02:11 PM

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“ Condolences from a Facebook post on Oct. 6  
Kellie Salkco Wakefield

October 6 at 1:06pm ·

Services for James L. Patterson Major US Army Retired will be held  
at

Pierce Funeral Home

9609 Center Street

Manassas VA 20110

Wednesday Oct. 8 7:00-9:00 pm viewing

Thursday Oct.9 11:00 am memorial service

His final resting place will be Arlington National Cemetery.

Scott Rohaley Heartfelt condolences to your family.

October 6 at 1:09pm ·

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Susanne Graap Thinking of all of you during this difficult time. Many  
wonderful memories growing up with you all. Sending much love.

October 6 at 1:37pm ·

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Tara Danner So sorry for your loss

October 6 at 1:50pm ·

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Chuck Miller Sorry for your loss....just buried my stepdad 3 weeks  
ago in Arlington. Will keep you, Paige and your family in my prayers.

October 6 at 2:23pm ·

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Leslie Diggs Armstrong so sorry for your loss thoughts and prayers  
to you and your family... xxo

October 6 at 2:51pm ·

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Lisa Chubb Elders Sending prayers to you and your family.

October 6 at 3:08pm ·

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*Virginia Liddle Let me know what I can do! Food dropped your house tomorrow ? Wednesday ?*

*October 6 at 6:00pm ·*

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*MaryBeth Matteo Benz Thank you for being such an amazing support to your mom, especially during a trying time for yourself. See you Wed. night.*

*October 6 at 11:21pm ·*

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*Kellie Salkco Wakefield Thank you kind friends for your condolences and thoughtful words.*

*October 7 at 1:21am*

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*Linda May Jones Kellie, sorry for your loss. Sincere condolences to you and your family.*

*October 8 at 5:00pm ·*

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**Kellie Wakefield** - October 12, 2014 at 01:53 PM

“ Written by Robin Crabtree

*Jim was preceded in death by his son, Jeffrey L. Patterson, and his brother Stephen Patterson. He leaves his wife Fran, his sister Anne, 7 children, his 16 grandchildren, his 6 great-grandchildren and countless good friends to remember him.*

*Jim was a man of many talents and accomplishments. Jim's father was a construction superintendent and he remembered his early life fondly spent following his father to construction sites throughout the south living in boarding houses. Jim was known as "little boss" as his father insisted on bringing him to the job site from a young age. At 13, Jim was enrolled in Georgia Military College where he graduated high school in 1953 and attended college until 1955. Jim completed all ROTC requirements while there. On December 16, 1955, Jim enlisted in the Army as a Private E-1. His first duty station was Fort Jackson, Columbia SC where he received Basic Training and was a Trainee Platoon Sergeant. Jim received many distinctions during his early Army career including being rated the "best/fastest" at computing firing data for atomic rounds from the new 280mm atomic cannon artillery battalion and WACOM Soldier of the Week.*

*In March, 1957, his battalion was assigned to Germany where they successfully tested the big guns. While there, Jim was selected as a WACOM Soldier of the Week August 7, 1957. In October, 1957, Jim entered Officer Candidate School at Ft. Sill, OK. In March, 1958 Officer Candidate Patterson was awarded the first Gunner's Trophy for the highest academic average in Gunnery. In April, 1958, Jim was graduated and commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant.*

*In February, 1959, Jim married Margaret Harkins. Jim served in Korea from 1960-61 as a 1st Lieutenant. Jim, Margaret and their then four children, Jeff, Jamie, Robin and Lance, moved to Germany from 1963-1966.*

*Captain Patterson served in the Republic of Vietnam from 1967-1968 in the 5th Battalion, 2nd Artillery in War Zones C and D and near Saigon during the TET offensive. He was awarded the Bronze Star, the Air Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the Vietnam*

