



Geoffrey Lynn Patterson

December 27, 1957 - September 9, 2023

Geoffrey Lynn Patterson, son of the late James A. Dixon and Barbara C. Patterson, was born on Friday, December 27, 1957, in Steelton, Pennsylvania.

Geoff, as he was affectionately known, received his primary and secondary education in the Harrisburg School District. He graduated from the John Harris Campus of Harrisburg High School in the Class of 1975. Having a desire to further his education, Geoff matriculated at East Stroudsburg University where he was known as “QP”. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in History and a minor in Secondary Education and Psychology in December 1979. Geoff then received his Master’s of Public Administration with a concentration in Labor Relations and Personnel Management from the University of Southern California in May 1984.

He pledged Kappa Phi Kappa at East Stroudsburg University in 1976 on the “Thumping 13” line. He kept in regular contact with many of his frat brothers who held Zoom calls several times a year. He attended their most recent Zoom call on Thursday, September 7th, where they were planning their next reunion.

Geoffrey had a strong love for the game of baseball and providing opportunities for the youth in the City of Harrisburg. He was a founding member of the Men of the Southeast League Field (M.O.S.E.L.F.) Geoff

served as the Secretary and was instrumental in helping to secure grants that rehabbed ballparks in the city. He was also a dedicated member of the National Forum for Black Public Administrators (NFBPA), where he served in various positions including President of the Chicago chapter in 2002 and on the Board of Directors At-Large in 1997.

Geoff was extremely bright and put his talents to use serving the City of Harrisburg; City of Chicago; Fort Wayne, Indiana Housing Authority; and Philadelphia Public Schools. He had a gift for budget and finance that helped him have a career that included working as the Director of Finance for the Department of Planning and Development for the City of Chicago and Executive Assistant to the City Treasurer in the City of Harrisburg. Most recently, you could find him at the front desk at the YMCA on Front Street in Harrisburg. Geoff loved using his gift of gab for answering the phones, making announcements over the loudspeakers, and getting to know the guys that called the Y home.

Geoffrey transitioned on September 9, 2023, in his home. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Orus D. Patterson and David T. Patterson; his sister, Joyce L. Patterson; and his best friend, Joseph L. Crosson, Jr.

He is survived by his daughters, Ryan C. Maxwell (Demone) and Randi Patterson; his brothers, John N. Patterson, Jr. (Carrie) and William T. Patterson (Vanessa), all of Harrisburg, PA; his precious grandchildren, Ryan II, Jordyn, Braelyn and Victor Jr., including a host of nieces, nephews, and godchildren; his godmother, Abbie Louise Crosson; godbrothers, Jerry Crosson (Cecilia) and Richard Crosson (Sandra); his nephew/brother, Daryl C. Patterson (Michelle); brother-in-love, Lorene Cobb (Alicia), and close friend, Lance "Butch" Burgess.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CLICK ON THE SHARE A MEMORY TAB TO POST VIDEOS, SHARE MEMORIES, CONDOLENCES, REFLECTIONS OR SIMPLY LEAVE YOUR NAME.

Cemetery Details

William Howard Day Cemetery

Lincoln and Carlisle Streets
Steelton, PA 17113

Previous Events

Flower Delivery

SEP **16**. 8:30 AM (ET)

Wallace Funeral Directors Inc.
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Viewing

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Tribute Wall

KD

“ *My deepest condolences to the family.* ”



Karl Dixon - September 25, 2023 at 07:02 PM

FW

“ *My condolences to the family.* ”



Frances Waters - September 25, 2023 at 11:13 AM

FA

“ GEOFFREY WAS RESNIASSANCE MAN,
STYLISH DRESSER, AVID READER, MUSIC
AND MOVIE ENTHUSIAST.



GEOFFREY LOVED TO TALK ABOUT RYAN
AND RANDI. I THOUGH FOR THE LONGEST THAT THEY WERE
TWINS.

GEOFFREY LOVED TO SHARE. I WAS EXPOSED TO WNUA-
JAZZ STATION, GEORGE BENSON, GIBSON, AND KING LOUIS
14, BECAUSE OF GEOFFREY.

GEOFFREY WAS GREAT COOK NOBODY CAN MAKE RED
ROASTED LIKE HIM.

I WILL MISS YOU MY FRIEND. REST IN POWER GEOFFREY!

FERNECIA

FERNECIA AU - September 19, 2023 at 10:51 PM

DB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family’s

Doris Bright - September 19, 2023 at 07:20 PM

WE

“ Rest in Peace 🙏



Wanda Epps - September 17, 2023 at 07:29 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Geoffrey Lynn Patterson.*



September 16, 2023 at 10:53 AM



“ *My heartfelt condolences to Geoffrey's family and many dear friends. Whether you were drawn by his intelligent, his humor, or his genuine care for people, he will be greatly missed.*
Love and prayers
Rena Brantley
Richardson, TX

Etta R Brantley - September 16, 2023 at 10:43 AM



“ *My sincere sympathy goes out to the family. Geoff will be missed greatly. Ms. Avinger*

Bev Avinger - September 16, 2023 at 09:59 AM



“ *Condolences and Prayers To The Family. I have been knowing Jeff for many years. His smile and jokes will be miss. He was a very nice person.*



Venetia Waters - September 16, 2023 at 09:10 AM

FE

“ *My condolences to Geoffrey’s family.
Will be missing your holiday’ and birthday’s
calls.*



Felicity - September 15, 2023 at 03:21 PM

KH

“ *Kevin Harris and Karen Harris-Gary purchased
the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family
of Geoffrey Lynn Patterson.*



Kevin Harris and Karen Harris-Gary - September 15, 2023 at
11:43 AM

VS

“ *Vanessa Smith lit a candle in memory of
Geoffrey Lynn Patterson*



Vanessa Smith - September 15, 2023 at 06:31 AM

VS

I'm going to miss our conversations.

