James William Patterson

April 6, 1922 - March 10, 2014

Age 91, a lifelong resident of Braidwood, IL, passed away Monday, March 10, 2014 at Heritage Health in Dwight, IL. He was born April 6, 1922 in Wilmington, IL. He was the second of three children born to the late James Robert and Esther Matilda (nee Nelson) Patterson. He was educated in Braidwood and was a graduate of the Braidwood High School Class of 1940. Upon graduation, he followed in the path of his father and became a Funeral Director and Embalmer. He graduated from Worsham School of Mortuary Science in 1941 becoming the fourth generation of the Patterson family to enter into funeral service. He worked at the Patterson Funeral Home in Braidwood with his father until he enlisted in the service. He was a WWII Veteran of the United States Army, stationed in New Guinea from December 1942 to January 1946. He attained the rank of Sergeant and served in Graves Registration Service. Upon Jimmy's honorable discharge from the service, he returned to Braidwood to work in the family funeral business. He married Martha Mae Armstrong January 28, 1950 in his parents' home in Braidwood, which was also the funeral home at the time. Together they served Will and Grundy Counties in the family funeral business until their retirement in April of 1984. In 1958 Jimmy and Martha built a second location of the Patterson Funeral Home in South Wilmington, IL. In 1963 they built a new structure to house the Patterson Funeral Home, Braidwood facility, on the spot previously occupied by the East School. For many years they also operated Patterson Ambulance Service with the help of several local friends until the Braidwood

Fire Department started an ambulance service in 1974. Jimmy was always active and concerned with the civic affairs of the communities he served. Jimmy was a former member of the Will County Funeral Directors Association, the Illinois Funeral Directors Association and the National Funeral Directors Association. He was honored as a 50 year Funeral Director/Embalmer licensee in 1993. He had also served Will County as Deputy Coroner for many years. Jimmy was a 50+ year member and Past Master of Braidwood Masonic Lodge No.704, of which his great grandfather, Alexander Patterson, was the first Worshipful Master and a 50+ year member and Past Patron of the O.E.S. Holly Chapter No. 183, both in Braidwood. He was a Past Commander and 50+ year member of the V.F.W. Post #1749 in South Wilmington and a Past Commander and 50+ year member of the American Legion Post #39 in Braidwood. He was a 50+ year member of the Braidwood Fire Department, of which he served as treasurer for most of that time. He was a 75+ year faithful member of the First Presbyterian Church in Braidwood of which he formerly served as a Trustee and Elder. He was a former second Vice President of the First Savings and Loan Association in Wilmington, a charter member of the Braidwood Recreation Club and a life member of the Disabled American Veterans.

Surviving are his wife, Martha, of Braidwood; two sons and daughters-in-law, Jim and Sherry Patterson of Ottawa, IL and Roger and Kathy Patterson of Braidwood; one daughter and son- in-law, Carol and Sam Bissell of Lafeyette, GA; four grandchildren and their spouses, Lisa and Tom Moro, Holli and Tim Washburn, Christopher and Christine Patterson, and Sara and Joshua Foote; two step-grandchildren, Tony (Allison) Crone and Adam Crone; 6 great grandchildren, Ben and Kate Moro, William McArdle, Steven Patterson, and Lucas and Mackenzie Foote; three step great-grandchildren, Alexandria and Isaac Sawyer and Parker Crone; one brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Toni Patterson of Fountain Hills, AZ; brother-in-law, Raymond Favero of Braidwood; and many nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews;

and a host of many dear friends.

Preceding him in death were his parents and a sister, Mary Jean Favero.

Funeral services will be at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd., Braidwood Chapel, Saturday, March 15, at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Jan Chandler officiating. Interment with full military honors will follow at the Oakwood Cemetery in Wilmington, IL. The visitation will be Friday, March 14, from 2-8 p.m. Memorial gifts in his name may be directed to the First Presbyterian Church in Braidwood, the Braidwood Fire Department, Santas Helpers, or the Activity Department at Heritage Health in Dwight.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery-Wilmington

P.O. Box 775 700 Williams Street
Located at the intersection of Williams and
Oak Street
Wilmington, IL 60481

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **14**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

R.W. Patterson Funeral Home
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Service

MAR **15**. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

R W Patterson Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of James William Patterson

R W Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. - March 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TH

Tom and I would like to express our deepest condolences and sympathy to the entire Patterson Family on the loss of your husband, father, father in law, grandpa and great grandpa. Thoughts and prayers to you all. A special condolence to Roger,Kathy and your immediate family.