*Campaign Medal and Vietnam Service Medal.*

*Jim's fifth child, Patrick, was born in October 1967.*

*Upon his return, Major Patterson was assigned to Fort Sill, OK as an instructor in the Artillery Tactics Division. Later assignments included the Army National Guard in Aiken, SC, Field Artillery Instructor in Saudi Arabia and Race Relations Officer in Ft. Myers, VA. Jim retired from the Army in December 1976. In 2010, Jim received the St. Barbara Medal for his achievements in artillery. After retirement, Jim tried his hand at Real Estate, restaurant management and teaching HS math, all of which he enjoyed. Jim married Frances McGrath in July 1980 and gained two daughters, Paige and Kellie. Jim was involved with the Elks and served as Exalted Ruler.*

*Jim loved sports. He coached his sons in Little League football and baseball. He decided in 1962 while stationed at Ft. Bliss in El Paso, TX that he was a Dallas Cowboys fan and remained loyal to that team in the face of many years here in the Redskins territory. He used his barbed-wire wit against many a Fantasy Football opponent including his children who were his league mates. Jim also loved to travel on cruises to far-off places and he enjoyed playing golf.*

*For the past several years, Jim and Fran have wintered in Vero Beach, FL.*

*Jim was a happy man.*

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**Kellie Wakefield** - October 12, 2014 at 01:42 PM

KW

“ Additional condolences from Robins Crabtree's Facebook post  
October 6 at 9:26 am

*Jessi Sells He will remain in our hearts and our memories. May he rest peacefully. Much love and support to you and everyone else hurting right now Aunt Robin. He'll be missed and never forgotten. I love you Papa?*

*October 6 at 12:23pm ·*

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*Marcia Rigney Wilson Thinking about you and your family-God bless him and your family*

*October 6 at 1:51pm ·*

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*Pamela Ward Nix I am so sorry to hear of your loss - after reading your wonderful message about your dad I feel sad that I never got to meet him- let us know if we can do anything! Thinking of you*

*October 6 at 3:00pm*

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*Kaitie Mcdowell McRee So sorry for your loss Robin. Thinking and praying for you guys. God bless.*

*October 6 at 3:40pm ·*

*Fran Corcoran White I love you rob always have always will stay strong sweetie*

*October 6 at 4:07pm ·*

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*Sherry Coughlin Brennan Thank you for sharing Jim's story. He will be missed.*

*October 6 at 4:19pm ·*

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*Cynthia Henson So sorry for your loss. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*October 6 at 4:26pm ·*

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*Laura Wayland What a beautiful tribute! God bless your family!*

*October 6 at 5:57pm ·*

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*Phil Q. Howell Your dad gave you a life time of memories that are really good. it's cool how you have shared it now with us... God bless you and your Entire Family and sorry for your loss. Keep in mind he is smiling on you....*

*October 6 at 7:43pm ·*

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*Robin Crabtree I love y'all!*

*October 6 at 7:57pm ·*

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*Karen Carter Very nicely said! Our thoughts and prayers are with you!*

*October 6 at 8:00pm ·*

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*Trenna McPherson Larson Thoughts and prayers for you and your family...*

*October 6 at 8:10pm ·*

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*Tricia Louis Robin - This is such a lovely post. My cousin Kellie forwarded it to me and I'm so glad she did. I didn't know any of this about your father. Thanks so much for sharing this beautiful tribute.*

*October 6 at 8:33pm ·*

*Matt Joseph Newton What a righteous man. I'm glad to hear of such a fantastic gift from God having been in your life Aunt Robin, and sorry at the same time to hear of the heartache from his loss. He sings songs with the Angels in Heaven for you this evening. I love you!*

*October 6 at 8:35pm ·*

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*Marianne Jones Robin... Sending you and family peace and comfort. The Vet will be missed but his service to country and family, humor, barbed wire wit, and his fierce love of the 'Boys will live on forever. Thank you for your gift of his story, XO*

*October 6 at 9:07pm ·*

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*Leanora Harkins What a moving testimony to your father. This was*

