



Jeffrey S Patterson

April 15, 1960 - July 27, 2019

Manitou Beach—Jeffrey S. Patterson, 59, of Manitou Beach, passed away Saturday, July 27, 2019, at his home under the loving care of his family and assisted by Hospice of Lenawee.

He was born on April 15, 1960, to Jack and Char (Cadmus) Patterson in Tecumseh. On August 3, 1985, he married Mary Lou Mitchell on Mackinac Island. After graduating from Adrian High School in 1978, he received his undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan and his MBA from Western Michigan University. Jeff was the Senior Vice President and CFO of Gleaner Life Insurance Society for 32 years until he became ill in December of 2017. Besides being a huge Michigan fan, Jeff enjoyed golfing, Devil's Lake, and most of all spending time with his loving family.

In addition to his wife of 34 years, Mary Lou, he is survived by his mother, Char; his children, Zachary Mitchell (Stephanie) Patterson, Megan Mitchell (Ethan) Brooks, Max Mitchell (Samantha Diehl) Patterson; his brother, Ric (Jeanne) Patterson and grandchildren, Jack, Ella, Ben, Luca, Atlee, and Baker.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jack and his in-laws, Sam and Nancy Mitchell.

A gathering of family and friends will be from 2 to 4 pm and 5 to 7 pm on Tuesday, July 30, 2019, at Wagley Funeral Home, Adrian. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Lenawee and the University of Michigan Cancer Center; envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com.

Previous Events

Gathering of Family and Friends

JUL 30. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)
1501 W. Maumee St.
Adrian, MI 49221
(517) 263-1400
info@wagleyfuneralhome.com
<https://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com>

Gathering of Family and Friends

JUL 30. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home and Cremation Service
1501 W. Maumee St.
Adrian, MI

Tribute Wall



“ Jeffrey S Patterson

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ Jeff you were not only a great brother-in-law, but a great friend. You let me tag along to numerous UM football and basketball games even taking me to Dallas to watch UM barely get beat by Alabama! Our trips to Maryland were unforgettable, although there are some parts we probably don't remember. Some things people don't know about Jeff were he was a very accomplished elk hunter, having bagged a beauty on I75 north heading to our family's cottage. Or that he was a great DJ spinning discs under the alias DJ Scotty P!

Countless days at the lake where I'm sure I wore out my welcome, but was always welcomed back.

Jeff you were the best husband to my sister, father, brother, son, and grandfather!

R.I.P. my fiend....my BROTHER,

SAM

sam mitchell - July 31, 2019 at 12:15 PM

TH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Jeff and I did not graduate in the same class nor did we do lots of things together when we were in high school. Heck, we are even fans of the same school...Go Green! But, I can say without a doubt that Jeff was always a person who gave out great advice and treated everyone with the utmost respect. I appreciate all the words of wisdom he shared with me in the past and know that God will welcome him with open arms to the kingdom. My prayers and love go out to the family and stay strong.

Troy Henagan

troy henagan - July 30, 2019 at 08:42 PM

AL

“ Jeff was my boss for 10 years. He was a great leader, patient, kind, selfless, humble, caring, and respectful always. Someone I looked up to as a person. He would always make sure all of his employees were taken care of and doing well. The last time I saw him was last fall when he stopped in for a few minutes. He was still the same Jeff I always knew and kept his head held high, despite all he had been through. I cherish all of the memories at work that I have with him and will miss him dearly. Allison Love

Allison Love - July 30, 2019 at 10:40 AM

LB

“ Our deepest condolences and continued prayers to Mary & the rest of the family.... I grew up with Jeff as my neighbor in our subdivision, and we went to school together years ago. Although we lived away from Adrian until just recent, I still remember what a stellar and kind person he was! He will be missed by many... Rest in PEACE Jeffrey..

Dr. & Mrs. Lynne (Germond) Blocksom



Lynne Blocksom - July 30, 2019 at 09:58 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jeffrey S Patterson.



July 29, 2019 at 10:49 PM



“ Fall Fantasia was purchased for the family of Jeffrey S Patterson.



July 29, 2019 at 08:34 PM

MN

“ Miller & Newberg purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Jeffrey S Patterson.



Miller & Newberg - July 29, 2019 at 04:03 PM

CF

“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Sending prayers.

Chip Theisen & Family - July 29, 2019 at 03:40 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jeffrey S Patterson.



