



Mr. William "Bill" Patterson

December 10, 1932 - January 27, 2021

William ("Bill") Frost Patterson, beloved family man, community leader and man of faith, passed away on January 27, 2021, from complications arising from Parkinson's disease.

Bill was born in Des Moines, Iowa, on December 10, 1932, to Bill and Perl Patterson. He moved to Waco, Texas, as a young boy and always thought of himself as a Texan. After graduating from Waco High, he attended Baylor University where he met his wife, Mary Ann Ragland. Their marriage was filled with love, affection, and joy for over 65 years.

After serving two years in the Air Force, Bill and Mary Ann moved to Gilmer to build their life together. Bill worked in Marshall's department store for many years while growing his real estate and construction company. Through his lifetime, he designed and built over 250 residential homes and various commercial buildings in the Gilmer area, including the development of the Patterson Addition and Quail Run as home for many.

Bill led a very active life with a focus on his family and friends. His passions included playing golf and cards, and traveling with family and friends.

Highlights are a 50th Anniversary cruise with Mary Ann and all of his children and grandchildren, Baylor football and basketball games with numerous friends and family, and regular card games with Mary Ann, and Kenneth and Raye White. At Christmas, he used his wood-crafting skills to make puzzles and games to give his loved ones. Some of his favorite times were holiday gatherings with his family, or summer reunions and sporting events with

extended family members.

Embracing life in Gilmer, he passionately adopted Gilmer High School activities, becoming a life-long Buckeye backer and fan. He supported his children on the field and in the band, and continued to support teams as a season ticket holder and on frequent road trips for football playoff games. Bill was a devoted member and Deacon of First Baptist Church and member of Rotary International. He was a long-standing supporter of the Gilmer Yamboree, happy to contribute to its celebration and charitable endeavors. Bill served as President of Gilmer Yamboree in 1976, and proudly watched 9 grandchildren participate in later Queen's Pageants. He served many years with the Gilmer Industrial Foundation, helping the local business community grow. Bill served on the Board for Gilmer National Bank for 22 years and continued to provide support and guidance as an Honorary Director after his retirement.

Bill is survived by his wife, Mary Ann, his children and their spouses, Tom and Jan Patterson, Elizabeth and Richard Pruitt, Bill and Diana Patterson, and Jim and Kathy Patterson, his grandchildren and their spouses, Chris and Samantha Mason, Evan and Ivy Patterson, Holly Mason, Marshall Patterson, Chess Patterson, Alex Patterson, Graham Patterson and Ally Patterson, as well as two great-grandchildren, Kacey Mason and Madelyn Mae Mason. Bill is also survived by his sister, Dolores Roberts, his brother, Tommy Patterson, and numerous nieces and nephews. Bill will be joining in heaven his grandchild, Will Patterson.

There will be a private family grave site service.

In lieu of flowers, please contribute to charities Bill held dear: the Mary Ann and W.F. (Bill)

Patterson Endowed Scholarship Fund, Baylor University, One Bear Place #97050, Waco, Texas 76798-7050 (or online at www.baylor.edu/give - with notation of Featured gift in memory of William (Bill) Patterson); the Building Fund for First Baptist Church, 304 Buffalo Street, Gilmer, Texas 75644 (www.fbcgilmer.org); or a charity supporting research for Parkinson's disease.

Tribute Wall

BP

“ *Brenda And Monte Pannell lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bill" Patterson*



Brenda and Monte Pannell - February 05, 2021 at 12:53 PM

PP

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.
Terry & Pamela Pyeatt*

Pamela Pyeatt - February 04, 2021 at 09:31 AM

BT

“ *Bill was a fine man, respected by all who knew him. Many of our houses were built by him. Bill and Mary Ann were certainly family oriented, having raised four good kids.
His influence in our community will be missed.*

Barbara and Charles Tefteller - February 02, 2021 at 11:16 PM

PM

“ *My sincere sympathy to family and friends. I knew him as a wonderful man, and faithful supporter of the Upshur County Literacy Program. May God comfort and keep you all. He will be missed by so many. Pam Minton*

Pamela Minton - February 01, 2021 at 12:52 AM

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Elizabeth Pruitt - January 31, 2021 at 02:21 PM

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Memories from Tommy Patterson

Elizabeth Pruitt - January 31, 2021 at 02:23 PM

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“ 10 files added to the tribute wall



Elizabeth Pruitt - January 31, 2021 at 10:49 AM

EP

Memories from Dolores Roberts

Elizabeth Pruitt - January 31, 2021 at 02:22 PM

RR

“ So very sorry for your loss

Robin Rodenberg - January 30, 2021 at 08:49 PM



“ 1 file added to the album William "Bill" Patterson Service video



McWhorter Funeral Home - January 30, 2021 at 04:52 PM

BF

“ I'm so sorry for the loss of this wonderful man. I remember him from the time I was a kid shopping in Marshall's and always admired him and Mary Ann. May God provide comfort and peace to Mary Ann and her family.

