



Jerry Patterson

December 27, 1942 - January 17, 2020

Jerry L. Patterson, 77, of Muskogee, Oklahoma passed from this life on January 17, 2020 at Brookdale in Broken Arrow with his family by his side. Jerry was born on December 27, 1942 in Rensselaer, Indiana to Elaine Patterson Stath and Glen Patterson. He attended all 12 years of school in Mount Ayr, Indiana. After moving to Oklahoma, Jerry graduated from Northeastern State University with a Bachelor's Degree in business administration.

Jerry met Caren at a dance. While dancing, she told him she was fourteen. He stopped and told her to look him up when she turned 18 then left the dance floor (He was nineteen). Five years later, they met again then married. After having two little girls, Amy Janelle and Heather Lynn, they decided to move to Oklahoma to finish college. Jerry and Caren both worked in the library and took classes during the day and night finishing their degrees in 1972.

Jerry went to work for Gardner Denver in Pryor, Oklahoma until 1976. He then went into partnership with his father-in-law, Bill Rathbun, in cattle ranching near Haskell, Oklahoma. He ranched until 1995 when a disabling auto accident ended his career due to a spinal cord injury.

He was a family man and loved more than anything to have Amy and Heather with him on the ranch; preferring their company to anything else. He turned most things into teaching moments for them from pulling a calf to playing basketball or golf.

He will be forever missed by everyone who knew and loved him.

He was preceded in death by his father, Glen Patterson; mother, Elaine Stath; and father-in-law and mother-in-law, Bill and Dorothy Rathbun.

Jerry is survived by his loving wife, Caren Patterson; daughter, Amy Patterson Buchert and husband Darrin of Tulsa, OK, and Heather Patterson Talley and husband Jeff of Harrah, OK; grandchildren, Rylee Buchert, Reese Buchert both of Tulsa, OK, Tatum Talley and Madden Talley both of Harrah, OK; and many other family members and friends.

The family would like to thank Good Shepherd Hospice and Jerry's caregivers, Lisa, Hillary (Hickory) and Cody (Coyote) for all of the dedication and loving care.

In lieu of flowers the family has suggested memorials be made to: the Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation, Stem Cell Research at 636 Morris Turnpike Suite 3A, Short Hills, NJ 07078 or at christopherreeve.org/donate, and the First United Methodist Church of Muskogee, Oklahoma at: 600 East Okmulgee Muskogee, Oklahoma 74403.

A celebration of Jerry's life will be 2PM, Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Mike Smith officiating. Honorary pallbearers will be Rylee Buchert, Tatum Talley, Jeff Talley, Darrin Buchert, Ron Hickman, Mark Gelsinger and Jim Burley.

Previous Events

Service

JAN **22**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory
1830 North York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403
(918) 682-1500

Tribute Wall



“ *Jerry Patterson*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *Oh my I am so sorry for your lose Jerry was a very independent person. I took care of him while in Fort Myers. He would talk about his family, and the cat that lived with them. He was a very brave and courageous person even though he was in that chair. He was always positive. I gained a respect for him, he never complained. I truly enjoyed being his caregiver. I felt like a family member.*



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“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jerry Patterson.*



January 21, 2020 at 03:50 PM



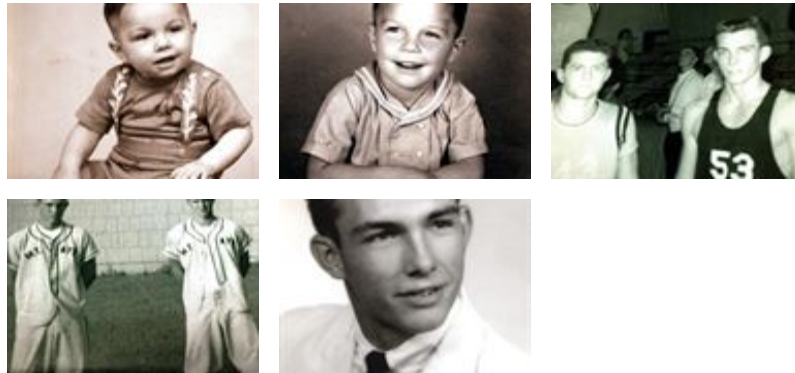
“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Jerry Patterson.*



January 21, 2020 at 03:42 PM



“ 105 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - January 21, 2020 at 11:48 AM



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



January 20, 2020 at 11:20 PM



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



January 20, 2020 at 09:31 PM

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“ After we started driving between Phoenix area and northern Michigan every summer we so enjoyed meeting Caren & Jerry for dinner in Oklahoma. I have known Caren since she was a baby and was delighted that she married such a good man. Know he will be missed by so many. Hugs to the family from Linda & Ralph Lindgren

Linda & Ralph Lindgren - January 20, 2020 at 09:01 PM

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“ I really got to know Jerry when he brought his cattle into the Animal Medical Center when I worked there. Caren had been my teacher and I grew up knowing Amy and Heather. He was the most caring man I think I had ever met. Even though I had a degree I always learned something from him when he came in. He was a very special man.

Carla Dawson Stovall - January 20, 2020 at 05:08 PM

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“ Steve, Shanna, Adam, and Nathan Keiffer purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jerry Patterson.



Steve, Shanna, Adam, and Nathan Keiffer - January 20, 2020 at 02:59 PM

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“ My favorite memory of Jerry was at Jeff and Heather's wedding when he got out of his chair part way down the aisle and walked her the rest of the way!! I don't think their was a dry eye in the chapel!!

Shanna Keiffer - January 20, 2020 at 02:53 PM

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Caren and family, please know that prayers are being sent your way, The Mt. Ayr Alumni will miss seeing his smiling face and greeting all who came. Georgiana Roadruck

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