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George Raymond Patterson, 90, peacefully passed away on October 28th, 2013 at Signature Healthcare in Memphis Tennessee. George was born December 16, 1922, to Arthur Calloway Patterson and Sallie Palmer Patterson in Strawberry Plains, Tennessee. His mother died in his infancy, and he was blessed by his father's marriage to Flora Patterson, who made the family whole. Life on the family farm was rigorous and made worse by the Great Depression. George shouldered a full share from an early age and took to heart the lessons learned from hard labor and challenging circumstances. He had a vision beyond subsistence, however. At a time and in a society when eighth grade was considered all that was necessary, and after which there was no paternal support, George resolved to go further. He worked during the summers, above and beyond his ordinary chores, to finance his secondary education. He paid for his books and school clothes with his hands, his back and his sweat while graduating from high school as president of his senior class. When World War II came, he endured a North Atlantic crossing and served honorably in the United States Army. After the peace, he returned to the States and studied at the University of Tennessee, where he cemented his life-long fervor for its football team. George began his business career as co-owner of a general store, but soon migrated to the electrical supply business with Westinghouse and General Electric corporations. He would later branch out in his professional career by becoming a founding partner of Factory Sales Agency. Relocating from Knoxville to Memphis George built a thriving business, playing a role in many landmark commercial developments. He was a member of the Memphis Electric League, and the Illuminating Engineering Society. While at Factory Sales Agency, he represented some of the top commercial and industrial lighting companies in the lighting industry. He was liked and respected throughout the lighting community by customers and competitors alike. His positive attitude and love of life were traits that



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George exhibited every day. Early in his career George married Kathryn Moore Patterson. He is survived by her, their children Amy Patterson Jeffries (Jim) and C. Richard Patterson (Helen), four granddaughters Anne Patterson (Curt) Weaver, Katherine Patterson Griffin (Grant), Sarah Reynolds Patterson, Margaret Britt Patterson and two great grandsons. Thomas Schoch Weaver, William Reynolds Griffin In 1981 George married Mary Lee Patterson and lovingly embraced her children Linda (Gary), John (Deborah Sue), Steve (Connie) and Laura. He is survived by them along with five grandchildren, Abby Lee, John Harlan Fields (Camie), Richard Mathew Fields (Brooke), John A. Lee III, Eugenia "Genie" Lockwood (Alex) and six great grandchildren, Isabella Lee, Harlan Fields, Callie Fields, Hayden Fields, Lainey Fields, Mary Fields, Roman Lockwood George and Mary's life together was one of deep devotion and commitment to each other. They shared their life with family and a host of wonderful friends where laughter and conviviality were in abundant supply. George will be missed by his family and friends but will be fondly remembered for his infectious enthusiasm and boundless joy of living matched only by his determination that all around him share in it. A visitation will be held on Wednesday October 30th from 12:00 to 1:30 at Memorial Park Funeral Home, 5668 Poplar Avenue, Memphis TN. (901-767-8930) and Thursday October 31st from 12:00 to 1:00 at Woodfin Funeral Chapel 203 N. Lowry St., Smyrna TN. (615-459-3254. Immediately following the visitation please join the family for a graveside service at Maplevue Cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family request donations to Church Healthcare, Memphis TN and/or Trinity Christian Church, Smyrna TN.



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LH

Lloyd H. posted:

Lloyd H. purchased a sympathy card for the family of George Patterson.

October 30 at 5:40 AM

JM

Janet Mruk posted:

Mary and Family & Friends, We will never forget George, the fun and joy he brought to our lives at Germantown Village, I always said I wish I could love life and friends as much as George did, He is a cherished memory and one we will never forget, we all lost a great man and a wonderful friend. Paul and Janet Mruk

October 30 at 5:02 AM

DV

Dawn V. posted:

Dawn V. purchased a sympathy card for the family of George Patterson.

October 29 at 3:54 PM

MP

Memorial Park posted:

Teleflora's Sentimental Dreams was purchased for the family of George Patterson.

October 29 at 6:51 AM

SE

S. Elaine posted:

To the Patterson family, I read with sadness of your loss. Please know you have my deepest condolences. May the sadness that you feel be comforted by your many cherished memories and the warmth of family and friends. Please remember that you can always lean on your Heavenly Father for support. He is a comforter of all those who mourn. In His Word the Bible, He tells us to throw all our anxiety upon Him, because He cares for us, 1Peter 5:7. Isaiah 41:10. He also tells us of a brighter future when our loved ones will awake from their restful sleep to enjoy life in paradise. John 11:11; John 6:40; Revelation 21:3, 4. Many are finding solace in this promise. I pray that you will also.

October 28 at 9:57 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring George by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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