Barbara Forrest - January 30, 2021 at 10:53 AM

CT

“ We are very sorry to hear about Mr. Bill, but know that he is rejoicing today. Tom was one of my good friends growing up so I had the opportunity to be around the Patterson family throughout my life. We are praying for all of you.
Charles and Lana Turner

Charles Turner - January 29, 2021 at 06:21 PM

CU

“ Uncle Bill has always been the consummate family man, and passed on his wonderful qualities of brilliant and great sense of humor to all their children and grandchildren! We shall miss him, but his presence will live on in all of us. Big hugs to all our family.

From Caren and Jim Upshaw and family in Austin

Caren Upshaw - January 29, 2021 at 04:04 PM

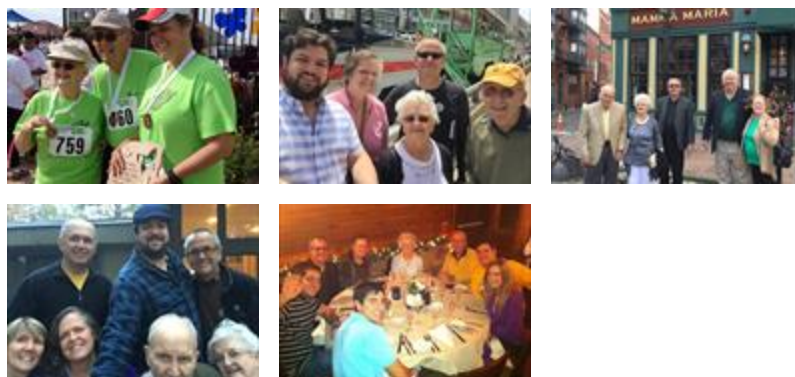
CF

“ Remembering our Beloved Uncle Bill,
Such a wonderful man who produced with along with our lovely
Aunt Mary Ann, a legacy of children/ grandchildren and the
admiration from all with whom he came in contact!! Blessing to Mary
Ann, Tom, Elizabeth, Bill and Jim along with all of your sweet
spouses and children in the coming weeks and years that you will
be comforted by his memory and precious legacy. All our love,
Camille, Paul, Hannah and Laurel Christopher (Atlanta, Ga)

Christopher Family - January 29, 2021 at 03:47 PM

JA

“ 6 files added to the album Granddaddy and Fam



Jan - January 29, 2021 at 03:41 PM

LR

“ Bill found our home for us here in Gilmer in 1977. Later he included
Lora in the real estate firm. He supported us when we built the
Gilmer Inn. He and Mary Ann are so dear to us as well as to so
many others. We will miss Bill and we are praying for Mary Ann and
family.
Lora and Rob Robison

Lora Robison - January 29, 2021 at 01:40 PM

DP

“ 9 files added to the tribute wall



Diana Patterson - January 29, 2021 at 11:21 AM

NB

Mary Ann , I am so sorry for your loss. . May God give you comfort that only He can give.

Nancy Boyd - January 30, 2021 at 10:31 AM



Samantha
Mason

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Samantha Mason - January 29, 2021 at 11:04 AM



Samantha
Mason

“ We love you Grandad! You will be truly missed. Kacey & Madelyn send hugs and kisses to everyone.



Samantha Mason - January 29, 2021 at 11:03 AM

DS

“ Bill was a fixture in our community, and gave back. A longtime Rotarian and golfing friend of our dad, Chester Studdard. We grieve with you Mary Ann and all of your family in this loss.

