



## Gene Patterson

May 8, 2012

Gene H. Patterson, 73, of Cape Girardeau, died Tuesday, May 8, 2012 at St. Francis Medical Center. He was born November 15, 1938 in Hayti, Mo. to G. W. and Christine Homer Patterson. He and Yvonne DeLisle were married Monday, March 30, 1964 at Portageville, Mo. Gene was a graduate of Hayti High School. He was President and CEO of River Eagle Distributing. Gene loved spending time with his grandkids and was an avid Cardinal fan. He was a member of Old St. Vincent Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus Council #1111, Thomas A. Langen Assembly, Fourth Degree, Elks Lodge #639, and Eagles Aerie # 3775. Survivors include his wife, Yvonne Patterson of Cape Girardeau; three sons, Shawn Patterson and wife, Kate, Kevin Patterson and wife, Keiki, and Colin Patterson and wife, Kelly all of Cape Girardeau; six grandchildren, Scarlett and Griffin Patterson, Mackenzie and Nathan Patterson, and Casey and Sarah Patterson. He was preceded in death by his parents. Friends may call 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Friday, May 11, 2012 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau. Elks service will be at 5:00 PM. Parish prayers will be at 7:00 PM with K.C. Rosary immediately following. Memorial Mass will be at 10:00 AM Saturday, May 12, 2012 at Old St. Vincent Catholic Church in Cape Girardeau with the Rev. Tom Kiefer officiating. Burial will follow at St. Mary Cemetery in Cape Girardeau. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to American Cancer Society or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Gene's granddaughter Scarlett shares, "Jesus is so lucky he now gets to hang out with Pawpa all day everyday."

Smile because that's what Pawpa would want. We're lucky we have an angel watching over us from now on."

# Tribute Wall

MP

“ Yvonne and family: I just heard the sad news today. Gene was my best friend from about age four until graduation. He and I rode a bus to California in 1957. I am pleased to find he has been blessed with children and grands. I used to see you all at the Memphis Open but I have not been in many years. Gene was a very special person and was a great influence on everyone he met. You are in my prayers.

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**Mike Phillips** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ The Pattersons, Yvonne, Colin, Kevin, and Shawn, My deepest sympathy to you all. Gene was a gentlemen's gentleman. Always smiling and relaxing to be around. He was very proud of his family. He will be missed very much. Take care, Jim

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**Jim Pierce** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HC

“ Our thoughts & prayers go out to the entire Patterson family during this difficult time. May your memories bring you comfort & peace.

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**Hunter & Stephanie Clark** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ Gene was one of the nicest people I have ever met. A genuine, honest man who had a great sense of humor and contagious smile. I will remember his kindness, generosity and friendship for as long as I live. My heart goes out to his loving wife, Yvonne and his sons, Shawn, Kevin and Colin and their families. I wish you all peace.

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**Laurie Klein** - November 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

FH

“ TO Kevin & Shawn & family members. We will miss our dear friend Gene he was truly a great guy. Sorry for the loss. Fred Horrell & family

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**Fred Horrell** - November 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ So sorry to all the family. Gene was a great guy!!!

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**Betty Welter** - November 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Our thought and prayers are with you during this difficult time. You can count on my parents especially my mom and the rest of us if you need anything. Brandon, Stacey, Peyton, Tyson and Cade

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**Stacey Hutchings and family** - November 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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**Bev Wiedefeld** - November 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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GM

“ Gene will be remembered as a kind, good hearted person. He was an Excellent "beer man" who took a non-performing, mismanaged business by the former owner and built it into the marketshare leader. I will always appreciate the trade calls and learning experiences you and Tom provided. You left us way too soon, but, I know you will find an on-premise account up there to make more friends!

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**George M Miller** - November 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“ Please accept my deepest sympathy. I did not know Mr. Patterson personally, but I do know the pain of losing someone you love. May your family find comfort as I have in knowing that our loving heavenly Father promises us that very soon he will 'swallow up death forever, and wipe the tears from all faces.' (Isaiah 25:8) What a wonderful day that will be!

