



Mr. David Earl Patterson

May 10, 1940 - February 17, 2026

It is with great sadness that the family of David Patterson of Nanton, AB, announce his passing on Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at the age of 85 years.

A Funeral Service will be held on Tuesday, February 24, 2026 at the Nanton Community Memorial Centre (2204 18 St, Nanton, AB T0L 1R0) at 2:00P.M. Graveside Service to follow.

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

Previous Events

Funeral Service

FEB 24. 2:00 PM (MT)

Nanton Community Centre
21st Ave & 18th Street
Nanton, AB T0L 1R0 (CA)

Graveside Service

FEB 24 (MT)

Nanton Cemetery
Range Road 282
Nanton, AB (CA)

Tribute Wall



“ So sorry to hear of Dave's passing. I feel as if I've known him my whole life. He was a great and respected teacher of mine, even when he stuck my gum in my hair for the whole day at school. He will be surely missed. My condolences to family and friends.

Sharalee Greene - February 24 at 01:41 PM

KM

“ Saddened to hear of Dave's passing! My sincere condolences to his family! Many great memories of “Mr Patterson “ as he taught myself and also my children. Always a favourite teacher and you certainly couldn't pull the wool over his eyes! 🌸

Kathie McLean - February 24 at 12:29 PM

LF

“ Laurinda will miss our debates on the Voice! I will miss you kind Sir! 😭



Laurinda Flynn - February 24 at 10:08 AM

GL

“ Our sympathy to the families. Hoping your many memories will help to heal your hearts.

Glen and Leona - February 23 at 05:59 PM

JL

“ Sending you all big hugs and our sincere condolences. We will miss David and his wonderful personality. He always lit up the room and had us laughing at his great stories. He was so proud of his family and his legacy will live on with you all. Thinking of you during this difficult time.

Love and Hugs,

Jessie, Bert, Brian, Janice, Brad, Meagan & Aimee <3

Janice Lahoda - February 23 at 01:58 PM

TA

“ Tom & Louise Attwood lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Earl Patterson



Tom & Louise Attwood - February 22 at 08:25 PM

DP

“ My sincere condolences to Don, Diane, and the rest of the Patterson family. It was a real shock when I learned of Dave's passing. I spent most of my teaching career with Dave at JTF, and over the years at the school, we got to know each other quite well. A strong bond of friendship developed, and for me, a good source of advice. Dave was fun to be with, a good travelling companion, and we did a lot of golfing, hunting, and fishing, even going on trips, which often included other staff members. Golfing in Utah and Nevada, fishing at Pacific Coast Lodges, or a well deserved holiday in Mexico. I have a lot of memories about Dave, as is the case with many people that knew him. I am glad of the influence Dave has had on my life.

Dino De Paoli - February 22 at 04:27 PM

TB

“ To Donny and your girls, Diane, Kelly & Jeff and your families - I am so sorry to hear of Dave's passing. Dave was one of a kind, and through his years as a teacher, he touched so many lives in this community.

I understand how much he will be missed by each of you, and I hope your memories of him will bring each of you comfort in the days to come.

Tanis Bailey - February 21 at 03:41 PM

LJ

“ Lynn Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Earl Patterson



Lynn Johnson - February 21 at 01:13 AM

SM

“ Another "one-of-a-kind" gone And what a void it seems to be! Dave always made his presence known by his vivacity and work ethic. He is a part of many treasured memories of my teaching years in Nanton.

Though we were less in contact during the last few years, I always felt that I could call on Dave if the need arose He was a steadfast character.



Sheila Macklin - February 20 at 07:28 PM

RW

“*Condolences Dianne, Don and Family, I was so sorry to hear about your dad’s sudden passing. It’s hard for me to think of him as anything other than “Mr. Patterson”. He truly was one of the good ones. I feel grateful to have been his student and also to have known him as your dad. He was an inspiring outside-the-box educator which is why he was so much fun. His humor and laughter will be missed by all.*



Please know you’re in my thoughts as you remember and celebrate his life that touched so many.