July 29, 2019 at 02:27 PM

JW

“ Jeff was one of the most friendliest and kindest person I know. I loved chatting with him about University of Michigan sports. I still have a picture in my office when we attended the Brady Hoke Radio Show at the Pizza House. Jeff was a great man. Prayers for the entire family. God Bless. GO BLUE!

Joe Williams - July 29, 2019 at 02:17 PM

AF

“ *AVL Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jeffrey S Patterson.*



AVL Family - July 29, 2019 at 12:18 PM

MW

“ *Deb and I send our deepest condolences to you, Mary, and the entire Patterson family.*

Starting with the hour of Jeff's initial interview, we stood side by side for 23 years. No one worked harder than Jeff, was more loyal and supportive, and was truly my best friend in the office, at conferences and on the golf course. I witnessed firsthand his dedication to Mary and his family, his integrity, and his professional competence.

Deb and I are so much better for having known Jeff.

Godspeed, my friend ...

Deb and Mike

Mike Wade - July 29, 2019 at 11:24 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jeffrey S Patterson.*



July 29, 2019 at 10:52 AM

GS

“ Condolences to the entire Patterson family. I've met Mary once, and wished I had the chance to meet more of the family over the years because he truly was a special person and I'm sure the rest of you reflect his kindness, empathy, warmth and caring. I've worked with Jeff for about 15 years in the capacity of "external auditor" for Gleaner, and I can easily say he was one of my favorite people I have met in my 40 year career. We developed a great working relationship and shared laughs and jabs about many things including kids, grandkids, my Badgers, his Blue. We will all miss him dearly here at Strohm Ballweg across the pond and wish we could be there tomorrow with all of you. Prayers for a day filled with great remembrances and the hope that life eternal brings!

Gary Strohm, Managing Partner
Strohm Ballweg, LLP

Gary T Strohm - July 29, 2019 at 10:47 AM

VD

“ Veronica Dottery lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey S Patterson



Veronica Dottery - July 29, 2019 at 07:38 AM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Jeffrey S Patterson.



July 28, 2019 at 09:35 PM

MP

“ I sit here and think about the 3Patterson men lost in such a short time. They were the best of the best. Uncle Larry loved his time with all of the gang. Fluffy has he called Jeff shared many laughs a Walmpers Lake. In my heart I know that there is a big reunion going on now. I am so thankful to be part of this family. With love to all of you. Be strong. Aunt Julie

Mrs Julie Patterson - July 28, 2019 at 09:31 PM

MP

“ As I sit here and think of the last Two years that Three of the most wonderful men are gone! I try to think of all the fun times spent with them. Our many Walmpers Lake fun. Uncle Larry loved spending time with this gang. I think we all have to know that there is a beautiful reunion going on. My love to the entire Family to which I am a part of. With lots of love to you all. Aunt Julie

Mrs Julie Patterson - July 28, 2019 at 07:36 PM

JM

“ Our sons Mark and Scott and Jeff were great friends beginning in elementary school all the way through graduation. In fact Mark and Jeff were best friends. The boys spent many hours in our backyard playing football, baseball, golf or just playing! Jeff was a fine young man, always polite and respectful. We spent several vacations together and our families truly enjoyed the boys as they grew into wonderful young men. Now as we reflect on Jeff and the many memories he provided, we offer our deepest condolences to Char, Ric, and the family. There is now “another Angel in heaven and one more star in the sky “

Judy and Gary McNitt

Judy and Gary McNitt - July 28, 2019 at 05:10 PM

MP

With love from Aunt Julie

Mrs Julie Patterson - July 28, 2019 at 07:25 PM

KH

“ *Kim Halchishak, Chelsea Gonzalez, Tonya Henson purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Jeffrey S Patterson.*



Kim Halchishak, Chelsea Gonzalez, Tonya Henson - July 28, 2019 at 04:56 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jeffrey S Patterson.*



July 28, 2019 at 03:50 PM

DD

“ *Mary Lou & family,*

I'm so sorry to hear of Jeff's passing. Sending heartfelt prayers for peace and comfort.

