



## David Arthur Patterson

December 31, 1938 - February 15, 2012

David Arthur Patterson, age 73, died Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at his home. He was born December 31, 1938 in River Rouge, MI to the late Dave Henry and Sarah (Edwards) Patterson.

A resident of Dayton since 1998, he lived in Enfield, Connecticut for 22 years and prior to that in Bay City, MI.

He started working at Combustion Engineering (Wickes Boiler) in Saginaw, MI after high school and graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering from Delta College in University Center, MI in 1974. He moved with his family to Enfield, CT to take a position in the engineering offices of Combustion in Windsor, CT. He traveled the world in this capacity, working in 26 countries. He was a non-destructive testing expert and taught classes in this field. He worked for Combustion Engineering (Alstom) as a senior quality assurance engineer for 37 years before retiring in 1994. After retirement, he was a consultant for Alstom for 12 years.

He was a member of the American Welding Society, American Society of Quality Control, American Society of Non-Destructive Testing and the Knights of Columbus for many years.

He was a member of Saint Bridget Catholic Church in Dayton.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years Carolyn (Matuszewski) Patterson, two sons Robert (Margaret) Patterson of Dayton, and James (Denise) Patterson of Cave Creek, AZ, two daughters Karen Patterson of Amston Lake, CT and Janet Patterson of Dayton, sister Sherrell McCafferty of Bay City, MI, three

grandchildren Rebecca, Amber "Brin" and Colin Patterson, all of Dayton. Funeral mass will be celebrated Monday at 12:00 noon at St. Bridget's Catholic Church with Fr. Sam Sturm officiating.

Please visit his on-line guest register at [www.vanderwallfh.com](http://www.vanderwallfh.com).

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Bridget's Catholic Church Building Fund or Knights of Columbus Council 11424, either of which may be mailed to the church at 320 Walnut Grove Church Rd., Dayton, TN 37321.

The family is being served by the Vanderwall Funeral Home in Dayton where they will receive friends Sunday after 4:00 pm followed by a Scripture Service at 6:00 pm.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **19**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Vanderwall Funeral Home  
164 Maple Street  
Dayton, TN

## Service

FEB **20**. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Bridget Catholic Church  
320 Walnut Grove Church Road  
Dayton, TN

# Tribute Wall



“ We will miss Dave, but he is in a better place now.##imported-begin##Warren E. Dayhuff & Mary Ellen Graham##imported-end##

February 21, 2012 at 08:05 PM



“ We were happy to have known Dave. He was a kind and generous man and we pray you will have peace with his passing. If we can do anything for the immediate family, please let us know. 734-422-1895##imported-begin##Jason & Liz McCafferty##imported-end##

February 20, 2012 at 07:04 AM



“ Dear Carol & Family.....I am so sorry to hear of Dave's passing. He has been a good friend to my parents Fred & Barb Mandley for 50+ years. He also knew my grandparents Warren & Ruth Mandley very well. I know my parents always looked forward to their visits with Dave & Carol when they came to Michigan. He will be greatly missed by our family.##imported-begin##Dean Mandley##imported-end##

February 19, 2012 at 11:09 AM



“ Carol & family we sure miss the good times we had in our back yard and ures.Our thoughts and our prayers are with you and your family Love Kathy & Mike##imported-begin##Mike & Kathy Linnell##imported-end##

February 18, 2012 at 10:03 AM



“ Dave was a good person and a great host, opening his home to his family and friends. And a great soup maker. The world is a little smaller now.

Chuck and Ellen##imported-begin##Chuck and Ellen  
Johnston##imported-end##

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February 17, 2012 at 11:00 PM



“ I sure am sorry to hear of Dave's passing. I miss spending time with him at Bell South Park watching the Chattanooga Lookouts. My thoughts and best wishes to his family.##imported-begin##Lawrence W. Streets (Gonzo)##imported-end##

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February 17, 2012 at 06:49 PM



“ Carolyn, Sherryl & Family,

We are so sorry for the loss of your husband/brotherfather! KNOW that you are in our prayers. We wish we could be there. If you need anything, please call us at any time of the day or night. We love you!!