*a fine tribute to his service and family.*

*October 6 at 10:10pm ·*

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*Lisa Fortenberry So sorry for your loss Robin..... Hugs & prayers.Love you!*

*October 6 at 10:24pm ·*

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*Karen Phillips Harkins Thank you for sharing your wonderful memory. I am sorry for your loss and love you very much.*

*October 6 at 10:56pm ·*

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*MaryBeth Matteo Benz I knew he was amazing...this just adds to how much so. Such an amazingly good man.*

*October 6 at 11:28pm ·*

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*Ellen Schneider Goodrich Your father was a GMC classmate of my husband Sam's. So glad I met him and Fran. He sent me an e-mail the night before he died. You have my sympathy and prayers.*

*October 7 at 7:26pm ·*

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*Bobby Madden You look like your dad...always said that...*

*October 7 at 11:23pm ·*

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*Doris Newton This was very nice of you to share Robin. Your dad was a special person. I am so sorry I was unable to see the family on the 8th. My heart is heavy for you and the family.*

*October 9 at 8:51pm*

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**Kellie Wakefield** - October 12, 2014 at 01:39 PM

“ Facebook post and condolences

*Robin Crabtree*

*October 6 at 9:26am ·*

*Today, I am a grateful daughter who is so proud of the man who was my father. James Lawrence Patterson, my Dad, went to sleep Saturday night and entered into a well-earned rest, after spending the evening at dinner with friends and his loving wife of 34 years, Fran.*

*We all hope to live our lives with meaning and there is grace in the biggest and the smallest deeds. My father hoped to be brave and he was. Many who walk this earth today are here because of his deeds. He was fortunate to meet one man, among many, who's life he saved in Vietnam. Dad never spoke of his service there when we were growing up. But, he recently related one story. A company of American soldiers was pinned in on a mountainside by Viet Cong and about to be over run. Dad and his men were called in for fire power, but he couldn't see where to fire in the heavy jungle. So he positioned his dusters in place and had someone take him up in a helicopter to hover over the mountain side and allow him to radio in coordinates to his to men to fire at the advancing enemy. He was in plain sight and risked being shot down, but he kept at it until the company was safe. He recently chanced to meet one of the men who was saved on the mountain that day and they put two and two together until they realized their connection. This was what prompted my Dad to finally tell us something of his service there. But, he was more than a soldier. Dad got a book of Bedtime Stories while he was away, taped himself reading the book and sent it all back home to my Mom to play for us 5 kids every night. He said he encouraged his men to do the same. It's the very same book that I have somehow in my possession after so many years and moves, and the one that I read to my five-year-old now.*

*I am a blessed daughter. And I am so grateful that my father was blessed to leave this world with the grace, honor and dignity he*

*deserved. I'm really going to miss him! He was a great man.*

*Colleen Carey Internicola What a beautiful tribute to your dad. So sorry for your loss Robin.*

*October 6 at 9:33am ·*

*Bridget Grimes Forrester Beautiful words!!! I am sorry for your loss*

*October 6 at 9:36am ·*

*Levi Charlton we love you and are thinking of you fran.*

*October 6 at 9:39am ·*

*Brittney Harkins So sorry for your loss Robin. I know you will miss him. We are thinking of you and the family. Sending lots of love and hugs your way*

*October 6 at 9:43am ·*

*Gary Clayton He was a great man Robin. He loved you guys so much. May he rest in peace with the Angels.*

*October 6 at 9:56am ·*

*Don Crabtree You have many of his traits and that should make you proud. Stay strong!*

*October 6 at 9:57am ·*

*Mike Gray Sorry for your loss - I'm lucky I got to meet Vet!*

*October 6 at 10:29am*

*Jessica Buchanan Im so sorry Robin. Words well spoken! It was an honor to know him. They dont make men like him anymore. A very brave and honorable man that will be missed! Love you,*

*Jessie*

*October 6 at 10:44am ·*

*Susan Iverson What a nice way to honor your father. Thank you for sharing this. I am so sorry for your loss, Robin. God Bless.*