Sincerely,

Tom and Becky Hoffman

GOD BLESS

Tom and Becky Hoffman - March 19, 2014 at 05:35 PM

JS

Roger I was sorry to hear about your dad's passing. Please know I am thinking about you and prayers are sent to you and your family during this very sad time.

Janice Studer - March 18, 2014 at 06:39 PM

KA

Karen Passini Anderson lit a candle in memory of James William Patterson

Karen Passini Anderson - March 16, 2014 at 05:43 PM

MT

Very sorry to hear of mr pattersons death . Guys like mr Patterson set the bar high as far as being a brother mason and community volunteer . And our community is a better place because of people like jimmy and roger .may you rest in peace in the grand lodge above

michael tupper - March 16, 2014 at 08:18 AM

NS

Sending my deepest sympathies to the family. I always liked James and found him to be a very kind and polite man. He was caring and always willing to help others. I am praying for the family and asking God to send comfort and peace at this time of sorrow...Love and Prayers Nancy Shelton-Young

Nancy Shelton-Young - March 15, 2014 at 10:41 PM

DB

Roger,
Sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you and your family.
Diane M. Bergman

Diane M. Bergman - March 15, 2014 at 03:41 PM

AB

Aunt Martha and family our prayers are with you. we have fond memories of fun times with Uncle Jimmy and family. sorry we can not be with you at this time Alice and Willie Babendererde.

alice and willie babendererde - March 15, 2014 at 01:47 PM

JM

Jo Ann Marsh purchased the Mrs. Fields Deluxe Sympathy Basket for the family of James William Patterson.

Jo Ann Marsh - March 15, 2014 at 11:52 AM

LL

So sorry for the loss of your husband, father, grandfather. No matter how prepared you are for the inevitable the loss of a loved one is heart breaking. You are in my prayers.

Lynne Letterly

Lynne Letterly - March 15, 2014 at 09:22 AM

TA

Tony, Allison, Adam, and Ashley purchased the P eaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James William Patterson.

Tony, Allison, Adam, and Ashley - March 14, 2014 at 12:45 PM

Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James William Patterson.

March 14, 2014 at 11:48 AM

Exotic Grace was purchased for the family of James William Patterson.

March 14, 2014 at 10:57 AM

SA

Sheila, Jules , Angie purchased the Exotic Grace for the family of James William Patterson.

Sheila, Jules , Angie - March 14, 2014 at 10:56 AM

PH

I am so sorry for your loss. He helped me when my mother was so sick. I would call it would not be very long he would be there. He hugged me before he left with her in the ambulance. A wonderful man
Pam Hansen

Pam Hansen - March 14, 2014 at 10:53 AM

DA

Mrs. Patterson and family, your husband and father helped our families through the loss of our loved ones for so many years. Jimmy used to tease my dad (Joe (Peck) Smolik) all the time by sneaking up behind him and measuring his girth with his hands telling my dad that he would have to special order his final resting bed because he was a little "chunky"...my dad always had such respect for him but was not above teasing Jim without mercy! I wish we could give you back all the comfort and kindness he gave so many families and now that Roger and Kathy continue. Our prayers are with the Patterson family during this sad time. David and Beverly (Smolik) Walkling. God's continued blessings upon you.

davidbev5590@Netzero.net - March 14, 2014 at 09:37 AM

KG

Roger and family,
You are all in our prayers at this time of your loss. I know your dad has left alot of good memories to many family and friends. I remember my grandparents talking about your folks..before i really knew who they were. Your dad surely left a mark in Braidwood. Good thoughts go your way.

Karen & Larry Guest

karen guest - March 14, 2014 at 09:14 AM

LH

Roger,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

The Geiss, Hemphill, and Brophy Families

Lois Hemphill - March 13, 2014 at 08:17 PM

MS

Roger and the Patterson family, sorry to hear of your loss.
Memories of your father will be with us always.
Monty and Dorothy Serena

Monty Serena - March 13, 2014 at 05:32 PM

AW

You are in our thoughts and prayers. God's Rich Blessings during this difficult time. Know that all the care and comfort you have offered so many are prayed for you and yours.

Kevin and Amy Wancho

Amy Wancho - March 13, 2014 at 05:01 PM

KD

So sorry to hear of your loss.

