



Norman LeRoy Patterson

June 18, 1941 - August 2, 2021

Norman LeRoy Patterson, age 80, passed away Monday, August 2, 2021. He was born June 18, 1941 in Muskegon, MI to Ralph and Pearl (Nyquist) Patterson. Norm was a 1959 graduate of Muskegon Heights High School. Following graduation, he enlisted in the United States Navy and served on the aircraft carrier USS Independence CVA 62 in the printing division during Vietnam. At age 15, he met and fell in love with his future wife, Mary Catherine Hvizdos, while roller skating and the rest is history. They married on June 29, 1963 in Muskegon at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Norm was a printer by trade and owned and operated Copyplate Printing in Grand Rapids for 50 years prior to his retirement. He was a member of Holy Spirit Parish in Grand Rapids and was a former member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Muskegon. He was also a member of the American Legion in Grand Haven, the Grand Rapids Elks, the Grand Rapids Club of Printing House Craftsmen, and the Walker Jaycees. When he was able, he bowled on a bowling league and loved to golf. He enjoyed watching Detroit sports, especially the Tigers and the Lions. Norm was a very loyal Michigan State sports fan as well as a season ticket holder for their football games. His favorite holiday was Groundhog Day. SURVIVORS include his wife of 58 years, Mary; son, Craig (Diana) Patterson of Birmingham, MI and their children, Sara and Ian; son, Mark (Angela) Patterson of Vacaville, CA and their children, Kamryn and Kaylee; sister, Joyce (Jerry) Schuur of Alto, MI; 2 brothers-in-law: Daniel (Louise) Hvizdos of Muskegon, David (Diane) Hvizdos of Jenison, MI; several nieces and nephews; and a faithful employee and friend, Steve (Patty) Herrmann. The Mass of Christian Burial will be held 11:00 AM Friday, August 6, 2021 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. Fr. Douglas Braun presiding. Visitation with the family will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Entombment will take place at St. Mary's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to the Kirk Gibson Foundation for Parkinson's (<http://www.kirkgibsonfoundation.org>) will be appreciated. Share memories with the family at their online Guest Book at <http://www.sytsemafh.com> Arrangements by The Lee Chapel of Sytsema Funeral and Cremation Services, 6291 S. Harvey St., Norton Shores, MI 49444 (231) 798-1100

Cemetery

Events

St. Mary's Cemetery

1915 Park St.

Muskegon, MI, 49441

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Visitation

10:00AM - 11:00AM

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

150 E. Summit Ave, Muskegon Heights, MI, US, 49444

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Mass of Christian Burial

11:00AM

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Comments



“ Dear Mark, Angela and family,
We didn't know Mr. Patterson, but thru stories know he was a wonderful man. And my goodness a printer for 50 years! That's something special. We wish Ms. Mary and all peace, love and the best memories of the years with Mr. Patterson. Sending big hugs and love. GG & Tim Crow

Gerri Lawing Crow - August 07 at 11:51 AM



“ Norman, was my older first cousin, who was also my role-model. He was enough older that I would watch him play hoop basketball in the driveway, punch a punching bag in the garage and play badminton in the yard with the rest of the “older cousins.” He was always laughing, kind, and brilliant. I was proud of our family and looked forward to our times together. I remember Mona Lake picnics —learning to play horseshoes, and joining the badminton game. Each time, Norm was there, unaware I was watching him effortlessly, joyfully interacting with the family.

Over the years, our family grew and grew; then, it began to shrink. yet, Norm was always there, keeping the family reunion tradition joyful, caring, and fun. Now, while Nancy and I are unable to attend reunions. Norm is still modeling for me the way to move forward.

I shall miss you dear cousin, but I know you will be gathering the Pattersons together for my last reunion when we meet again in the great beyond.

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Christine Reichert - August 05 at 07:50 AM



“ Mary, We are very sorry to hear about Norm passing. I really enjoyed the both of you at the Casino Club Dinner Dance for the Mens Golf Outing. I thought I had a good memory for music but Norm always beat me . That was so much fun! Norm was such a kind person and truly will be missed. Mike and Roxee Warmelink

Roxee and Mike Warmelink - August 06 at 10:38 PM