October 6 at 10:56am ·

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*Kellie Salkco Wakefield So eloquently written. I am also grateful that he was blessed to leave this world with the grace, honor and dignity he deserved. I am honored to have called him my step father and forever grateful for the love he shared with my mom and the influence he had on the lives of me and our family He was a great man! I love him and will miss him.*

October 6 at 11:09am

*Melissa Mays Trebuchon Sounds like a wonderful man and father. May you find comfort in the many happy memories.*

October 6 at 11:14am ·

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*Karen Kennedy Downs So sorry for your loss. What a wonderful legacy he left in you!*

October 6 at 11:24am

*Jeff Harkins Sorry for your loss Robin. I love you and I have you, Jamie, Lance, and Pat in my thoughts today.*

October 6 at 11:52am ·

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**Kellie Wakefield** - October 12, 2014 at 01:28 PM

KW

“ Additional condolences to family from Paige's Facebook post

*Paige Salkco Newell*

*October 5 at 1:56pm ·*

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*Patti Little Dickerson Paige, I am sorry for the loss of Jim, your Step Dad and your Mom's husband. May he rest in peace.*

*October 5 at 5:05pm ·*

*Kristine Pocsik Kruse So sorry*

*October 5 at 5:11pm ·*

*Anthony W. Neal So sorry Paige. Thinking about you and your family.*

*October 5 at 5:21pm ·*

*Beth Fisher Bell I am so sorry! We are thinking about you and your mom and the rest of the family!*

*October 5 at 5:22pm*

*Michele Martin Cross I am so sorry to hear this Paige. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

*October 5 at 5:56pm*

*Ava Maruco Bouker So sorry Paige. Thinking of you and your family.*

October 5 at 6:12pm

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*Tricia Louis This is such a sweet post. And the photo is perfect - it captures Jim so well. We're all making flight arrangements, so we'll see you in a few days.*

October 5 at 6:12pm

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*Cintia Barber I'm sorry to hear that. Thinking of you and your mom.*

October 5 at 6:41pm

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*Charlene Frappier Prayers for you & yours*

October 5 at 6:48pm

*Michelle Ray Viscal So sorry Paige, prayers for your mom and family*

October 5 at 6:51pm

*Karmela Barron So sorry Paige.*

October 5 at 7:02pm ·

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*Jim Morrill Oh no. So sorry.*

October 5 at 7:11pm ·

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*Lee Towne So sorry Paige he was a great man.*

October 5 at 7:13pm ·

*Holly Darling So sorry for your loss.*

October 5 at 7:22pm ·

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*Noreen McCann So sorry for all of you Paige. He sounds like he was one terrific fellow.*

October 5 at 7:31pm ·

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*C Cary Leetch Thinking of you and your family, Paige.*

October 5 at 8:13pm

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*Karen Honaker Rothenberger So sorry, Paige...keeping all of you in*

*our thoughts and prayers.*

*October 5 at 8:27pm ·*

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*Diane Mulvey Towne Hi Paige, I'm so sorry to hear of Jim's passing.*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. RIP Papa Jim.*

*October 5 at 8:33pm*

*Lisa Yohn Thornley Oh Paige. So sorry for your loss.*

*October 5 at 8:49pm ·*

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*Diane Heifner Gibbs Sorry to hear of your loss. Thinking of you and the family.*

*October 5 at 9:00pm*

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*Kimla Solesbee Wille So sorry to hear this sad news Paige...praying for you and your family. Give your mom a big hug from me.*

*October 5 at 10:04pm ·*

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*Ginger Rogers Gordon Sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers for you and your family.*

*October 5 at 11:26pm ·*

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*Jeff Hinson Sorry to hear about Jim, please pass my condolences on to Fran and the rest of your family.*

*October 6 at 7:27am ·*

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*Vanessa Gregorio What a beautiful tribute Paige so very sorry for your family's loss*

