



Martha Mae Patterson

June 30, 1921 - July 4, 2019

Age 98, of Braidwood, IL passed away peacefully, Thursday, July 4, 2019 at Heritage Manor Nursing Home in Dwight, IL. She was born June 30, 1921 in Virginia, IL. She was the sixth of nine children born to the late Daniel Crockett and Elva Clara (nee Miller) Armstrong. Martha graduated from Beardstown High School. Soon after graduation she worked for Douglas Aircraft in Chicago during World War II installing aircraft interiors. She married James William Patterson 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 James 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. Martha enjoyed giving back to the community in any way she could. She was a faithful parishioner of the First Presbyterian Church in Braidwood and a member of the Presbyterian Women for nearly 70 years. She was a former Sunday school teacher, Elder, Clerk of Session, and the treasurer for the Presbyterian Women. Past Matron of Holly Chapter #183 O.E.S. in Braidwood for over 70 years and a member of the VFW Auxiliary in Wilmington. Martha, along with the late Jessie Berg began Santa's Helpers in Braidwood in February 1996, she was also the

treasurer. In her later years, she enjoyed baking sweets for her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She also enjoyed sewing, you could always count on her to fix anything with material. Martha was a kind and generous woman and will be greatly missed by her family and friends. Surviving are two sons, James Robert (Sherry) Patterson of St. Joseph, MI and Roger William (Kathy) Patterson of Coal City, IL; one daughter, Carol Kay (Sam) Bissel of Lafayette, GA; four grandchildren, Lisa (the late Tom) Moro, Holli (Tim) Washburn, Christopher (Christine) Patterson, and Sara (Josh) Foote; two step grandchildren, Tony (Allison) Crone and Adam Crone; eight great grandchildren, Ben and Kate Moro, William McArdle, Steven Patterson, Alex (Chris) De La Rosa, Isaac Sawyer, Lucas and Mackenzie Foote; three step great-grandchildren, Parker, Palmer, and Serena Crone; brother-in-law, Raymond Favero of Braidwood; and numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews. Preceding her in death were her husband of 64 years, James William Patterson whom passed away, March 10, 2014; five brothers, Henry, William, Arthur, Ernest, and Raymond Armstong; three sisters, Thelma Young, LaVerne Way, and Dorothy Zauratsky; sister-in-law, Mary Jean Favero; and brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Robert and Toni Patterson. Funeral services for Martha will be at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home, Braidwood, Wednesday, July 10, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. with Pastor Jan Chandler officiating. Visitation will be Tuesday, July 9 from 4-8 p.m. Interment Oakwood Cemetery, Wilmington, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in her name may be directed to the First Presbyterian Church or Santa's Helpers. For more information and to sign her online guestbook please log on to www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com or find us on Facebook at R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory.

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

JUL 9. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

R.W. Patterson Funeral Home
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Service

JUL 10. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

WD

“ *Patterson Family*
Our sympathy to you on the loss of your beloved mother.
Being a family owned and operated funeral home also I realize the
importance your mom had in the day to day support, tender care
and loving operation of your funeral home.
I'm sorry we could not be with you at the time of the
visitation/funeral but our hearts are with you in your time of grief.
Bill and Pat Dunn
Dunn Family Funeral Home with Crematory
Oswego, IL

William Dunn - July 15, 2019 at 01:31 PM

KB

“ *Kathi Wickman Brewer lit a candle in memory*
of Martha Mae Patterson



Kathi Wickman Brewer - July 12, 2019 at 01:35 PM

BD

“ *Jim and Family,*

So sorry for the loss of your loving and wonderful Mother. My
thoughts and prayers are with your Mother and your entire Family.
My deepest condolences.

