



Dr. Lawrence Daniel Patterson

August 19, 1942 - July 8, 2019

EASTON – Dr. Lawrence Daniel Patterson, 76, of Easton, passed away on Monday, July 8, 2019, at University of Maryland Shock Trauma Center from complications following a fall.

He was born in Syracuse, NY on August 19, 1942, the son of Anna Burke Patterson and Alexander “Pat” Patterson and grew up in Briarcliff Manor, New York.

After Archbishop Stepinac High School he graduated from LaSalle College and served four years in the U.S. Army, achieving the rank of first lieutenant before receiving an honorable discharge. A gifted teacher, he began his career in education at Great Valley High School in Pennsylvania.

On December 27, 1969 he married the former Susan McDevitt of Drexel Hill, PA. After receiving a master’s degree, he and his wife moved to Lexington, KY, where he received an EdD in Educational Leadership and worked at Jessamine County High School in Nicholasville, KY.

Dr. Patterson and his wife and children moved to Dorchester County, MD in November 1977, when he became principal of Cambridge-South Dorchester High School from that time to 1989.

Following his term as principal, he was appointed to various supervisory roles with the Dorchester County Board of Education, culminating with Assistant Superintendent, until he retired in 2007.

Following retirement, Dr. Patterson returned to teaching at Wye River Upper School. He also became a mathematics tutor and SAT instructor at College

Placement Consulting in Easton, where he developed a program to help students increase their SAT math scores.

Dr. Patterson served on the School Board of Sts. Peter and Paul School in Easton. He spent many years coaching his children in various sports leagues. He was also an avid golfer.

He is survived by his wife of nearly 50 years, Susan McDevitt Patterson of Easton; son Timothy Patterson and his wife Julie Patterson of Centreville; and daughter Laura Patterson Hoffman and her husband David Hoffman of The Woodlands, TX; sister Joanne Patterson Hubertus and her husband Robert and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and other family members.

Visitation will be held Friday, July 12, 6 to 8 pm at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, 200 Harrison St., Easton.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Saturday, July 13, at 10:30 am at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, 1210 South Washington St., Easton.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions for Dr. Patterson be made to the Sts. Peter & Paul New High School Construction Fund, 7906 Ocean Gateway, Easton, MD 21601. <https://ssppeaston.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities/NewHighSchoolConstructionFund>

Cemetery Details

Spring Hill Cemetery

Easton, MD

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 12. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A. - Easton
200 S. Harrison St.
Easton, MD 21601

Funeral Liturgy

JUL 13. 10:30 AM (ET)

Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church
1210 South Washington Street
Easton, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Lawrence Daniel Patterson*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Dr. Lawrence Daniel Patterson*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Dr. Lawrence Daniel Patterson*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Susan, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. You and your family are in our prayers. John Serino*

John Serino - July 14, 2019 at 10:31 AM



“ *Your family meant so much to me as a model as I grew up from high school into young adulthood. My heart is with you now.*

*Sincerely,
Catherine Dent*

Catherine Dent - July 13, 2019 at 06:01 PM

CM

“ Larry was a kind and wise friend and an inspiration to our family during his years as principal at Cambridge South Dorchester high school.

Our heartfelt condolences to his family, we hope loving memories will sustain you.

Robert and Conny Min

Constance Min - July 13, 2019 at 10:15 AM

KE

“ *I wouldn't have passed math without him; truly a great man.*

Kelvin - July 13, 2019 at 01:03 AM

DD

“ *Denise Doyle lit a candle in memory of Dr. Lawrence Daniel Patterson*



Denise Doyle - July 12, 2019 at 02:09 PM

MT

“ *If they need a Teacher picture for the dictionary, his would be a good choice. Truly a gift to his students.*

Mike Thompson - July 12, 2019 at 01:57 PM

ST

“ *Sylvia Trice lit a candle in memory of Dr. Lawrence Daniel Patterson*



Sylvia Trice - July 12, 2019 at 11:37 AM

SP

“ *Sharon Pfef lit a candle in memory of Dr. Lawrence Daniel Patterson*



Sharon Pfef - July 12, 2019 at 11:37 AM

SP

“ *Sharon Pfeffer lit a candle in memory of Dr. Lawrence Daniel Patterson*



Sharon Pfeffer - July 12, 2019 at 11:36 AM

VR

“ *I am so sorry to read of Dr. Patterson's death. My daughter benefited tremendously from his SAT program. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family during this difficult time.*