*October 6 at 9:51am*

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*Mila Orford So sorry for your loss. Thinking of you all*

*October 6 at 1:24pm ·*

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*Cynthia Henson Love you. Keeping all of you in prayer.*

*October 6 at 6:55pm*

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*Chase Henson Rip uncle Jim! Love aunt Fran Patterson and Paige*

*Salkco Newell we love all of you!*

*October 6 at 7:03pm ·*

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*Kelly Bell Gallardy Thinking of you and your sweet family Kelly and Paige! Prayers are with you all and your mom*

*October 6 at 7:11pm ·*

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*Brent Newell God Bless Jim!!! RIP!!*

*October 6 at 7:17pm ·*

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*Laura Conway Payne So sorry ... Wonderful man, prayers and hugs*

*October 6 at 10:19pm ·*

*Lynne Beefelt I'm so sorry Paige, Jim will be missed.*

*October 6 at 10:20pm ·*

*Carey Bettis I also had a great Stepfather, sorry for your loss, but they sure gave us some great memories.*

*October 6 at 10:33pm ·*

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*Vicki Colpe Capestany I am so sorry to hear this. Thinking of you and your family. Xoxo*

*October 7 at 7:01pm ·*

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**Kellie Wakefield** - October 12, 2014 at 01:16 PM

KW

“ Paige Salkco Newell  
October 5 at 1:56pm · ·

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Papa Jim*

*Brian Newell We are gonna miss you Popa Jim!  
Thank you for your service to our country, all the years you taught Math in Manassas and being a big part of Reagan and Rileys life. I will miss seeing you in the stands at their games. RIP  
October 5 at 2:11pm ·*

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*Maria Verciglio Woods Paige, I am very sorry. My sympathy to you and your family, especially your mom.  
October 5 at 2:07pm ·*

*Liz Whitacre Paige I am so sorry to hear about Jim.  
October 5 at 2:11pm ·*

*Kelly Murray Lavin So sorry for all of you! You're in our thoughts and prayers!  
October 5 at 2:12pm ·*

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*JoNell Doyle So sorry to hear of Popa Jim's passing. I will always picture him at Reagan and Riley's games cheering them on. Praying for us guys and Grandma Fran most of all.  
October 5 at 2:20pm ·*

*Rebecca Marie Ransone Mckenzie So sorry Paige  
October 5 at 2:29pm ·*

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*Linda Whitley-Taylor So very sorry for your loss!*

*October 5 at 2:31pm ·*

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*Kristina Korte Paige I am so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. He was a good man. Hugs and prayers being sent to you all. Please give your mom a hug for me.*

*October 5 at 2:32pm ·*

*Pam DiVaccaro Winkeler So sorry Paige. Our thoughts and prayers are with you !*

*October 5 at 2:33pm ·*

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*Pam Black Beckner I am so sorry Paige! Your family will be in my prayers.*

*October 5 at 2:34pm ·*

*Carolyn Leetch Sorry, Paige.*

*October 5 at 2:37pm*

*Jan Lutz DeSarno I am so sorry Paige. Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. October 5 at 2:38pm ·*

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*Marilyn Hart So sorry for your loss. My thoughts are with you and your family.*

*October 5 at 2:39pm ·*

*Joyce LeDoux Wilson Aww..im so sorry!*

*October 5 at 2:56pm ·*

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*Mark Crawford Prayers out to you and family!!*

*October 5 at 3:02pm ·*

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*Nancy Peele Collar I am so sorry for your loss.*

*October 5 at 3:05pm ·*

*Michelle Ritenour Maged Oh Paige...I am so sorry for your loss. I will keep your family in my prayers.*

October 5 at 3:08pm ·

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*Jennifer Allison Cox Paige- I'm so sorry to hear this sad news. Please give Fran a hug for me. My thoughts are with you, Kellie, Fran and the Patterson family.*

October 5 at 3:10pm ·

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*Sherry Melisa Shea I am so sorry ...prayers for you and your family.*

