



Richard "Ricky" W. Patterson

February 24, 2023

Richard "Ricky" W. Patterson, 67, of Lancaster, passed away at Lancaster General Hospital on Friday, February 24, 2023. He was surrounded by his beloved family as he transitioned from this life into eternity. Born in Lancaster County, Ricky was the son of the late Goldie F. Adams-Patterson.

From elementary through high school Ricky attended the Philadelphia School for the Deaf in Philadelphia, graduating in 1974. Ricky was a die-hard football fan and his favorite team since his youth was the San Francisco 49ers. He loved spending time with his family. He was an active member of The Lancaster Association of the Deaf and Lancaster Moose Lodge 299, where he was on a shuffleboard team.

Ricky enjoyed working on his cars and his van. He was an amazing builder and could fix almost anything. Ricky never allowed his deafness to keep him from enjoying life and living life independently and to the fullest. Before retiring, Ricky was employed with Wilbur Chocolate, Lititz, PA.

Ricky is survived by three brothers, William Patterson (Mary), Norman "Cork" Patterson and Kevin Patterson (Leah), two sisters, Patty "Tiny" Patterson and Carolyn Patterson-Sterling (Danny-deceased) and goddaughter, Sherry Moore. He is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends who loved him dearly. He was preceded in death by his mother and

two sisters, Patricia Monroe (Melvin) and Donna Wright (Clifford).

Family and friends are invited to Ricky's Celebration of Life Service at The Groffs Family Funeral Home, 528 W. Orange Street, Lancaster PA 17603 on Saturday, March 11, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. with Pastor Tyree Sterling officiating. A viewing will be held from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service. Interment will follow at Mellinger Mennonite Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made in Ricky's name to Center of the Deaf & Hard of Hearing, 2270 Old Philadelphia Pike, Lancaster, PA 17602.

Previous Events

Viewing

MAR 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Richard "Ricky" W. Patterson*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Geez ricky i m so glad i got the chance to chat with u on your videophone last january after a very long time no see u we came from same hometown and he was always a gentleman and calling me his favorite girl, we enjoyed chatting as joking becuz i am always a silly lady who love to laugh with him. Oh i will miss him very much dearly.*

"Everyone must die somewhere, somehow, someday. Impossible to avoid death any way."

I guess God is ready for Ricky!

My condolences to the Patterson family

Regards,

Lucy Stork

native to lancaster,pa , currently live in long beach, california



Lucy Stork - April 06, 2023 at 10:50 PM

DS

“ Dear Ricky's family. I just saw this notice tonight (March 8) of Ricky's death. I'm so very sorry for you. I used to be the executive director of Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Services of Lancaster County (1994--2005). Ricky often stopped by just to chat or when he needed some assistance with getting an interpreter. I considered Ricky a very good friend. The last time I saw him was several months ago when I interpreted for him for a doctor's appointment. He looked great at the time and I really enjoyed conversing with him. Ricky always had a hearty laugh and was friendly to everyone around him. He gave me a hug before he left the doctor's office.. Please accept my deepest condolences. God bless you all! --Dr. Jim Schneck

Dr. James Schneck - March 08, 2023 at 09:39 PM

RH

“ Rest In Heavenly Peace Cousin Ricky, you will be Deeply Missed, especially by your Family and Friends. Love You Cuz ❤️🙏

Ricky Henzsley - March 06, 2023 at 11:28 AM

EP

“ I remember Ricky with much fondness. He had sparkling eyes and a great laugh, always making us smile. May his memory be a blessing to all who knew and loved him.

Evelyn Gilbride Pitman - March 02, 2023 at 06:54 PM

MB

“ Hello my name is Mindy Brown I have know him for long time he is very good friend of my husband s and his dad too he is wonderful man ever he love my girls and my daughter Isabella loved Ricky Izzy said that his favorite person and she said miss him he is great man and very good friend of us

Love

Mindy and th girls love you and miss you

Mindy Brown - March 02, 2023 at 05:25 PM

SQ

“ I've known Ricky since we were students at PSD. He was a nice and funny guy and I always enjoyed hanging around with him. Rest in peace, Ricky. My condolences to his loved ones.

Sharon Quintero - March 02, 2023 at 05:15 PM