Love,

Jay & Liz##imported-begin##Jason & Liz McCafferty##imported-end##

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February 17, 2012 at 06:48 PM



“ We are so sorry to hear about Dave. He is in our prayers. We are in Florida and will not be able to attend the funeral Mass, we wish we could be there. Dave was such a hard worker for the church and the KofC. He will be missed.

Shelton and PattyZ###imported-begin##Shelton and Patty Johnson###imported-end##

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February 17, 2012 at 12:10 PM



“ Barb and I would like to express our sympathy to Dave's family and sister Sherrell. Dave and I have been friend's for over 50 yrs. I was also Best Man at his wedding. Dave will be sadly missed by everyone who knew hin. Rest in Peace good friend.###imported-begin##Fred and Barb Mandley###imported-end##

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February 17, 2012 at 09:38 AM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. Dave always put a smile on our faces when he came in for his many dental appts! He was such a sweet and kind man and he will be missed. Praying for peace and comfort during this time.###imported-begin##Staff at Dr Dennis J Van Meter###imported-end##

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February 17, 2012 at 08:36 AM



“ CAROLYN @ FAMILY SO SORRY FOR THE LOSS OF YOUR HUSBAND, FATHER , GRANDPA AND FRIEND TO ALL AT ST. BRIDGET. DAVE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW HIM###imported-begin##JIM @ MARGIE GOODIN###imported-end##

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February 16, 2012 at 06:08 PM



“ We will surely miss David. When we visited last tiime he went out of his way to make you feel welcome. Even though he is in a better place he will always be with us in heart. I remember he took me to help paint a boat for the Knight of Columbus and I had a good time with brother Knights.##imported-begin##Keith & Eleanor Jones##imported-end##

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February 16, 2012 at 05:59 PM



“ Karen and family,

*I am so very sorry for your loss. My most sincere prayers and deepest sympathies are with all of you at this very difficult time.*

*Cheryl Abate, Aetna##imported-begin##Cheryl Abate##imported-end##*

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February 16, 2012 at 03:44 PM



“ Carol, Cheryl and I are so sorry to hear about Dave's passing. We will be out of town until Monday so we won't be able to visit on Sunday but we send you our best.##imported-begin##Larry and Cheryl Roddy##imported-end##

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February 16, 2012 at 03:41 PM



“ Praying for you and your family during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Stuart and Kathy Bacon##imported-end##

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February 16, 2012 at 02:18 PM



“ Thinking of all of you during this sad time... May he rest in peace.....##imported-begin##Martha & Wayne Blair##imported-end##

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February 16, 2012 at 12:41 PM



“ Dear Carolyn and Family,

*I was so sad to hear of Dave's passing. It's been a few years since I have seen him, but my brother, Fred Mandley, always kept me up to date on what and how he was doing.*

*I just remember a kind and gentle man. My condolences to you and your family.##imported-begin##Frank Mandley##imported-end##*

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February 16, 2012 at 11:34 AM



“ Mrs. Patterson, Karen, Janet, Bob and Jim,  
*I am so sorry to learn of your dad's death. I have so many fond memories of him in your kitchen. He put up with us all in your house, making lots of noise. He was a great man and I am sure will be sorely missed. You are all in my prayers.*  
Love,  
*Sue##imported-begin##Sue Drinkwater##imported-end##*

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February 15, 2012 at 09:58 PM



“ *I have heart felt sorrow at hearing of Dave's passing this morning. You know I grieve with you and your family and know your pain. All my prayers for you and yours. With love,Priscilla##imported-begin##Priscilla Barker##imported-end##*

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February 15, 2012 at 08:27 PM



“ *Dave was an amazing man. We will miss his smile.*

*Love and prayers to all the family who lov d him dearly.*

*Bill and Debbie Ward###imported-begin##Bill and Debbie  
Ward###imported-end##*

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February 15, 2012 at 06:38 PM