October 5 at 3:18pm ·

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*Robin Conklin Hollyfield So sorry for your loss sending hugs to you and your family*

October 5 at 3:25pm ·

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*Jenniferrob Bailess Paige, sorry to hear of Jim's passing. Give your mom our condolences. He was a good man.*

October 5 at 3:31pm ·

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*Beth Hoke Youre in my thoughts and prayers.*

October 5 at 3:39pm ·

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*Kellie Burns Peterson So sorry for your loss.*

October 5 at 3:40pm ·

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*Beth LeMay My sincerest condolences. I know how hard it can be on you and your family. Prayers for you.*

October 5 at 3:40pm ·

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*Christine Verciglio DiModica Paige, so sorry to hear of his passing. Our sympathy to you and Kellie Salkco Wakefield ,the kids, and Fran Patterson.*

October 5 at 3:54pm ·

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*Valerie Kashouty Sargent So sorry to hear that! So happy that I had the opportunity to get to know him. Love to you, and your family.*

October 5 at 3:55pm ·

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*Kelly Brian Kuhn Thoughts and prayers to you and the family.  
October 5 at 3:59pm ·*

*Tasha Haston I will be praying  
be praying for you and your family Paige Salkco Newell.  
October 5 at 4:36pm ·*

*Kathy Collins Maguire I'm so sorry for your loss. Thinking of your  
family and sending prayers.  
October 5 at 4:40pm*

*Amy Krenytzky Robinson So so sorry for your loss....he sounds like  
a wonderful man...  
October 5 at 4:43pm ·*

*Leslie Reckner Paige so sorry for your loss  
October 5 at 4:47pm*

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**Kellie Wakefield** - October 12, 2014 at 01:03 PM

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“*Fran - I'm so sorry for your loss. While it's been many years since I've seen you guys, I always have such fond memories of your friendship, kindness and hospitality. Your family was so blessed to have Jim in your lives, and I pray that the memories you created over the years will help comfort you in this time of great sorrow. Jim was a wonderful man. God bless!!*

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**Krissy Korte** - October 09, 2014 at 05:28 PM

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“ To Fran and her children, Patterson children and Ann.

*Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you and yours during this difficult time. Wish I could be there for you.*

*My best regards,*

*Eddie Rich & Family  
1476 Liberty Church Rd.  
Blairsville, GA 30512  
706-400-2327*

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**Eddie Rich** - October 09, 2014 at 02:11 PM

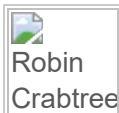
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“ *I would like to express my deepest sympathy to the family of Mr. Patterson. He was one of my most favorite customers, and I will miss him dearly. He always came into the post office with a smile no matter how he was feeling. I will miss our conversations about the daily news in pro football, and all the times we lamented about his beloved Cowboys and my Redskins on Monday afternoons. Mr Patterson was a genuinely nice person, and I am thankful beyond words that I had the opportunity to know him.*

*Tara Bariteau  
Postmaster  
Catharpin, VA*

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**Tara Bariteau** - October 09, 2014 at 04:17 AM



Robin  
Crabtree

*Thank you so much for being there for my Dad and for such a lovely tribute. Robin Patterson Crabtree*

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**Robin Crabtree** - October 11, 2014 at 04:09 AM

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“ *Jimmy is my brother from another mother. My life has been blessed by his friendship and the family he created. He is a brave warrior who served his country by putting himself in harm's way. He loved life and refused to be unhappy. We lost him no Earth but his memory will live forever in our minds.*  
*Gerry and Dianne Harkins*

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**gerry harkins** - October 08, 2014 at 05:31 PM

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“ *My family and I extend our deepest sympathy to the family of James Patterson. He was a good friend, great father and wonderful husband. There are many fond memories that my family shared with him and Fran.*  
*God Bless You!*  
*Marcia Conway*



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**Marcia Conway** - October 07, 2014 at 07:31 PM