



James H. Patterson

January 21, 1931 - April 7, 2025

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of James “Jim” Patterson on Monday, April 7, 2025, at the age of 94. He was born January 21, 1931 in Holly, Michigan to Howard and Shirley Patterson.

Jim attended Adelphian Academy in Holly. In his early years, Jim worked at Holly gravel pit. He later went to work at Consumers Power where he eventually retired after 30 years.

In 1950, Jim married Loretta Stevenson at the Holly Seventh-Day Adventist Church. They went on to have three children, Julia, Carl and Alan. His children fondly remember ice skating, roller skating, tobogganing, and many camping trips as a family.

Farming was Jim’s joy and passion. He helped his dad on the family farm, which he took over in 1979 and continued farming until he was almost 90. Jim loved raising sheep and growing hay. He also enjoyed tractors, cars, and country music. Family and friends often heard Jim whistling or singing, in his deep, beautiful voice. We will miss Jim’s kind heart, caring nature and his wonderful sense of humor. He was also an active and long-standing member of the Holly Seventh-day Adventist Church.

He is survived by his brother Merlin Patterson (wife Mary), daughter Julia

Matousek, son Carl Patterson (wife Teresa), son Alan Patterson (wife Robin). Four Grandchildren: Michael Sarafin (wife Michelle), Richard Sarafin (wife Debbie), Suzanne Patterson Sutherland (husband Tony), and Brandon Patterson; and five great-grandchildren. Jim is also survived by dear friend Judy Achey, sister-in-law Doris Stevenson and many nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews.

Jim was preceded in death by his wife Loretta (Stevenson) Patterson, his parents Howard Patterson and Shirley (Shears) Patterson, his brother Harold Patterson, sister-in-law lone Patterson, Loretta's parents Cecil Stevenson and Onahlee (Lockwood) Stevenson, brother-in-law Dale Stevenson, sister-in-law Joanne (Stevenson) Vermilyea, brother-in-law Bayard Vermilyea, nephew Steve Vermilyea, niece Stephanie (Vermilyea) Wiegold and son-in-law Larry Matousek.

Services will be held at Dryer's Funeral Home 101 1st St. Holly, MI 48442. Visitation will take place on Thursday, April 17 from 5-8 PM. A funeral service will occur on Friday, April 18 at 10 AM with a graveside ceremony to follow at Lakeside Cemetery in Holly, Michigan. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be directed to 3ABN (Three Angels Network) PO Box 220, W. Frankfort, IL 62896 or Adelpian Jr. Academy of Holly PO Box 208 Holly, MI 48442 in memory of James Patterson.

Cemetery Details

Lakeside Cemetery

Holly, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 17. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Dryer Funeral Home
101 First St
Holly, MI 48442
(248) 634-8291

Visitation

APR 18. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Dryer Funeral Home
101 First St.
Holly, MI 48442
<http://dryerfuneralhomeholly.com>

Funeral Service

APR 18. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Graveside Service

APR 18 (ET)

Lakeside Cemetery
Holly, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *Dryer Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James H. Patterson*



Dryer Funeral Home, Inc. - April 21, 2025 at 11:09 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Funeral service James Patterson*



Bruce Dryer - April 21, 2025 at 10:58 AM

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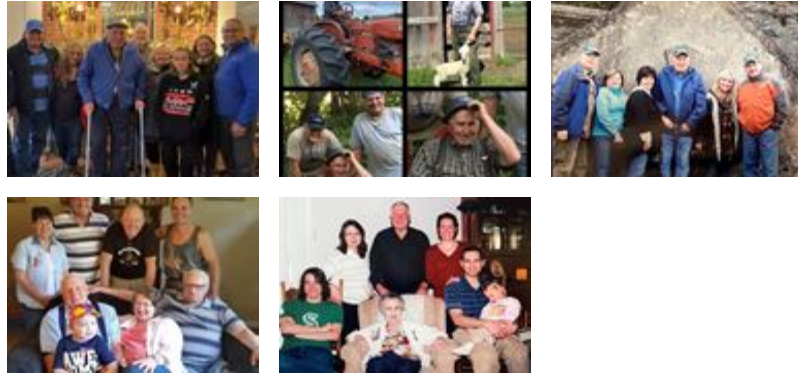
“ *Szynkowski family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of James H. Patterson.*



Szynkowski family - April 17, 2025 at 02:58 PM



“ 8 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Dryer Funeral Home, Inc. - April 17, 2025 at 12:18 PM

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“ *Rich, Debbie and Joey Sarafin purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James H. Patterson.*



Rich, Debbie and Joey Sarafin - April 16, 2025 at 06:04 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of James H. Patterson.*



April 16, 2025 at 04:35 PM



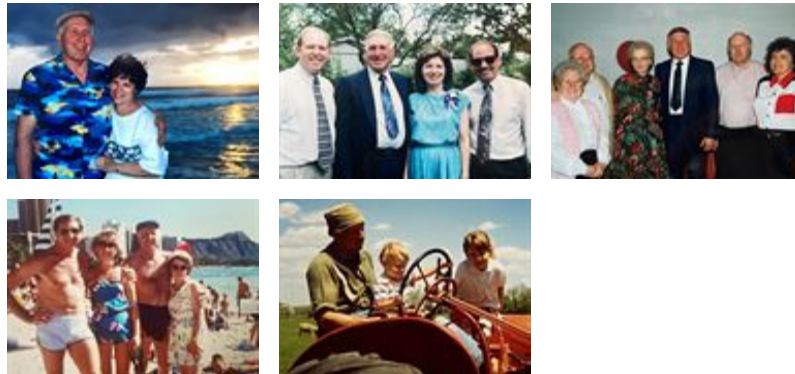
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Dryer Funeral Home, Inc. - April 16, 2025 at 11:56 AM



“ 17 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Dryer Funeral Home, Inc. - April 15, 2025 at 03:25 PM

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“ As a child my memories of Howard , Harold , and Jim bring a smile
Howard with bottles of milk in every pocket for the bottle babies to
Harold not having fun in the hay mow to Jim always making the
bales heavier growing up was the best thanks for letting the
Renusch family be a part

carol renusch - April 11, 2025 at 03:00 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of James H. Patterson.*



April 11, 2025 at 09:15 AM



“ *For those of us who were kids when Jim was very active in Pathfinders in the 1960's, one of the great memories would be of hearing him tell the story/song about Shep, the Dog. We all knew that we would hear that story about Shep on every Pathfinder camp out or Camporee and it was part of the experience of being a Holly Pathfinder. That really made a great memory for me Sue Kirk*



Sue Kirk - April 11, 2025 at 05:44 AM



“ *Connie Davis lit a candle in memory of James Patterson*



Connie Davis - April 09, 2025 at 06:35 PM



“ *I have many wonderful memories of time spent as a child at Uncle Jim's farm! He was kind, a good teacher (I learned all about lambs), and had a wonderful laugh. I look forward to seeing him in heaven someday! Praying for your family as you grieve.*

Tracey Pagels - April 08, 2025 at 11:22 PM