



## Marian Ellen Patterson

June 19, 1926 - September 20, 2021

Delegate Marian L. Patterson (Midge) was born on June 19, 1926, in Wilmington, Delaware to the late John and Reba Fisher Leach. She earned a bachelor's degree in Political Science from Goddard College and dedicated her life to public service. On September 29th, 1947, she married David Alan Patterson. They raised a daughter, Susan, and son, David Jr, and were married for 60 years before David Sr, passed away.

She was active in many political campaigns, was a member of the League of Women's Voters, served on many commissions and committees at both local and state levels and worked eight years for the National Conference of Christians and Jews. She served one term in the Maryland House of Delegates and then was appointed as Maryland's Deputy Secretary of State during the Hughes administration. Once "retired" she and Dave moved to Princess Anne where she soon became a Town Commissioner. She also served on the Princess Anne Historic District Commission, Somerset County Liquor Control Board and was instrumental in the development of the Smith Island Cultural Museum which shares the history, culture, and traditions of the Smith Island watermen.

Marian had a passion for reading, collecting antiques, and gardening. She participated in the Princess Anne Garden Club and Historical Society. Many who passed by her historic home, built in the 1850's, complimented her

gardens which were composed of colorful beds with unique textures that bloomed throughout the seasons. Passersby might also have noticed either of two loyal companions Charlie Brown, standard poodle, or Ben, goldendoodle, peaking out of a window as they filled the void after Dave passed.

Marian enjoyed spending time with her five granddaughters and welcoming seven great grandchildren to the family. She is survived by her daughter Susan (James) Wilson; Son David (Jeanine) Patterson: 5 granddaughters: Christine (Aaron) Mendenhall, Natalie (Daniel) Chavez, Tiffany (Noah) Bankhurst, Miranda (Andreas) Meiseingseth, Chelsea (Orlando) Ramirez; 5 great grandsons (Jacob, Evan, Teddy, Levi, Santiago) and 2 great granddaughters (Avery, Artemisia).

Memorial contributions in Marian's name can be made to: Friends of Queen Anne's County Library, (<https://friendsofqaclibrary.org/donate>) or Smith Island Cultural Center (<http://smithisland.org>).

For online condolences please go to [www.fhnfuneralhome.com](http://www.fhnfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Marian Ellen Patterson*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Marian Ellen Patterson*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM

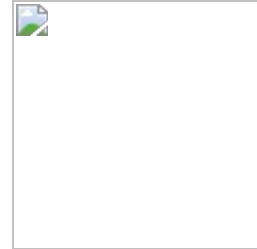


“ *Marian Ellen Patterson*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *To the family of Midge,  
It was my pleasure to spend some time with Midge the last few years. She shared many fascinating stories of her life from early childhood, young adulthood, and each period of her life. She lived an exciting, meaningful adventure. Midge left a lasting imprint on me and I'll forever cherish our time together. My thoughts are with you.*



**Gina Anawalt** - October 04, 2021 at 10:35 AM



“ *The Queenstown Landing Family is so grateful to have had Midge as one of our original residents. Our love and fondness for Midge, Sue and Jim runs deep. We miss her, but remain joyful to have had her as part of our family.*

**Queenstown Landing** - September 27, 2021 at 09:39 AM

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“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you & your family. I always enjoyed visiting with them and was sorry to loose them as a neighbor.*

*Many wonderful memories from Barbara Hill,Princess Anne.*

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**Barbara Hill** - September 26, 2021 at 07:08 AM

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*Sue and Jim, My sincerest sympathies to you and all your family. Thoughts and prayers are with you. What a wonderful life your Mother had. Faye Tarbell*

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**Faye Tarbell** - September 26, 2021 at 08:51 AM