



Mr. Delmus "Pat" Patterson

December 23, 1937 - August 27, 2017

Delmus R. "Pat" Patterson, 79, gained his heavenly reward Sunday, August 27, 2017. He was born in Section, Alabama on December 23, 1937, to Emery and Vada Patterson. He lived a life of leadership and service to his community. He loved his Lord, his family, and his church. He was a member of Bethany Baptist Church in Section.

He attended grammar school at Macedonia, Dutton, and Section, as well as Scottsboro High School, Pisgah High School, and Section High School. He was proud to be a member of the first graduating class of Section High School, 1956. In 1959, he served as Chief of the Section Volunteer Fire Department, and worked to help purchase the first fire truck.

After high school, he worked as bookkeeper for Section Gin & Grain Company, and Institutional Chemicals in Chattanooga, TN. He returned to Section in 1965 and was the Sales Manager of Campbell Pontiac-GMC in Scottsboro. While in Chattanooga, he adopted the nickname "Pat" because in his words, "no one could remember Delmus, but everyone knew Pat Patterson." In the early 1970s, he started his own restaurant in Section, The Lions Den Drive-In and eventually turned it into a food truck catering service. In the late in 1980s he began working at Southern All-Sports in Scottsboro, which put him in contact with many youth and high school coaches in Jackson County.

Other than his family and church, his greatest joy began in the fall of 1965, when he began working with the Section High School administration to start a football program. He spent countless hours acquiring used equipment, building community spirit, organizing Sunday afternoon sandlot football games, and building the Section High School football stadium. He organized the Section Quarterback Club and served as its first president. Pat Patterson was a worker and not a watcher. He painted the used helmets crimson and was welding the last hand rail on the bleachers minutes before kick-off for the first game, at home in 1968. Section won.

He was welcomed into heaven by his parents, an older sister Guindola, and his little brother Emery Jr. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Edna Earlene Harris Patterson; daughter, Karen Patterson Reid (Anthony), two sons, Patrick Patterson (Jenny) and Troy Patterson (Jamie); and daughter, Cindy Patterson Palmer (Daniel); sister, Ola Faye Sparks; nephew, Jeff Sparks; niece, Lisa Sparks; and nephew, Steve Sparks; grandchildren, Kyle Patterson, Olivia Patterson, Tytis Patterson, Pepper Patterson, and EllaKate Palmer.

Pallbearers included, Kyle Patterson, Tony Ball, J.C. Manning, Jerry Barton, James Barton, and Gary Kay. Honorary pallbearers will be members of the 1968 Section High School Football team, as well as every player representing Section High School, past and present.

A time of visitation will be held Tuesday, August 29, 2017 from 5-8 p.m. at Scottsboro Funeral Home with funeral services on Wednesday, August 30, 2017 at 2 p.m. at Scottsboro Funeral Home Chapel. Reverend Bobby Hulett and Terry Little officiating. Burial will be in the Old Sardis Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Old Sardis Cemetery

Powell, AL

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 29. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Scottsboro Funeral Home
1502 County Park Road
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Service

AUG 30. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Delmus "Pat" Patterson*

October 05, 2023 at 01:26 AM



“ *Growing up in Dutton, when I was little, the only thing I knew about Section was that it was "the other way off the mountain," and where my dad's HAM radio buddy lived. It was like a foreign language to me, but he and my dad had the best times learning the rules and passing tests to be allowed to talk in this secret radio language. I never saw him when he wasn't smiling. 😊 He was the only other person I knew on Sand Mountain that had huge radio antennas on his house like we did. 😊 I didn't know Patrick or Troy's names until I started high school at Section. They were just "Mr. Patterson's sons," (and, in my mind, were the only kids in Section.) 😊 Our prayers are with your family.
Love,
Angie Sutton*

Angie Sutton - August 30, 2017 at 06:57 AM



“ *I have known Delmus practically all my life. He was a former school mate, wonderful father/grandfather, caring husband, and a close friend. I had the privilege of eating his food from the Lion's Den, teaching 2 of his children and working with his wife, Mrs. Edna. I remember those early football days at SHS when he worked so diligently to add a football program and Quarterback Club to our school activities. My deepest sympathy is extended to his family along with the needed peace and comfort they now need. God bless you now and in the days ahead.--Brenda (Kirby) Brown--Section--class of 1958.*

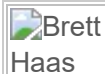
Brenda (Kirby) Brown - August 29, 2017 at 06:21 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Mr. Delmus "Pat" Patterson.*



August 29, 2017 at 05:35 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Mr. Pat's passing. He was a great man and friend to those who knew him and would do anything that he could for them. I remember the days when he worked tirelessly getting the football team, stadium and community ready for the 1st football team at Section. I appreciate him letting me hang out with him and "helping" him when I got into more than I ever helped.*

Prayers for Ms. Edna and the family, God bless and keep you.

He was a great man and will leave a big empty place int the hearts of Section.

Brett Haas - August 29, 2017 at 04:50 PM



“ *Delaine Hancock lit a candle in memory of Mr. Delmus "Pat" Patterson*



Delaine Hancock - August 29, 2017 at 04:10 PM



Such a sweet man. He will be missed by many. RIP Mr. Pat

Delaine Hancock - August 29, 2017 at 04:11 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mr. Delmus "Pat" Patterson.*



August 29, 2017 at 09:04 AM



“ *I owe a lot to Mr. Pat. Mother worked for him when he had his food trucks. He allowed me to work for him during the summer of 1975. It was at this time I made up my mind I was definitely going to attend college. My thoughts and prayers are with you Mrs. Edna and your family.*

Debbie Maness Burke

Debbie Burke - August 29, 2017 at 06:57 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Delmus "Pat" Patterson.*



August 28, 2017 at 02:57 PM



“ *Sorry to hear about Pat's passing. Rest in Peace. Prayers for all of the family.*

Teresa - August 28, 2017 at 01:47 PM