



Donald J. Patten Jr.

January 10, 1954 - August 13, 2021

Donald J Patten Jr. entered the presence of his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Friday, August 13, 2021.

Don was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan Jan. 10, 1954. He came to know Jesus Christ as his personal Savior at the age of 6.

He married his sweetheart, Sandi Keen March 23, 1974. Sandi passed away Aug. 30, 2002. He is survived by his mother, Donna Patten and his sister, Lynn & David Kidder. Also four children; Patti & Kirt Stevens, Becky Bartman, Carrie & John Whitehouse and DJ and Erin Patten.

He also is survived by 11 grandchildren and 1 great-grandson to arrive shortly. He is also survived by his wife, Nancy Martyn Patten whom he married April 17, 2004.

He was a local businessman, past owner of Patten Monument and Classic Leasing. He was also Administrative Pastor at Northland Baptist Church, Grand Rapids. For a period of years he was also Fund Developer for Beacon Hill at Eastgate. He became Vice-President of Institutional Advancement at Clarks Summit University in Clarks Summit, PA. He worked for Ace Hardware in Monticello, IN and then in Lakeland, FL. He retired in 2019.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Sat., Aug. 21 at 11 a.m. at North Park Baptist Church, 3365 Coit N. E., Grand Rapids, MI 49525

Family and Friends will be received at 10 a.m.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held in September for family and friends in Lakeland, Florida.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to MARBC.net c/o Ken Floyd, 830 Russwood N.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49505.

Tribute Wall

SC

“ *What a gift for working with people! Don could make connections with anyone, and his sense of humor only made that better. May God's grace and comfort surround you all.*

Sue Cagley - August 19, 2021 at 05:13 PM

KS

“ *Don welcomed me into the family during trying times. Life is filled with challenges, but Don's faith never wavered. Thank you for being an example of Christ's love.*

Kirt Stevens - August 18, 2021 at 08:44 PM

LB

“ *Don and Nancy had us over many times when we were in Clarks Summit together. It was always a great time and Samson was always entertaining. I also remember when we had Jim's high school graduation party and I had just gotten out of the hospital. Don and Sandy came over to help, and Don and Tom made sure I didn't lift a finger to help. There are many things we shared together. Blessings to Nancy and the family.*

laura bevan - August 18, 2021 at 06:04 PM

AV

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Anthony Vincent - August 17, 2021 at 10:42 PM

AV

Don, you a greatly missed! From my time with you at college, I had was able to share many great conversations and memories. One that stands out to me is when I drove to the college during the summer and we went fishing with John Jackson. That was a FUN time catching fish and talking stories. Not only that but I learned about your not so best friend - lightning! After a few encounters with it, you could just sense that it was coming! When the skies were still clear you advise that we head back to shore. Good thing we did because as soon as we got the boat on land, it started pouring and thunder/ lightning. Appreciate you and know that you're having the time of your life with our heavenly Father!

Anthony Vincent - August 17, 2021 at 10:48 PM

AB

I worked for his dad, back in the 60s when Terry and I were in college. We loved his whole family, they were great! I remember one weekend Don and his sister went camping with Terry and I...and we had quite a time trying to meet up with Terry, but it still turned out a fun overnite. Very sorry for your loss, I know how much it hurts..and I wonder if he and Terry (both in heaven) have talked about "remember when"! Ann Bachur, Harrisburg PA

Ann Bachur - August 18, 2021 at 08:28 PM

MH

I was at the cemetery today, and saw that Donnie had passed away. I am very sorry for you loss. Mary (Patten) Holley

Mary Holley - October 04, 2021 at 09:19 PM