Vonda Rossi

Vonda Rossi - July 12, 2019 at 06:23 AM



“ *What a kind, brilliant man. Raised a beautiful family. Mentored thousands of students on the mid-Shore! Gone way too soon.*

Julia Foxwell - July 11, 2019 at 10:08 PM



“ *Rita Hill lit a candle in memory of Dr. Lawrence Daniel Patterson*



Rita Hill - July 11, 2019 at 09:04 PM



“ *Paula Broll lit a candle in memory of Dr. Lawrence Daniel Patterson*



Paula Broll - July 11, 2019 at 11:56 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. Lawrence Daniel Patterson.*



July 10, 2019 at 10:25 PM

JP

“ *Dana Raye Mills Larmore*



Jane Phillips - July 10, 2019 at 06:48 PM

PS

“ *PETER SINGLETON lit a candle in memory of Dr. Lawrence Daniel Patterson*



PETER SINGLETON - July 10, 2019 at 06:23 PM

LN

“ *Lora Elliott Newnam lit a candle in memory of Dr. Lawrence Daniel Patterson*



Lora Elliott Newnam - July 10, 2019 at 06:00 PM

SM

“ *Skip & Mary McAuliffe lit a candle in memory of Dr. Lawrence Daniel Patterson*



Skip & Mary McAuliffe - July 10, 2019 at 09:30 AM

DG

“ Larry was a great friend and influence from the time I first joined the Stepinac track team and got to know him. I am thankful that we all had the opportunity to get together again a couple of years ago in Kissimmee

Don Gallagher - July 10, 2019 at 09:01 AM

BB

“ Dr. P was a bright shining light at CPC from the moment we met him!! He brought out the best in our daughter during her time with him...she strove to do better because of HIS encouragement. As the mom, he offered constant realistic encouragement and guidance that is rare to find. He had a mind, stories, and determination that made you want to listen and talk to him well past your "allotted" time, which he never made a priority...it was always about the students and how he could help them. We truly did NOT have enough time with him and he will be greatly missed. Stay strong Mrs. P...he will surely offer you signs that he is still loving on you and your family!!

Bonnie Bassford - July 10, 2019 at 09:01 AM

CW

“ Dear Susan & family,
Please accept my deepest condolences and prayers for Larry, you and family.
Connie Webster



Connie Webster - July 10, 2019 at 08:30 AM

BG

“*Dr. P was a beautiful soul whose enthusiasm for helping his students never waned. Each day he would bound across the parking lot, chide me for not turning our lobby marker to "in" and joyfully ask "Who do I get to see today?"*

Never to remain sendentary spiritually, mentally or physically, Dr. P plowed through Soduko puzzles, embraced new ideas and technology, sprinted towards the altar as a Eucharistic Minister, supported all educators that sought counsel and sometimes crushed it on the golf course.

I will miss his stories of working in the hair dye factory, serving in the military, cheering his daughter Laura at Notre Dame and on the golf course, rooting on Tim during a CSD soccer game or at the USNA.

His marriage to Susan is one to exemplify as patience and kindness always won the day and forged an unbreakable 50 year bond.

*Dr. P you are already terribly missed yet we find solace in our faith that you are in Heaven and we will see your beautiful smile again.
All my love.*

Betsy Greaney

Betsy Greaney - July 10, 2019 at 07:11 AM



Mindy
Smith

Perfectly said!

Mindy Smith - July 10, 2019 at 09:55 AM

PF

“ *Phil Foster lit a candle in memory of Dr. Lawrence Daniel Patterson*



Phil Foster - July 10, 2019 at 03:38 AM

DO

“ *Dr. Patterson, you touched so many students over your many years of service, and your professional legacy lives through all of us. Mrs. Patterson, Laura and Tim, you have my deepest sympathies and are in our prayers.*



Donna (McWilliams) Orr and Richard Orr - July 09, 2019 at 07:54 PM

WR

“ *Wanda Ruark lit a candle in memory of Dr. Lawrence Daniel Patterson*



Wanda Ruark - July 09, 2019 at 06:52 PM