



Robert "Bob" Patterson

October 8, 1946 - July 19, 2024

Robert Eugene Patterson of North Judson, Indiana, passed away on July 19, 2024, surrounded by his loving family. Bob, a native of Greencastle, Indiana, was born on October 8, 1946, to Reba Cronkite and Robert James.

Bob's early years were filled with the simple joys of small-town life. As a young teenager, he discovered a passion for music when he stepped into the piano practice rooms at DePauw University. Despite lacking formal music lessons or the ability to read music, he taught himself to play numerous instruments, including the piano, organ, drums, and trombone, eventually, mastering the art of transposing musical instruments and vocals. His professional music career began at the age of fourteen when Bob joined the John Woods Combo, performing throughout the Greencastle area. His musical talent and dedication paved the way for a successful music career, playing with groups including The Chevelles, The Deltas, The Shambles, Just Before Dark, Rainbow Sunday, Teaser, Acousticats, Three Piece Suit and Classic Vinyl. Bob's lifelong passion for music found expression in his original compositions that reflected his love for life, family, and the contentment that small-town living provided.

In 1965 Bob's family settled in North Judson where he would later meet the love of his life, Barbara Gumz. Their almost 50-year life journey began in 1975 and soon included the addition of their three children, Jonathan, Ashley and Michael.

In 1973, Bob and his brother Jerry partnered to establish Patterson's

Restaurant, well known in the area for its Italian Beef. His love of music continued later in the 1970s with the opening of Patterson Music in Monticello and West Lafayette, finally building his own store in Lafayette. As his family grew, his life became more centered on the needs of the family farm operation.

Beyond his musical accomplishments, Bob was known for his warm-hearted humor, love for life and deep devotion to his family and friends. He found great joy hosting gatherings filled with laughter and music. His love for Barbara was evident in their enduring partnership, marked by mutual support and shared passions. Together, they created a warm and welcoming home where hospitality, humor and kindness were abundant. Bob's unwavering Catholic faith profoundly shaped his life. Confronted with his diagnosis, he embraced gratitude for a blessed life and approached death without fear.

Bob's enduring legacy lies in the joy of music he shared with everyone who heard him perform. His favorite Sunday afternoons were spent making music with the family, recently teaching horn parts to his twin grandsons.

Bob is deeply missed by his loving wife Barbara, and their children—Jonathan (Karin) of Valparaiso, Ashley of Valparaiso, and Michael of North Judson; his grandchildren Edie, George, Charlie and Henry Patterson, all of Valparaiso. In addition to his immediate family, Bob is survived by his brothers Jerry (Lois) Patterson, and Joe and James Cronkite. Bob was preceded in death by his parents and his sister Linda.

Bob's memory lives on through the joy he brought to any room, the lives he touched and the memories he created. He will be remembered fondly for his generosity, creativity and unwavering love for life, family, and the simple pleasures of small-town living.

Visitation will be from 4-8 PM CT Friday July 26, 2024, with a 7:30 PM Scriptural Wake Service and after 9 AM Saturday at the O'Donnell Funeral Home, Inc., North Judson, Indiana. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held 11 AM Saturday July 27, 2024 at SS Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church.

Memorials may be made to the Richard H Gumz Agricultural Scholarship

Fund or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 26. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

O'Donnell Funeral Home, Inc.
302 Lane Street
North Judson, IN 46366
(574) 896-2149

Scriptural Wake Service

JUL 26. 7:30 PM (CT)

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Visitation

JUL 27. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

O'Donnell Funeral Home, Inc.
302 Lane Street
North Judson, IN 46366
(574) 896-2149

Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 27. 11:00 AM (CT)

SS Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church
Keller Avenue
North Judson, IN 46366

Tribute Wall

PC

“ I worked at Patterson Music Center with Bob for 6 years. I just saw that he passed away and want to say I have really great memories of him. He was a great boss and friend.

Paul Chadwick - April 02, 2025 at 07:39 PM

MR

“ A fitting tribute to a wonderful friend. He will be missed.

Mark

Mark Rudd - July 27, 2024 at 09:19 AM

CV

“ The Eagles Nest on Marco Island FL will miss the presence of Bob Patterson. His spirit will be with us forever

Craig Veprek - July 26, 2024 at 03:30 PM

DB

“ David and Isaiah Bowers purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert "Bob" Patterson.



David and Isaiah Bowers - July 26, 2024 at 02:39 PM

JJ

“ Jane Jones purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Robert "Bob" Patterson.



Jane Jones - July 26, 2024 at 11:23 AM

TF

“ The Lee Family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Robert "Bob" Patterson.



The Lee Family - July 25, 2024 at 11:23 PM

CE

“ Christopher E. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert "Bob" Patterson.