Robyn Wilson - February 20 at 06:28 PM

TH

“*I still fondly remember meals at the farmhouse and the sound of Uncle David’s laugh at event. May your memories also be joyous ones in the years ahead when you think of him.*

Trevor Hinch - February 20 at 05:14 PM

JN

“*Sincere condolences to Dave’s’ family.*



Joanne Notdorft - February 20 at 11:59 AM

BL

“ *Barb Lyall lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Earl Patterson*



Barb Lyall - February 20 at 10:10 AM

PA

“ Dear Don, Diane, Kelly, Jeff, and Extended Family,

I was shocked and saddened to hear of your Dad/Grandpa/Friend's passing. I guess Dave just seemed like one of those people who always was, and always would be a big presence. I am very sorry that I will not be able to attend his service, and be there for you. It is never time to say goodbye to a parent or grandparent. I have known Dave since 1974 when I first came to teach in Nanton. He may have had that gruff, outer shell, but he really did have a soft spot for every student. Who could forget his beyond loud, "Go, Stoney!" And, there were all those productions by Chinook Singers and Players, what roles he filled! I'm sure there was likely some ad-libbing that must have thrown more than one other actor a curve ball! If he hadn't honed those acting skills he could never have disciplined any student with an impression of seriousness! I know Dave, like many of us, thoroughly enjoyed reconnecting with former students when asked, and was able to attend the numerous class reunions. As of late I was sorry that Dave was hard to reach so he could be notified about the retired school personnel monthly chances to reconnect. He has called Nanton home for such a long time, touched many lives through his career, his involvement in the Nanton Boosters, and his days of coaching. He will live on through the memories he has left. Take comfort at this difficult time in knowing that others care for you, and wish to ease your suffering.



Sincerely,

Patty Atkinson

patty Atkinson - February 20 at 12:45 AM

KE

“ He will be missed. I’m so proud to call him “Grandpa”
The stories about his teaching days are very touching, and I love to read them. Grandpa wore his heart on his sleeve and I know he is so proud of each and every student. Thanks to everyone for every comment.

kelly - February 20 at 12:14 AM

WB

“ Sending our deepest sympathy to the Patterson family. I have many fond memories of Dave both as a teacher to Lisa and Geoff, and a Co worker at J.T.Foster during my 5 years in the office in the '80's. Many laughs, and was a friend as well.

Wendy and Merv Brown - February 19 at 11:04 PM

SC

“ I was shocked and saddened to read of Dave’s passing. I always enjoyed our visits. He will certainly be missed by many!

Shannon Cowling - February 19 at 10:49 PM

DY

“ My favourite teacher. I loved his Robert Service poems. He was also an instrumental part of our provincial basketball championship in 1972. From Dean Younggren.

Dean Younggren - February 19 at 10:16 PM

BR

“ So sorry to hear of Dave's sudden passing. He had a special place in our family from being a teacher and mentor to our three children, giving the eulogy at our son Jeff's funeral, to our recent almost daily visits when he picked up or dropped off our neighbor, Donna, after their daily drives. Our sincere thoughts to Don, Diane and Jeff and Kelly
Bob and Jody Roddie

Bob Roddie - February 19 at 08:05 PM

SG

We were shocked and saddened to hear about David's sudden death. He was more of a spirit-brother than a cousin to us, and he will be missed. Dave's energy and humour, his imagination and ability to reach out to others have always been inspiring. We have been blessed to have spent time together with him. Our treasured memories about adventures together and shared stories will provide a legacy for the man. Please accept our deepest condolences for your loss.
Stu and Joan Groom

Stu and Joan Groom - February 20 at 10:45 PM

JH

“ So sorry to hear of Mr. Patterson passing. I was thinking the other day of the song he sang on top of his desk in math class. He was trying so hard to get us excited about math. Sending my condolences to you all.

Jennifer Herman - February 19 at 06:33 PM

SS

“ *Diane, Don & Family, Jeff & Family & Kelly*
I'm so very sorry for your loss. I consider myself one of the many fortunate who hold the memories of Dave from childhood through to now. He will be greatly missed and remembered. May your memories help guide you through this time. My sincere condolences.
Shauna Strong

Shauna Strong - February 19 at 06:00 PM

VK

“ *Condolences Dianne, Don and Family, Jeff, Kelly and Families,*
May your memories keep him close. Rest in Piece Dave
Violet and Jerry Kautz

Violet & Jerry Kautz - February 19 at 04:28 PM

DR

“ *I have had the great pleasure of knowing Dave and family for over 50 years. Through my friendships with his children and Dave/Sharon, I got to know many neices, nephews and In-laws as well. Grew to love them all like family. The Patterson's have always been a congenial and fun loving group and Dave always made me feel welcome and part of every event. I'll miss his louder-than - most voice in a crowded room as people clamour around him to enjoy this gregarious lovely guy.....🙏*

Darren Rogers - February 19 at 02:34 PM