



## Alice Louise "AliLou" Paterson

August 11, 1924 - January 24, 2022

CHELSEA, MI – Alice Louise “AliLou” Paterson, 97, formerly of Adrian, passed away early in the morning on Monday, January 24, 2022 at her residence at the Chelsea Retirement Community.

AliLou was born on August 11, 1924 in Detroit, Michigan to J. Wesley and Alice Jeanette (Bryan) Dennis. She was the middle daughter in the Dennis family of three lovely girls

AliLou graduated from Central High School in Detroit with the Class of 1942 and went on to receive a bachelor’s degree in Science from Adrian College in 1946. It was during her time at Adrian College that AliLou met her future husband, D. Duncan Paterson, Sr. They were married on June 21, 1947 in her hometown of Detroit. AliLou and Duncan shared 65 years together before his death on July 27, 2012.

Education was always important to AliLou, and she dedicated her life to teaching; earning her master’s degree in Education from Siena Heights University. She taught from 1968 to 1985 and was a positive influence at Lincoln Elementary before she retired. AliLou belonged to the Golden Alumni Club at Adrian College, a life membership at Lenawee County Education Association, MEA, and NEA. She was a member and past officer for the United Methodist Women.

In her later years, AliLou enjoyed traveling with Duncan to Haines City, FL in the winter months and leaving the cold of Michigan behind.

She is survived by her children Cynthia (David) Luchenbill of St. Charles, MO, Patricia Paterson of Dewitt, MI, D. Duncan (Marsha) Paterson, II of Adrian, and J. Douglas (Karla) Paterson of Marquette, MI; grandchildren, Deborah (Jacob Schloss) Luchenbill, Erin (Timothy LeDoux) Luchenbill, Joshua (Melissa) Zeluff, Derek (Megan) Zeluff, D. Duncan (Sarah) Paterson, III, Danielle (Austin) Wagley, Diedre (Chance) Lauver, Kara (Derek) Woodman and Heather (Bryan) Seitz; 17 great-grandchildren and her sister, Janet Douglass. AliLou was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Duncan; a daughter in infancy, Barbara Paterson; and her sister, Margaret Rink.

Following AliLou's wishes, cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 14, 2022 at 11 a.m. the First United Methodist Church, in Adrian, with Rev. Eric Stone officiating. Visitation will be from 10:30 a.m. until the start of the service. Arrangements have been entrusted to Wagley Funeral Home in Adrian.

For those people who would like to watch the Patterson Funeral via live stream this coming Saturday, the url is: <https://vimeo.com/event/2103902>

Memorial contributions may be made to Adrian College or Hospice of Lenawee. Online condolences and memories may be shared at [www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com](http://www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 14. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First United Methodist Church  
1245 West Maple Avenue  
Adrian, MI

## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall

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“*Mrs. Patterson was the kindest, most empathetic teacher a first grader could have. The way she knew just what I needed when I was a student in her classroom has inspired the way I approach my own students today. My condolences to her family.*”

Angenette Kerekes Fudala - February 10, 2023 at 09:55 PM



“*Alice Louise "AliLou" Paterson*”

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“*Mrs. Paterson was like a second mom to me. I remember so fondly the years at Y camp and how the Patersons made each and every one of us campers feel like we were part of the family. I send my love and condolences to the family.*”

*Sarah Freligh*

Sarah Freligh - March 30, 2022 at 05:44 PM

SE

“*Good evening Paterson family. I wanted to tell you all that my thoughts and prayers for your entire family are with you today. Know that Kathy and I send our love. Your family was an enormous positive influences throughout my life in Adrian. Wish you all peace and love. Sam and Kathy Engardio.*”

Sam Engardio - February 02, 2022 at 04:19 PM

DP

*Thank you, Sam. So good to hear from you.*

**Doug Paterson** - February 06, 2022 at 09:14 AM

MM

“ *I have so many happy memories of AliLou! She and Dunc--the whole Paterson family were so close to us, at church, at the YCamp, on Sword highway for so many family gatherings. After Dad passed away, AliLou was a great comfort and friend to Mother. Her smile and laughter, her graciousness and intelligence, will stay with me in my memory. Condolences to her family and comfort in her long, rich life.*

*Martha (Smith) Mott-Gale*

**Martha (Smith) Mott-Gale** - January 31, 2022 at 04:42 PM



“ *She was a wonderful 2nd grade teacher who inspired me to go into teaching as well-she was caring and thoughtful-my condolences to the whole family.*

**Lara Ingham** - January 31, 2022 at 11:58 AM

CW

“ *You were, and always will be my favorite Teacher. You gave me love, compassion and the occasional kick I needed, to help keep succeed. You will forever hold a special place in my heart. My sincerest condolences to the Paterson family. ~Carol (Harmon) Welch*

**Carol Welch** - January 30, 2022 at 10:22 PM

RJ

“ I will fondly remember my time I spent teaching at Lincoln School with AliLou. She was a wonderful teacher and every child who was fortunate enough to be in her classroom received not only a fantastic education but a firm sense of right and wrong. AliLou would not tolerate bullying or being "mean" to other students long before we were talking about these types of behaviors. AliLou was a leader among the staff and a respected colleague.

We are very grateful that our children were able to experience second grade in her class. Their education and future was certainly positively influenced by Mrs. Paterson and her loving and caring classroom environment.

Every person who ever meet AliLou will remember her beautiful smile and thoughtful conversation. The world is a better place because of her. She will be missed but not forgotten.

Ron June

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Ron June - January 30, 2022 at 01:18 PM

AL

“ Dear Paterson family,  
It was always a pleasure to visit with Duncan and AliLou on Sunday mornings after worship. They both were such special people and loved by so many. May the wonderful memories you have comfort you all during this time. Sue and Tim Allshouse

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Allshouse - January 29, 2022 at 08:08 PM



“ Nancy Pellowe lit a candle in memory of Alice Louise "AliLou" Paterson



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**Nancy Pellowe** - January 29, 2022 at 05:33 PM

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“ My most sincere condolences to Mrs. Paterson’s family. She was my home room teacher for 2nd grade at Lincoln. She was patient and always made learning fun. I had given her a snail tape dispenser one Christmas and she had it on her desk for as long as I was in elementary school. In fact, I believe she still had it when I visited while in middle or high school. Please know what a wonderful influence she was to me. I will never forget her and always think fondly of her. God bless.

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**Alicia Moote** - January 29, 2022 at 01:26 PM

BJ

“ Ron and I are so sorry to see the news about AliLou. She was a wonderful teacher and made sure that she taught the 'whole child'. Both of our children were blessed to have her as their teacher at Lincoln and she made a profound difference in their lives. To the entire Paterson family, thank you for sharing her with the hundreds of children she touched. They are all better for the experience. As parents, we are forever grateful.

*Beth and Ron June*

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**Beth June** - January 29, 2022 at 01:24 PM

DW

“ *My sincere condolences to D. Duncan Paterson and family. I have many great memories of time spent with AliLou and Duncan, Margaret R. and Emily K. at the Paterson's Florida home in Haines City and also many enjoyable times here in Adrian, Mi. Rest in peace my dear friend(s). Dorothy Waltz*

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**Dorothy Waltz** - January 28, 2022 at 07:53 PM