Christopher E. - July 25, 2024 at 11:21 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Patterson.



July 25, 2024 at 10:01 PM

BN

“ *Boomer, Megan, and Cooper Nellessen purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Robert "Bob" Patterson.*



Boomer, Megan, and Cooper Nellessen - July 25, 2024 at 06:56 PM

TF

“ *The Pejic family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Robert "Bob" Patterson.*



The Pejic family - July 25, 2024 at 03:38 PM

TF

“ *The Pejic family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert "Bob" Patterson.*

The Pejic family - July 25, 2024 at 03:38 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Patterson.*



July 25, 2024 at 01:53 PM

AF

“ Anastacia and Dylan Duncan & Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Robert "Bob" Patterson.



Anastacia and Dylan Duncan & Family - July 24, 2024 at 06:36 PM

AF

“ Anastacia and Dylan Duncan & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert "Bob" Patterson.

Anastacia and Dylan Duncan & Family - July 24, 2024 at 06:36 PM

TS

“ Thomas Shin purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Robert "Bob" Patterson.



Thomas Shin - July 24, 2024 at 06:02 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Patterson.



July 24, 2024 at 12:02 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Patterson.



July 24, 2024 at 11:38 AM



“ Roderick, Michelle, Richard & Linda planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert "Bob" Patterson.

Roderick, Michelle, Richard & Linda - July 24, 2024 at 11:38 AM



“ Your Indiana Surgical Family purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Robert "Bob" Patterson.



Your Indiana Surgical Family - July 24, 2024 at 09:45 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Good_Times



jp - July 23, 2024 at 03:08 PM

NO

Beautiful memory

Nora - July 23, 2024 at 09:02 PM

RT

“ I am sad to hear of Bobby’s passing. I have fond memories of his family and then his marriage to Barbara and children and grandchildren. I think Bobby also spent time in the National Guard. Barbara- my heart goes out to you because I remember your love and devotion to him. He is now at peace. My love and prayers go out to you, your family, to Jerry/lois and their family and to Joe and Jimmy.



Roy Tolson - July 23, 2024 at 02:28 PM

TF

“ Bob shared grand parenting joy with us. the twinkle in his eye and the music in his soul spilled out to those around him. The world is less without him. Love, Tricia & Buzz in spirit

Tricia Fox - July 23, 2024 at 02:26 PM

LL

“ Love, Tricia, Teresa, JP, Allen, Lindsay purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Robert "Bob" Patterson.



Love, Tricia, Teresa, JP, Allen, Lindsay - July 23, 2024 at 02:16 PM

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“ Love, Tricia, Teresa, JP, Allen, Lindsay planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert "Bob" Patterson.

Love, Tricia, Teresa, JP, Allen, Lindsay - July 23, 2024 at 02:16 PM

JJ

“ It is with deepest sadness that I see that Bob has passed. I don't know that I can think of a time I ever saw him that he didn't have a warm and welcoming smile on his face. I have great memories of him and his band through my high school years.

Our deepest condolences to Barb and his family. Theirs truly was a match made in heaven. May your many warm memories of him give you comfort during this toughest of times.

John and Sandee Jorczak - July 23, 2024 at 09:32 AM

CD

“ Our sincere condolences for your loss May God comfort and give you strength.

Conni Deli - July 22, 2024 at 02:47 PM

MP

Deepest sympathies and prayers to Barb and the entire family. Bob was a very special gifted man. We had some good times dances, cruisin Judson and performing many weddings together.

Margaret Pixey - July 22, 2024 at 02:58 PM

DS

Our thoughts and prayers are with Barb and family. So sorry for the loss of Bob. He will be missed.

Dale & Vicki Sturgell - July 22, 2024 at 08:37 PM

KR

I remember fondly when Bob & Jerry moved to North Judson. In my eyes Bob was like a "superstar" coming to North Judson with his music capabilities. Barb was a younger neighbor from days ago. My deepest sympathy to all. Sincerely, Kathleen Pugh Robinson

KATHLEEN PUGH ROBINSON - July 24, 2024 at 09:06 AM

GA

I met him as a musician playing in various bands and then later would run into him in Valparaiso. He had a warmth and goodness to him...always accepting of others and a genuine kindness.

Gilbert Arzola - July 29, 2024 at 01:45 PM

DC

I met Bob several years ago when he became our keyboardist for Three Piece Suit. He was a very talented seasoned musician . I stayed in touch with him throughout the years and always laughed alot during our conversations. He was blessed with a wonderful wife and great children Bob always set the bar high. Go Rest High Upon That Mountain Rest in Peace Deano and Sandy Coican

Deano Coican - August 02, 2024 at 06:06 PM