



Don Thomas Patterson

October 23, 1941 - July 28, 2023

Don Thomas Patterson was born to Thomas and Mattie Patterson on October 23, 1941, in Big Spring, Texas and went to be with the Lord on July 28, 2023. He lived in Texas, Oregon, Turkey, and Thailand before his death in Oregon. His parents, brother, two sisters, and two sons preceded him in death. He married Shawwna Patterson on September 15, 1979. Don raised two families. The first family consisted of five boys; his second consisted of two boys. His sons were: Roy (Kim), Darrell (deceased), Ray (Vicki), Rick (deceased), Michael (Tracie), Zack (Amanda), Cody (Heidi). He had 14 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren (too many to count!).

Don worked as a butcher and then meat market manager for his entire life. He was the youngest meat market manager for Safeway in the Dallas-Ft. Worth, Texas, area at the age of 21. He last worked as meat market manager for Bales Thriftway on Farmington Road in Aloha, Oregon. He retired at the age of 60 due to health issues and to allow his wife to be able to teach overseas. He went with her to both Turkey and Thailand where they lived from 2001-2009 where he took over all grocery shopping and cooking for them.

Don loved to sing, and he was able to share God's gift to him by singing at their church in Sherwood as well as both in Turkey and Thailand. Even though dementia took the words from him over the last few years, we are blessed to know that he is now singing with his Lord and Savior.

Don and Shawwna shared many wonderful years together, and they loved to travel. His last years were spent living on Cody and Heidi's property enjoying

the peaceful surroundings and beautiful view of Mt. Hood. Shawwna's most precious memory is when he said to her many years ago, "No one ever loved you like I loved you." She was able to say those words back to him when she last saw him while he was in his final "home" on earth at the memory care center. We are thankful for his final care with staff at Arbor Oaks Memory Care Center, staff with Beloved Hospice (especially his nurse, Audrey), and Andrea Rouse, his end-of-life-doula. He will be missed by family and friends.

Don's memorial service will be held on Saturday, August 19, at 11 a.m. at Crossridge Church, 23550 SW Pine St, Sherwood, Oregon.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG **19**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

Crossridge Church
23550 SW Pine St.
Sherwood, OR 97140

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“ I will miss you dearly Pop. I remember when we were kids and you would always play catch or shoot baskets with me even when you were exhausted from working all day. You took the time to be a Dad, a coach and teach the 5 of us boys to be men as we grew up. If we had any problems, you made us settle them with the gloves on. I was lucky....I was the oldest, tallest and smartest among us 5 boys! 🙏 You are my one and only Idol Pop and I hate that you're gone but I'm happy that you aren't lost anymore and you and Darrell and Ricky are together again. I will be with you again Dad....but not yet! ❤️

Roy Patterson - July 31, 2023 at 11:33 PM

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Although we never met, I know how much love your family has for you. Your son Darrell used to speak so highly of you and what a great dad you were to him and his brothers. Please let Darrell know how much we miss him and continue to watch over his grandchildren here earth side. You will be very much missed and never forgotten. May you rest in sweet paradise.

Angie Patterson - August 01, 2023 at 04:21 PM