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**K. Jackson** - November 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ WE WANT TO BELIEVE THE UNDERSTANDABLE, THAT LIFE IS FAIR. THAT IF WE'RE CARFUL, WORK HARD ENOUGH, TRY HARD ENOUGH, WE & THOSE WE LOVE, WILL BE SAFE FROM ANYTHING BAD HAPPENING. IT' ONE OF THE BIGGEST QUESTION HUMANS WRESTLE WITH, WHY THINGS SOMETIMES AREN'T FAIR. EVEN THOUGH WE DON'T ALWAYS HAVE A NEAT ANSWER, WE DO HAVE OUR FAITH, FAMILY, & FRIENDS. JUST A SIMPLE KIND OF FAITH THAT SOMEHOW, SOMEDAY, THE SUFFERING WILL END, GOOD WILL ENDURE, PAIN WILL BE FORGOTTEN. WE HOPE IT WILL HELP TO KNOW THAT YOU & YOUR FAMILY ARE BEING PRAY FOR DURING THIS TIME, & THAT OTHERS, SHARE IN YOUR SORROW WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY & HEARTFELT UNDERSTANDING. GENE TOUCHED MANY LIVES, & HE WILL BE TRULY MISSED. MAY YOU FIND COMFORT IN KNOWING THAT YOUR LOVED ONE LIVES FOREVER IN THE LORD & IS IN GOD'S CARE. FRIENDS FOREVER, EDDIE & KATHY

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DT

“ Gene was one of the most genuine and caring people I have ever met. He always had a smile on his face, and was always so welcoming to me, my husband and my family. Gene and his smile will be missed, but we are all lucky to have him watching over us.

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**David and Ali Tyson Taufouu** - November 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ To the entire Patterson family, our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Mike & Laura Kern Family** - October 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Gene was one of the nicest men I ever met. Years ago I was in the liquor business and met him through that. He was one salesman you could trust. He will be missed. My thoughts & prayers go out to all of you in your time of sorrow.

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**Diana Godwin** - October 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Yvonne @ Family: Our deepest sympathies for your loss. May all your great memories comfort you.

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**Don & Betty Dry** - October 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Our deepest sympathies on Gene's passing. Our prayers and thoughts are with you all.

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**Chris & Kim Bader** - October 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ Please accept our condolences. We had many of the same customers over the years and our paths crossed many time. Gene was a true professional as well as a gentleman's gentlemen. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. He will be missed

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**Truman and Ruby Lemons** - October 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

FN

“ Gene was truly a good man whose laughter and sense of the faith will be missed. May he rest in peace! Rest assured of my prayers for you all. God's peace and blessings to all of you.

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**Fr. Patrick Nwokoye** - October 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NG

“ I am sorry to see Gene leave for higher ground. He was very kind to me and had the best sense of humor (Something the boys inherited). A room was a better place when he was standing in it. My prayers to Ms. Yvonne, the boys and the whole family!

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**Nancy Glover** - October 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Thoughts and prayers are with the Patterson family. Gene was a wonderful man whom I had the pleasure of working with.

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**Stephanie Skaggs-Kunefke** - October 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KE

“ It was such a pleasure meeting and working with Gene. His good nature and positive attitude was contagious. He was a great man!

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**Kim Edwards** - October 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ Dear Patterson Family, I am sorry to hear of Gene's passing. He fought the good fight. I will remember you all in my prayers. Please accept my deepest sympathies. Lisa

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**Lisa Sutherland Dowd** - October 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ You all have my deepest sympathy....We ( Me and Jay) loves Gene very much, you were blessed to have a man like Gene in your lives. God must really love your family. Love and prayers for the whole family. Kevin and Colin are probably the only ones who know me, I managed the Keg Shop and knew them and Gene, and was always a pleasure doing business with them...God bless you all

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**Debra Green** - October 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ *What a Great person,you will be missed very much by all that knew you.*

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**David Gaither** - October 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *Yvonne, my deepest sympathy to you and your family, in the loss of Gene. Although, he was he was four years ahead of me in school, I remember him quite vividly, as always being gregarious, and in many ways" Bigger Than Life"... I can't imagine your sorrow, but I pray for peace in your hearts. \*

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**Sandra Gill Sayre** - October 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ *Yvonne, Sons, and Grandchildren. Had the privilege of knowing Gene since we started grade school together and Graduated in 1957. Also in recent years we exchanged emails regularly. He will be missed by many. Our prayers and condolences to the entire family during this time of sorrow. May GOD be with you all.*

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**Larry & Ann Gilmore** - October 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *This Bud's for you my friend.*

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**Charlie Herbst** - September 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Dear Mrs. Patterson, Shawn, Kevin, Colin and each of your respective families; I was very saddened to hear the news of Gene's passing and offer my sincere condolences, thoughts and prayers as each of you deal with what I know are difficult times. I know that Gene will be missed by the many that knew him. With our deepest sympathies, Jim and Jill Thurman

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**Jim and Jill Thurman** - September 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EG

“ I'll always have fond memories of Gene, God blessed us very much and gave us wonderful lives and great families, he will be sorely missed. My condolences to Yovonne and the children. God bless... e

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**Eddy Gurley** - September 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM