



John "Pete" Joseph Patterson

July 10, 1947 - September 3, 2026

On September 3, 2026, Pete Patterson, 79, a resident of Centreville, MD and previously of Edgewater, MD passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family, after a hard-fought battle with cancer.

Pete is survived by his beloved wife of 41 years, Karen Brandenburg Patterson; his children, Bryan Patterson, Pam Szymanski (Steve), Kelly Patterson, and Melissa Friedman (Josh). He is also survived by his cherished grandchildren, AJ Szymanski, Trevor Szymanski, Alice Leuschner, Charlie Leuschner, Emmett Friedman, and a baby girl Friedman on the way. He was also cherished and beloved by many nieces, nephews and family members.

Pete was born John Joseph Patterson (Jackie) on July 10, 1947, in Pittsburgh, PA to Louie Patterson and Alice McDonnell Patterson. He was a focused young man who was determined to make a future for himself. He worked at St. Stephen's Catholic Church as an alter boy through his formative years, where his foundation of Christian faith began. He attended Central Catholic High School in Pittsburgh where he played football and basketball and worked after school and on weekends to pay his own tuition.

He attended Slippery Rock State College where he was a devout member of the Theta Chi Fraternity. Upon graduating with a degree in Education, he took a leap of faith and moved to Maryland and began his 30+ year career as an

educator in Anne Arundel County.

He had a special gift working with children and teenagers of all ages, he was passionate about making an impact on children's lives. He had a gift of making everyone feel loved and supported, extending beyond his career and into decades of coaching youth sports. Pete obtained his master's degree in Guidance Counseling and spent many years as a Middle School Guidance Counselor before ending his professional chapter as a Pupil Personnel Worker.

He had a lifelong passion for playing, coaching and watching sports; his enthusiasm for the Pittsburgh Steelers was second to none, but nothing compared to his love of watching his grandchildren follow their dreams.

Pete was an avid boater and loved his time living on the South River and exploring the Chesapeake Bay. His favorite memories with family and friends took place along the water, where Pete was always there smiling and cracking jokes.

Relatives and friends are invited to gather at Centreville United Methodist Church, (608 Church Hill Road, Centreville, MD 21617) on Thursday September 10th for visitation from 10:00 am – 11:00 am, followed by the funeral service from 11am – 12pm.

A celebration of life will be held immediately following the funeral service at Symphony Village Clubhouse, 100 Symphony Way, Centreville MD 21617.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made in Pete's name to either Compass Hospice <https://wl.donorperfect.net/weblink/WebLink.aspx?name=E354255&id=2> or St. Jude's www.stjude.org.

Upcoming Events

Visitation

SEP **10**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Centreville Methodist Church
608 Church Hill Rd
Centreville, MD 21617
(410) 758-0868

Church Service

SEP **10**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JM

“ Growing up with Pete in the Hazelwood neighborhood of Pittsburgh, attending St. Stephen School, Central Catholic High School, Slippery Rock State College and being a Theta Chi fraternity brother developed a long-lasting friendship that has endured throughout the years.

As we both pursued our carriers in education in different locations we always somehow kept in touch.

It is with great sadness that I express my deepest sympathies to the Patterson family. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers as you mourn your loss. Pete will always be my lifelong friend.

Jack Marino

Jack Marino - Yesterday at 07:25 PM

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“ ~ Your Lifelong Friends (M,D,K,S,A,M,C) purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of John "Pete" Joseph Patterson.



~ Your Lifelong Friends (M,D,K,S,A,M,C) - Yesterday at 02:11 PM

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“ ~ Your Lifelong Friends (M,D,K,S,A,M,C) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John "Pete" Joseph Patterson.

~ Your Lifelong Friends (M,D,K,S,A,M,C) - Yesterday at 02:11 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of John "Pete" Joseph Patterson.*



Yesterday at 10:52 AM



“ *Shirley and Alan Delancey and family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of John "Pete" Joseph Patterson.*



Shirley and Alan Delancey and family - Yesterday at 08:59 AM



“ *Shirley and Alan Delancey and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John "Pete" Joseph Patterson.*

Shirley and Alan Delancey and family - Yesterday at 08:59 AM



“ *Should have begun my first memory.
Pete who loved and was so proud of his family and all of their accomplishments.
Such a great husband, father, grandfather, educator, coach and friend who had the honor and pleasure of knowing this unbelievable wonderful man.*

Hugh Gainer - September 04 at 10:57 PM

HG

“ *Pets family, my thoughts and prayers are with all of the family.
My brother from another mother.
Working together at Bates. Studying together for our written comps.
Traveling for visits in W.Va and Md.
Pete coming to WVa for tennis tournaments.
Wonderful being at Pam's wedding.
My basketball coaching partner at Bates.
One of the finest men, I have ever known.
I am so sorry I can not be with the family at the service.
Having my own health issues.
God bless and watch over my brother and forever friend, Pete and
his wonderful family.
My prayers are with you forever and always.
Hugh, Scott Gainer and families
Bridgeport, W.Va.*

Hugh Gainer - September 04 at 10:39 PM

LM

“ *Oh wow....I am just so heartsick for all of you. Pete was such a
special man, husband, father, grandfather and friend to so many. I
will never forget all the chats he and I had while working out at
Edgewater Fitness over the years we lived there. He took Rick and I
around the Chesapeake in his boat. So many good memories. Hugs
and love to all of you!*

Linda Mohr - September 04 at 08:14 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for
the family of John "Pete" Joseph Patterson.*



September 04 at 03:52 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of John "Pete" Joseph Patterson.*



September 04 at 02:51 PM