



Harry Edward Patton

May 2, 1937 - January 1, 2021

Harry Edward Patton, 83, of Silex, Missouri passed away on January 1, 2021 at the Mercy Lincoln Hospital in Troy, Missouri.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Bibb-Veach Funeral Home in Bowling Green, Missouri.

Harry was born May 2, 1937 in Corso, Missouri to Lawrence Elmore Patton and Ethel Marjorie (Graves) Patton.

Harry grew up in Silex, Missouri. He attended and graduated from the Silex School system. He joined the United States Air Force, where he served as a Special Vehicle Maintenance Officer from July 26, 1955 thru July 25, 1959. He was honorably discharged and came home to meet and marry his wife, Shirley Mae Patton on June 4, 1960. She survives of the home.

Other survivors include two sons, David Wayne Patton and wife Ana of Fredericksburg, Virginia, and Brian Keith Patton and significant other, Juanita McCall of Silex, Missouri; three grandchildren, Caroline, Adrianna, and Spencer; and one great-granddaughter, Marin. He thought the world of them and would brag to everyone on their accomplishments.

He is also survived by a brother, Lindell Patton and wife Karen of Ellisville, Missouri; sister, Joyce Fischer and husband Bill of Foley, Missouri; brother,

James Patton and wife Linda of Silex, Missouri; brother, Gary Patton and wife Carol of O'Fallon, Missouri; along with many nephews and nieces.

Harry was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Roger Patton; sister, Diane Gullett; sister, Shirley Morris; and an infant son.

Harry worked in different jobs after the service. He worked at the elevator in Silex. He and his family moved to Rolla, Missouri where he drove a truck for the Bow-Wow Dog Food Company for 3 years. He and his family came back to Silex to make their home and he worked at Watson Quarry as a mechanic. He later became the manager of Silex Lumber Company. He was later employed as the Lincoln R-2 School District in Elsberry, Missouri until his retirement.

Harry was a member of Olney Baptist Church and also served as a Deacon.

Harry was a person who had to be busy at something all the time. He was never late for an appointment, and always made sure to be to work on time. If there ever came a time when he would be late to work at the school, they told him to be sure to call so they knew nothing had happened to him. He loved to use his hands doing many projects. You never knew what it was going to be until he was finished. Harry and the family built the family home. Harry loved people and liked to talk. He was always there if someone needed help. The older ladies of the community knew they could call on Harry because he could fix anything. He loved to be outside doing things and as time slowed him down, he could be found helping inside the house, as well as mowing and caring for 4 acres.

Harry was a member of Silex Lodge # 75 AF-AM. He served as a Past Master and Chaplain. He also worked several years as the fish fryer until he had to give it up.

Memorial contributions may be made to Olney Baptist Church or to the Donor's Choice.

Tribute Wall

BK

“ *Betty Jane Kuebler lit a candle in memory of Harry Edward Patton*



Betty Jane Kuebler - January 25, 2021 at 02:01 AM

BK

Shirley, I am so glad that I met you and Harry. May you find peace and comfort in your memories of him.

Betty Jane Kuebler - January 25, 2021 at 02:07 AM

MS

“ *Harry & I worked on the board of the Silex- Millwood fire department for many years. He was always easy going and a good friend. He will be missed by all. My prayers and condolences to you.*
Mike Sullivan

Michael Sullivan - January 09, 2021 at 02:44 PM

MH

“ Dear Shirley,
All my prayers go to you and family. You know that Harry was so special to me. He was always so helpful to Mom and I as we worked with him at Elsberry Schools. Always looked forward to seeing you all at Walmart and chatting with Harry. So glad that I got to talk with you both around Thanksgiving. Harry loved the Lord and always showed it to others. So sorry I will not make it to the visitation or funeral - Covid keeps me at home and away from gatherings. But please know my prayers are with you - praying that our loving Lord with surround you with peace and strength.
Blessings and love,
Marcia Hill

Marcia Hill - January 05, 2021 at 10:18 PM

LL

“ Shirley and family,
I send my deepest condolences and prayers for comfort for all of you. I am so very sad to hear of Harry's passing. Harry was truly one of the finest men I have ever known in my life! I was incredibly blessed that God placed me in Elsberry to start my teaching career with so many wonderful mentors and Harry who took me under his wing. I vividly remember working till 8 or 9 many nights those first two years before driving home to Troy. Harry would always stop in to make sure I had eaten or bring a snack. Before driving 9 hours to see my parents in WI, he would stop to ask if I had gas and enough money for my trip. He even stopped to visit me at school after I had moved to Troy. There are many more memories, but these are just a few that highlight his kindhearted, generous, loving nature.
All my love,
Lisa (Sletten) Larson

Lisa Larson - January 05, 2021 at 09:29 PM

DK

“ I worked at Elsberry with Harry but am also a Silex resident. Harry was a go to worker. If you wanted something done at school - you talked to Harry. Harry also had a special way of building relationships with so many people. He loved to talk and make connections with just about everyone. He will be missed. Deepest sympathy to your family.

Donna Kientzy - January 05, 2021 at 08:57 PM

DM

“ Sending my deepest sympathy to the Patton family.



Debra Mudd - January 05, 2021 at 06:04 PM

SM

“ I was a teacher in Elsberry and worked with Harry for many years. He was one of the kindest men I have ever met. He was a hard worker, but always had time for friendly conversation with staff and students. He often shared his love for God, and his family. Harry will be missed. I'm so thankful I was able to call him my friend.

Stephanie Morris - January 05, 2021 at 05:11 PM

TK

“ I got to know Harry when he worked at Elsberry High School. He was always so friendly and very nice to my daughter. He was easy to talk to and we knew a lot of the same people as I grew up in Whiteside.
Deepest sympathy to the family.
Terri Colbert Kunza

Terri Kunza - January 05, 2021 at 04:24 PM

DH

Harry and I worked together at Elsberry school district, and is one of the nicest men I ever met. He was always willing to do anything you needed, with a smile. Later after he and I retired, I would often see and Shirley in Walmart and catch up. I sure will miss you Harry! RIP dear fellow!!

Diane Hudnall - January 05, 2021 at 04:45 PM

CM

Harry was a wonderful neighbor. He even offered to help me with my husband during his illness. My deepest sympathy to the family. He will be missed.

Carol Mudd

Carol A Mudd - January 07, 2021 at 10:50 AM