Karen and Marvin Decker

Karen and Marvin Decker - March 13, 2014 at 02:48 PM

KA

Keith And Dorlene Appleton lit a candle in memory of James William Patterson

Keith and Dorlene Appleton - March 13, 2014 at 02:18 PM

CC

Roger and the Patterson Family;

Sending you our heart felt sympathy in the passing of your dad. He has always held a special spot in our family's heart. We will keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God Bless.

Char Carter
Bob & Blanche Cinotto

Char Carter - March 13, 2014 at 01:00 PM

BV

Our deepest sympathy to the family of "Jim" Patterson.

Our loved ones never truly leave us, they live on in the kindess they have showed, and the love they have brought into our lives.

Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

Ernie & Barbara (Weidner) Viano

Barbara Viano - March 13, 2014 at 10:32 AM

LS

Very sorry to hear about Great Uncle Jimmy passing away. Thoughts and prayers are with Great Aunt Martha and the rest of the family. I know Linda and I enjoyed our visits while we were visiting our Grandma and Grandpa.

Laura (Herath) Schuessler and Family

Laura Schuessler - March 13, 2014 at 10:21 AM

Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James William Patterson.

March 13, 2014 at 08:55 AM

MJ

To all of the Patterson family, my heartfelt and deepest condolences go out to you. Your family has shown my family such love and compassion throughout the years during some of our most difficult times. Please know that I share your loss and sadness. You will be in my thoughts and in my prayers.

Mary (Finn) Jensen

Mary Jensen - March 12, 2014 at 08:09 PM

CM

Roger and Kathy, so very sorry to hear of your loss, please accept our deepest sympathies to you and your families
Colette (Viviana) Mattes

colette mattes - March 12, 2014 at 06:28 PM

DN

ROGER,KATHY VERY SORRY TO HEAR OF YOUR LOSS . OUR PRAYERS GO OUT TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

DEAN AND JOANN NORGAARD

DEAN NORGAARD - March 12, 2014 at 05:49 PM

LD

Martha and family. I am very sorry to hear about Jimmy. He was a great man and a pillar of our community. I can remember sleepovers at your house and him sitting in his chair and playing hide and go seek in the casket room. I wonder why he didn't boot Carol and I out the door. So sorry Carol. I do have many fond memories of your dad from growing up on the east side. Love. Liz Bunting Dixon.

Liz Bunting Dixon - March 12, 2014 at 05:44 PM

RH

Roger,Kathy and Patterson family...so sorry to hear of your loss...Randy and Lori Hoekstra

Randy and Lori Hoekstra - March 12, 2014 at 01:07 PM

SW

My deepest sympathy to the Patterson family. They are a wonderful family and one of my long time friends, Carol. Thinking of all of you through this difficult time. Susan Schneider Wagner

Susan Wagner - March 12, 2014 at 12:10 PM

MM

Martha and all of Jim's family, Jim was that pesky younger boy down the street, we grew old together tho not in the same town! Didn't see him often but I fondly remember him! My sympathy to all! Mary M. Rossi Murphy

Mary M. Rossi Murphy - March 12, 2014 at 11:57 AM

Love Everlasting Bouquet was purchased for the family of James William Patterson.

March 12, 2014 at 10:17 AM

MS

Martha and family, Although I only met Jim a few times, he & his family are very special to each of us at Santa's Helpers. May God comfort each of you, as only He can, in the days ahead. You all are in my prayers. Mary Shelton

Mary Shelton - March 12, 2014 at 12:25 AM

RF

Patterson Family:

So sorry to learn of Jim's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, sorry we can't express our sympathy in person. God Bless, Ralph and Natalene (Cima) Ferrari.

Ralph/Natalene Ferrari - March 11, 2014 at 11:50 PM

LB

Some of my best memories as a child were coming up to Aunt Martha's and Uncle Jimmy's to spend a few weeks in the summer. Friday nights included "Creature Feature" on TV, pillows, blanket, Dr. Pepper and the smell of Uncle Jimmy's BURNT POPCORN! I still don't know how he ate that. I'll miss you. Linda Way Blesse

Linda Way Blesse - March 11, 2014 at 06:36 PM

RS

Jim Patterson was a wonderful man and he was so good to the community and surrounding areas. He was a delight to know and kindness was his middle name. Rena and Bob Snyder

Rena & Bob Snyder - March 12, 2014 at 08:26 AM