Dwayne Studdard - January 29, 2021 at 10:16 AM

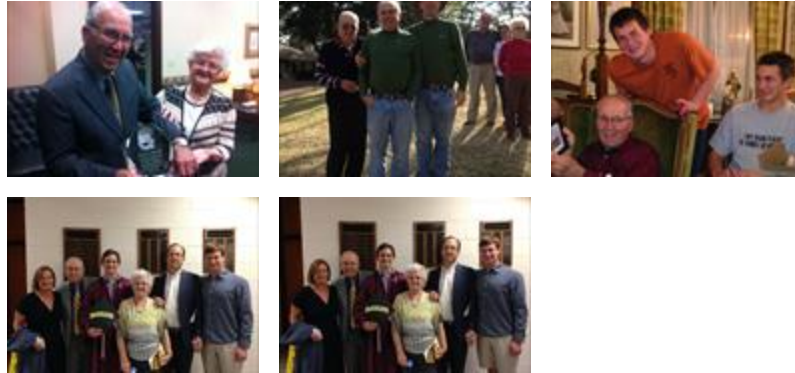
VA

“ The memories of Bill are so many. He was a valued customer of Arnold Furniture, he sold us our first home here in Gilmer, he was brave enough to carry Mary Ann and I along with our Campfire group of girls in their motor home to New Orleans on a field trip, and most of all, he made all the girls a wooden tool to weave out of yarn hot pads which Kay Lynn used for many years. She was always grateful as I am for knowing and appreciating Bill.

Virginia Arnold - January 29, 2021 at 10:15 AM

BP

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Bill Patterson - January 29, 2021 at 09:27 AM

JP

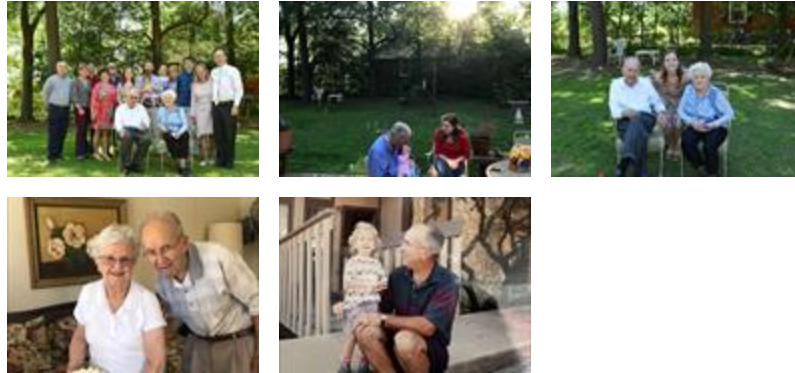
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Jim and Kathy Patterson - January 29, 2021 at 09:24 AM

HM

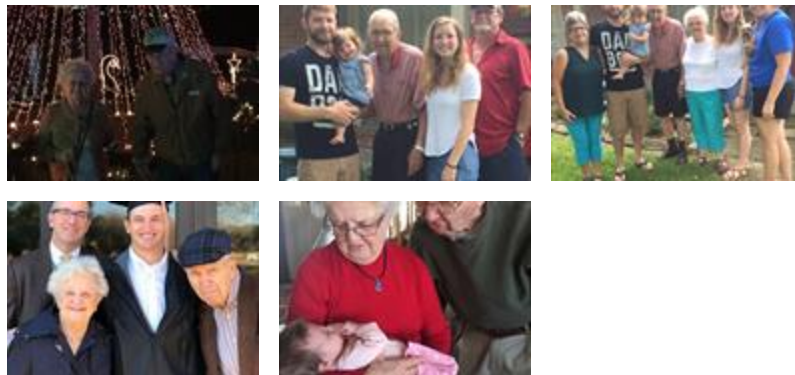
“ Love you granddaddy!



Holly Mason - January 29, 2021 at 09:12 AM

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Elizabeth Pruitt - January 29, 2021 at 09:07 AM

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Elizabeth Pruitt - January 29, 2021 at 08:18 AM

CJ

“ Planet earth has lost a "salt and light" man. I have know Mr. Bill since the 1960s when my daddy built the Patterson's house in north Gilmer. This would be the initial of the first forty-eight residences in this addition that daddy had the privilege of doing the carpentry work for Mr. Bill. I had the opportunity to work in the summers while in high school on some of these projects --- my first public job. Mr. Bill always treated his employees with respect and generously compensated them for well-done work. This work opportunity helped to provide me a means to go to college. I will always feel a debt of gratitude to him.

My prayers and the prayers of our church family go out to Mary Ann and all her family.

Brotherly,

*Charles Johnson, pastor
Rosewood Baptist Church*

Charles Johnson - January 28, 2021 at 10:30 PM



“ Yellow & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. William "Bill" Patterson.



January 28, 2021 at 10:13 PM