Vanessa Smith - September 15, 2023 at 06:35 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Geoffrey Lynn Patterson.



September 14, 2023 at 05:31 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Geoffrey Lynn Patterson.

September 14, 2023 at 05:31 PM



“ Kym Ferre lit a candle in memory of Geoffrey Lynn Patterson



Kym ferre - September 14, 2023 at 04:39 PM



It's been awhile since I seen you but you're going to be missed cuz you was smart in the head no more suffering

Tony Cobb - September 15, 2023 at 12:22 AM



“ Mary Allen lit a candle in memory of Geoffrey Lynn Patterson



Mary Allen - September 14, 2023 at 01:48 PM

MB

“ My heartfelt condolences to the family. Geoffrey was my classmate of 1975. A well respected student and classmate. Rest Well Geoffrey.

Michele Branch



Michele Branch - September 14, 2023 at 08:20 AM

ER

“ To the Family of Geoffrey Patterson. I am so sorry for your loss. Geoffrey was a classmate of the graduating class of Harrisburg High class of 1975. May he rest in Peace. You will truly be missed. Eric Roach Class of 1975

Eric Roach - September 13, 2023 at 10:40 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Geoffrey Lynn Patterson.



September 13, 2023 at 08:01 PM

R1

“ Praying 🙏 that the passing of time and love of family and friends will bring you strength and surround you with comforting memories, with heartfelt 🙏 Condolences to the entire family, peaceful 🌹 sleep my fallen classmate "75"



Renée B c/o 1975 - September 13, 2023 at 06:05 PM

DF

“ *Dennis Anosike & Family purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Geoffrey Lynn Patterson.*



Dennis Anosike & Family - September 13, 2023 at 12:59 PM

AD

“ *Sincere condolences to the Patterson family.*

Geoff hired and mentored me – when I did not know what a mentor was. His astute guidance and quiet counsel during my time at the City of Chicago Mayor’s Office of Management and Budget shaped my professional life. His passion for his work was undeniable, his care and gratitude for his team was beyond reproach, and his love for his family, especially his “little girls”, Ryan and Randi, was unquestionable.

With lots of love and respect! Rest in peace, Sir.

Dennis Anosike and family

Anosike, Dennis - September 13, 2023 at 12:44 PM

JK

“ *Condolences to the family.*

Geoff was my first supervisor in the budget office in Chicago in 1988. Grateful for his thoughtful instruction. Geoff helped new team members to form a bond that continues. He was always entertaining. Also a great family guy. We attended Ryan's first birthday party in Hyde Park. A separate cake was provided for Ryan to dig into on her own. Great fun! He was always updating on the progression of Ryan and Randi whom he loved dearly. He will be missed. Great picture.

Very sorry for your loss.

Steve Kelso and family

John Kelso - September 13, 2023 at 11:31 AM

KD

“ *My heartfelt condolences to the Patterson family. Once I'm done crying. I will have a lifetime of laughs and good times to reflect on. One of the most sincere people I have ever met. We had the best of times together, best of times. I will miss you my friend, terribly. He loved to call us "Frat".....I will miss you "Frat". I Love You.....See You Soon.Keith*

Keith J Davis - September 12, 2023 at 10:44 PM

TM

My condolence to the Patterson family. Some people come into your life for a reason my friend my brother just happened to be that one for a reason. Yes you will be truly missed but never forgotten. Love you Frat

Theodore Mosley - September 13, 2023 at 08:17 AM

LL

Geoff Patterson was my brother during his tenure in the City of Chicago's Office of Budget and Management. He believed in me when I didn't believe in myself. He was a genius and truly ahead of his time. Or should I say Chicago was late to catch up on Geoff's intellect. I worked with him hung out with him and enjoyed his east coast vibe. He convinced me go back to college and get my degree. Glad I was able to talk to him recently. I miss him. My deepest condolences to his entire family.

Lance Lewis - September 13, 2023 at 02:16 PM

TL

“ *My prayers to the Patterson family. May my one and only brother-in-law rest in heavenly peace.. Love is Love* 💙💙

Tracie D. Link - September 12, 2023 at 07:19 PM

HL

“ *...My sincerest condolences to all the family during this difficult time. May you find strength through God and support in each other as you navigate through your loss!*

Harold Lester - September 12, 2023 at 04:17 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Geoffrey Lynn Patterson.*



September 12, 2023 at 03:01 PM

WS

“ *My Condolences to the Family My Prayers and Love* ❤️ *My Friend and Classmate COUGARS Class of 1975.*

Wayne E Wallace, Sr - September 12, 2023 at 02:37 PM

HL

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Harold Lester - September 12, 2023 at 04:15 PM