



Mr. David Llewellyn Patterson

July 19, 1943 - December 2, 2024

David L. Patterson, 81, of Nanton, AB passed away on December 2nd, 2024 at the High River Hospital with his wife, Felicity, by his side.

David was born in Calgary, AB in 1943 to Arthur and Theresa Patterson, and grew up on the family farm, homesteaded by his grandfather, near Millarville. David attended Ballyhamage School, riding his horse to the local one-room school until grade 9, when he attended school in Red Deer Lake, then Midnapore, and graduated from Oilfields High School in Black Diamond. David then studied Drafting and Surveying at SAIT before going to work for Midwest Surveys. In 1968, David moved back to the family farm to ranch with his father.

In 1972, David married his verbal sparring partner, Felicity, and a few years later, they welcomed their son, Ian, and then daughter, Cathy. In 1979, Dave, Felicity, and the kids moved west of Nanton where they would make their home and grow their farm along with Dave's brother, Don, and his family.

Dave found great interest in what people were interested in and had an unquenchable curiosity about how and why things worked, a quality that served him well in his decades of creating something from not much while farming and ranching. Dave was a beloved friend and neighbor, always eager to lend a hand, ready with a smile and a wave. He rarely saw an auction sale

he didn't enjoy or an event that couldn't inspire a poem. Dave and Felicity found immense pleasure in travel, both near and far, trekking to East Africa, Australia, Central America, South Africa, China, South America, Europe, and much of the USA. He also made several memorable trips with friends, including the other 2 of the "3-men-in-a-boat," Ron & Jack.

David was predeceased by his parents, Authur and Theresa; his granddaughter Cassandra; and his brother-in-law Chris Thompson; also by Ed Poffenroth.

David is survived by his wife of 52 years, Felicity; son Ian (Illisha) of Calgary and his daughter Cathy Mason (Steve) of High River. Grandchildren Kaige, Atlas, and Kenedii; sister Louise Bruns (Eldon) of Millarville, sister Anne Thompson (Chris) of Millarville, and brother Don (Jill) of Nanton. Also survived by his Aunts Jeannine Lewis (Harold) and Lauren Hitchner (Keith); his close cousin Dorothy Sweeney (Keith); and many other cousins, nieces, and nephews, with a special mention of his nephew Jamie, with whom he enjoyed chatting endlessly about cattle, equipment, and the weather. Dave was thrilled that Jamie, along with his family, is carrying on the Patterson farming/ranching legacy.

David's family would like to thank the staff of Unit 300 at the High River Hospital. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to the High River Health Foundation or the Canadian Cancer Society.

A Celebration of David's Life will be held on Saturday, December 14th at 1:00 p.m. at the Millarville Race Track Hall.

Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River (Craig Snodgrass) 403.652.4242.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

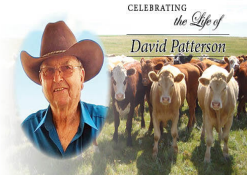
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Millarville Race Track Hall
Hwy 549 W/ 192 St W
Millarville, AB T0L 1K0 (CA)

Tribute Wall



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Lyle Reeves Funerals - December 16, 2024 at 04:49 PM



“ From day 1 in their trailer home Dave always made us Aussies very welcome. More recently our sons Justin & Anthony dropped into the farm any time & there was a beer, a bed & a meal. We have happy memories of trips around Alberta & to Alaska with Dave & Felicity. Wonderful holidays with history, scenery & Dave's unique poetry. Our love to you all Felicity & family.

Margaret Spillman - December 14, 2024 at 03:24 AM



“ Brigitte Tremblay lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Llewellyn Patterson



Brigitte Tremblay - December 12, 2024 at 04:40 PM

DH

“ Donna Hopkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Llewellyn Patterson



Donna Hopkins - December 09, 2024 at 02:04 PM

RM

“ The Patterson family, and particularly Dave was monumental to the Mercier family when we first moved out of Calgary in 1967. I'm sure Dave wondered what the heck was going on with this family, eight kids not knowing anything about ranching. Dave became a mentor to many of us and in particular to our brother Dan. Dave taught him everything there was to know about engines. Dan in turn tried to teach the rest of us. And Dave taught all of us with that little smirk of his. His impact on our family won't be forgotten. Thoughts and prayers go out to the Patterson's' from the Mercier's.

Robert Mercier - December 06, 2024 at 10:34 AM

BL

“ Sending my sympathy to all the family.

Barb Lyall - December 06, 2024 at 09:25 AM

KA

“ Felicity, Ian, Cathy and your families, I am grateful for very fond memories from my childhood. The whole Patterson clan meant a lot to the Mackenzies. Lots of visits, lots of laughs and a whole lot of love. Take care of each other. ❤️

Karon Argue - December 06, 2024 at 03:21 AM

SB

“ Sorry to hear this sad news. Sending thoughts and love from Scotland.

Stephen and Mary Bird.

Stephen and Mary Bird - December 06, 2024 at 01:31 AM



“sorry to hear of Dave's passing

Wally Couey - December 06, 2024 at 12:32 AM

SG

“ Sorry to hear of Dave's passing. He was a nice man.

Shelley Goldbeck - December 05, 2024 at 08:57 PM

RB

“ Felicity, Ian and Cathy.....many happy memories. So sorry for your loss.

Ralph & Brenda Bedson - December 05, 2024 at 03:41 PM

CL

“ Cheryl & Sten Lundberg lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Llewellyn Patterson



Cheryl & Sten Lundberg - December 05, 2024 at 02:07 PM

LS

“ *Linda Schafer lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Llewellyn Patterson*



linda Schafer - December 05, 2024 at 01:22 PM

KB

“ *Kelly Baskin lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Llewellyn Patterson*



Kelly Baskin - December 05, 2024 at 10:54 AM

SM

“ *Our thoughts are with the family as David will be greatly missed. Peter has a lot of memories of when he lived next door with his aunt and uncle and when he drove the school bus. Picnics with the Pattersons were were also a highlight. Dave's love of poetry and his great recitations are also fond memories. You all have many wonderful things to recall of David's time with you. May this give you some comfort and lots of stories.*

Sheila Macklin - December 04, 2024 at 01:24 PM



*Thank you Sheila,
so many of Dad's stories included the Macklins; they were very much like family.*

Cathy Mason - December 05, 2024 at 02:02 PM

VK

“ *Felicity and family,
Sorry for your loss. May your memories keep him close
Our thoughts are with you
Violet and Jerry Kautz*

Violet & Jerry Kautz - December 04, 2024 at 09:43 AM