



Wayne E. Patterson

November 14, 1941 - July 5, 2025

Wayne Edward Patterson, 83 of Easton, Illinois, passed away peacefully at home on July 5, 2025, surrounded by his loving family.

Wayne was born at home on November 14, 1941, in Mason City, Illinois to Gerald David and Esther Ellen (Shawgo) Patterson. He graduated from Mason City High School in 1959 and later earned a degree in Automotive Technology from Lincoln Land Community College. Wayne proudly served his country in the US Army from 1962 to 1964.

Wayne spent his career with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, working as Site Superintendent at the Conservation World on the Illinois State Fairgrounds and at Sandridge State Forest. After his retirement, he continued to work part time with the US Post Office.

On December 6, 1964, Wayne married the love of his life, Cheryl (Bortel), who survives him. Together they shared over 60 years of marriage filled with love, laughter, and family. Wayne is also survived by his children, Michael of Springfield, Illinois, Kevin (Jan) of Phoenix, Arizona, Patricia (Rick) Price of Petersburg, Illinois, and Elizabeth, (Brian) Oberhausen of Birmingham, Alabama. He was a proud and devoted Papa to Tony Patterson, (Suzie Erwin), Levi Patterson, Amy Cetina, Matthew Price (Ellie Montgomery), Megan Price (Austin Gusewelle), Jake (Holly) Caughell and four great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

He is also survived by his siblings Elsie Mann, Doris Bagby, and Bob

Patterson. He was preceded in death by his parents and an infant sister, Marian.

Wayne had a deep love for life and an array of interests. He enjoyed woodworking, fishing, playing guitar and singing, especially with The Menard County Singers. He also loved traveling and camping. One of his most beloved traditions was a spectacular Christmas light display. More than anything, he cherished time spent with family.

Throughout every challenge in life Wayne persevered with quiet dignity, never complaining. His resilience, humility and steady presence was a source of inspiration to those who knew him.

Wayne's life was a testament to hard work, kindness, and unconditional love. He will be deeply missed and forever remembered by all who were fortunate to know him.

Visitation will be held from 10 to 11 AM on Thursday, July 10 at Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City, Illinois followed immediately by a funeral service at 11 AM. Graveside services will follow at Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Forest City, Illinois.

Memorial donations may be made to Menard County Singers, PO Box 502 Petersburg, Illinois 62675 or Mason County Pets Without Parents, 29930 ECR 1150 N, Mason City, Illinois 62664

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Hill Cemetery

28798 East Co Road 1900 N
Forest City, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 10. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Mason City
603 East Chestnut
Mason City, IL 62664
(217) 482-5959
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

Funeral Service

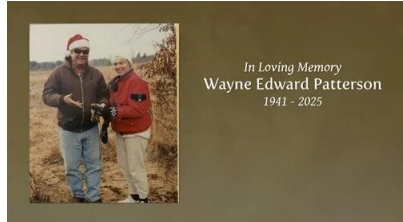
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Tribute Wall



“ Hurley Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Wayne E. Patterson



Hurley Funeral Home - July 09, 2025 at 04:00 PM

RS

“ Ron & Susie Sanert lit a candle in memory of Wayne Patterson



Ron & Susie Sanert - July 12, 2025 at 09:45 AM

BJ

“ Cheryl and family so very sorry for your loss, it was a joy to hear Wayne sing, and now he is singing with the angle in haven. May he RIP. God Bless all, with my Sympathy Bonnie Jones



Bonnie Jones - July 11, 2025 at 10:05 PM

LS

“ Lisa Entwistle Shawgo lit a candle in memory of Wayne Patterson



Lisa Entwistle Shawgo - July 11, 2025 at 05:20 PM

SB

“ Cheryle and family John and I are so sorry for the loss of Wayne. You are in our thoughts and hearts at this difficult time. John Nelson and Sharon Bale

Sharon Bale - July 09, 2025 at 04:33 PM

BS

“ Cheryl and family so sorry for your loss always enjoyed hearing Wayne sing, God Bless Beverly Stafford.



Beverly Stafford - July 09, 2025 at 11:08 AM

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“ I.S.P. Troop 6 Platoon 6 purchased the Beautiful i n Blue for the family of Wayne E. Patterson.



I.S.P. Troop 6 Platoon 6 - July 09, 2025 at 10:19 AM

YR

“ Your friends at *The Male Room* purchased the *La vender Reflections Spray* for the family of *Wayne E. Patterson*.



Your friends at The Male Room - July 08, 2025 at 07:31 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish* was purchased for the family of *Wayne E. Patterson*.



July 08, 2025 at 10:54 AM

KZ

“ *Kay Zimmerman* lit a candle in memory of *Wayne Patterson*



Kay Zimmerman - July 08, 2025 at 09:16 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of *Wayne E. Patterson*.

July 08, 2025 at 08:20 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Wayne E. Patterson.*



July 08, 2025 at 08:20 AM



“ *We are sorry for your family's loss* 🙏🙏



Jack and Donzia Boggs - July 07, 2025 at 08:12 PM



“ *Sitting around a campfire or Christmas caroling singing while Wayne plays the guitar, those are my favorite memories. He will be so missed. Love always Robin and Bill Baughman*



Robin (Logue) Baughman - July 07, 2025 at 07:41 PM



“ *Vickie Bagby lit a candle in memory of Wayne E. Patterson*



Vickie Bagby - July 07, 2025 at 07:34 PM