Billy Disera

Billy Disera - July 11, 2019 at 07:54 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Martha Mae Patterson.*



July 10, 2019 at 04:44 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the Patterson family. The McPhee family.*

Joseph McPhee - July 10, 2019 at 10:31 AM



“ *Our thoughts are with the Patterson family as you celebrate a life well lived.*

Michael and Norma Keys - July 09, 2019 at 08:37 PM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. Loved visiting with your mom at Heritage while I was visiting my mom, Agnes Starks. She was such a lovely lady. Prayers for your entire family. Tonya (Starks) Van Aken*

Tonya Starks - July 09, 2019 at 04:46 PM



“ 194 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



R W Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. - July 09, 2019 at 11:54 AM

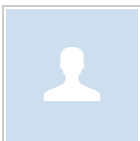
NS

“ *Patterson Family:*

Please accept our heartfelt sympathy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. God Bless.

Natalene Ferrari Schultz and husband Don Schultz

Natalene Ferrari Schultz - July 08, 2019 at 10:35 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Martha Mae Patterson.*



July 08, 2019 at 12:16 AM

LB

“ Our friend had a caring heart, busy hands and a kindness that will never be forgotten. We will always treasure her many years of friendship.

Linda & Gary Bumgardner - July 07, 2019 at 08:41 AM

YM

“ Your friends Carl and Angie Miller purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Martha Mae Patterson.



Your friends Carl and Angie Miller - July 06, 2019 at 01:11 PM

MS

“ I met Martha when Edna Beal asked if I'd like to go with her to Braidwood one Wednesday to Santa's Helpers....said I could just watch & I fell for it! Martha was there working with several other ladies. She was a precious lady, a hard worker & cared very much for those in nursing homes. We were delivering lap quilts, walker pockets & adult clothing protectors to several nursing homes at Easter & Christmas, we now do 12 or 13 & try to keep things running the way that she would have wanted. I was so sorry to hear of her passing. There are so few like her in this world! When she wasn't physically able to come help, she kept busy at home making & doing & we'd stop by to see her & pick up what she'd finished. I pray that the Lord will comfort each of her family members in the days ahead, as only He can, She will be missed!

Mary Shelton - July 06, 2019 at 12:37 PM

BM

“ We were in Eastern Star with Martha. She always was there with a helping hand. A wonderfully person. Also had contact with her when she brought bibs an lap jackets to local nursing homes. She was trully a remarkable person. Breda and Roger Melvin.

Brenda Melvin - July 06, 2019 at 12:20 PM

BV

“ Barbara (Weidner) Viano sent a virtual gift in memory of Martha Mae Patterson



Barbara (Weidner) Viano - July 06, 2019 at 09:28 AM

BV

Deepest sympathy to the family. A very kind and special lady.

Barbara (Weidner) Viano - July 06, 2019 at 09:35 AM

RP

Roger and families thinking of you at this difficult time.

Regina & Paul - July 06, 2019 at 12:26 PM

DD

“ Martha, a great patriarch of the Patterson family for many years. She was always the warm, welcoming lady, who had something nice to say about everyone. My sympathy to the family!

Dee (King) deGroh - July 06, 2019 at 08:17 AM

SU

“ I'm going to miss talking to her, she was such a nice lady. She was so proud of her children. R.I.P. my friend.

Sue - July 06, 2019 at 04:53 AM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Martha Mae Patterson.



July 05, 2019 at 08:25 PM

 Dena Lamb

“ Martha was such a wonderful woman & so friendly. Martha & Jim were always so friendly at the Presbyterian church; they both are missed. Rest in peace Martha.



Dena Lamb - July 05, 2019 at 06:35 PM

DM

“ Doug And Linda Mandat sent a virtual gift in memory of Martha Mae Patterson



Doug and Linda Mandat - July 05, 2019 at 05:31 PM

KK

“ *I am so sorry for your loss!*
Korie Kissiar
Heritage Health

Korie Kissiar - July 05, 2019 at 05:05 PM

JC

“ *Jim And Peggy Cole sent a virtual gift in*
memory of Martha Mae Patterson



Jim and Peggy Cole - July 05, 2019 at 02:58 PM