Dawn Dozier - July 28, 2019 at 03:42 PM

KM

“ On a more personal level, Jeff and I started working together in 2012 when I was hired by Gleaner. We worked very closely together the past seven years, helping to ensure the Society’s continued success. I will never forget his wry smile before answering a number of questions and saying, “You can’t make this stuff up, Kevin”. Jeff was incredibly knowledgeable of the inner workings of our organization, and did a terrific job balancing the various needs of our Society, its agents, members, and employees. I can honestly say in my 40 years in the life insurance industry, I’ve never met a kinder, more decent person. I guess the apple didn’t fall far from the tree - Char and Jack God rest his soul. I can hear Jack and Jeff already debating the merits of U of M being the favorite in the Big 10 this fall. I will miss you my co-worker and good friend. God took one of the best way too early. With the utmost respect and gratitude for a life well lived and a career well done, Kevin Marti and Korinne too.

Kevin Marti - July 28, 2019 at 02:11 PM

KM

“ On behalf of a grateful Society, its members, its Board of Directors, the Senior Management Team of which Jeff was an important part, and all our employees and business partners who both worked with, and grew to love Jeff, as we all did, we express our heartfelt condolences to Mary Lou and the entire Patterson Family on this most difficult loss. Jeff’s contributions to our organization will never be forgotten, nor will his engaging smile and welcoming attitude. You will be missed, kind sir!
Kevin Marti President & CEO Gleaner Life Insurance Society

Kevin Marti - July 28, 2019 at 02:01 PM

NN

“ I'll always remember and never forget (thanks Bob U) Jeff's laugh, when he really cracked up. So funny and contagious. Makes me smile every time I visualize it, and will continue to do so forever.....

Nick Nagrich

Nick Nagrich - July 28, 2019 at 12:43 PM

KO

“ Jeffy was such a great uncle! I have so many memories with him and my aunt Mary From my childhood. He babysat me through the 80's then I got to babysit his kids through the 90's. My cousins who were like siblings to me growing up. Even though I probably drove him nuts with all my shenanigans, he was there for me no matter what. I wish I would of been around more lately. My last memory was him texting me back last month when I wished him happy father's day. My heart hurts so much for my family, I can't even imagine. Jeffy you will be in my prayers forever.

katie Orr - July 28, 2019 at 10:57 AM

BB

“ I first met Jeff at Alexander Elementary when he was in 6th grade and I was a first year phys ed teacher. He was one of the nicest students I've ever met. He always had a nice thing to say to everyone. He was also an excellent athlete. We later played softball together in city league for Gleaners. My sincere condolences to Ric and the rest of his family. He will be missed!

Bill Barss - July 28, 2019 at 10:45 AM

MM

“ Jeff always seemed bemused that he had married into a family as large and occasionally raucous as ours and we loved him for it. You'll never hear this from me again: "Go Blue". Mike

mike mitchell - July 28, 2019 at 07:34 AM



“ Bountiful Rose Basket was purchased for the family of Jeffrey S Patterson.



July 27, 2019 at 10:56 PM



“ Summer's Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jeffrey S Patterson.



July 27, 2019 at 10:32 PM

ZP

“ It is with the heaviest of hearts that I am writing this. The world lost one of its best people last night when my father passed away after his year and a half long battle with cancer. Words can't express the hurt and nothing makes that feel better, but I am glad that he is no longer struggling. He was the hardest working, kindest, most loving man I knew and he is everything that I wish I could emulate. He had a wonderful 34 year marriage with my mother that was full of love and happiness. He was the greatest father to Max, Meg, and I. We could not have asked for anything more. He was always there, always patient, always kind, always willing to play with us, and always loving. As we grew up, he was an incredible support and mentor even through the most difficult times.

While I will miss him immensely, the hardest part for me is knowing my children will not have him as they grow up. I had such an incredible influence from my grandfathers when I was a child and it is heartbreaking knowing that my children will not have him any longer.

Even though it was cut way too short, he said to the end that he had no regrets in life. He battled valiantly for the past 20 months against a brutal disease. He didn't let it break him and continued to live his life to the fullest in whatever capacity that was at the time. His last big outing was seeing Bob Seger at DTE last month with his kids and their significant others, a show he had wanted to see for decades.

I am so grateful for him, for the influence he had on me, my mother, my siblings, my wife, my kids, and all those around him. I will forever miss him.

Zach Patterson - July 27, 2019 at 10:01 PM

SC

“ *Mary, please know that I'm am thinking of you and your family during this difficult time.*

Sue Constantinoff

Sue Constantinoff - July 27, 2019 at 07:57 PM

RH

Mary & Family! Loved Jeff since 1975, JV Basketball! May God Bless You & Family, and may God give You strength during this difficult time!..All my Love..... Raymie Hobdy 🙏🙏🙏🙏

Raymie Hobdy - July 28, 2019 at 05:22 PM