



Mr David Grady Patterson

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Funeral Service for Mr. David Grady Patterson, 76, of Alexander City, Alabama, will be Saturday, January 10, 2026, at 12:30 pm at the Wayside Baptist Church. Rev. Will Baker and Rev. Larry Cummings will officiate. Burial will follow in the Hillview Memorial Park. The family will receive friends on Saturday, January 10, 2026, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at Wayside Baptist Church.

David Grady Patterson, a beacon of faith and kindness, passed away peacefully at his residence on Monday, December 29, 2025. Born on February 27, 1949, in Tallapoosa County, Alabama, to Grady Patterson and Sarah Nell Burton Patterson, David's life was a testament to steadfast commitment and service.

A lifelong resident of Alexander City, David was a cherished member of the community. He graduated from Benjamin Russell High School in 1967, having attended school with perfect attendance from kindergarten through 12th grade—a remarkable feat that foreshadowed his dedication to excellence. He furthered his education at Alexander City State Junior College, earning an associate's degree, and then at Auburn University, where he received a bachelor's degree in secondary education. His passion for learning led him back to Auburn University in 1976 to complete his Master of Arts in the College of Education, specializing in Vocational Rehabilitation.

David dedicated nearly four decades to working for the state department of vocational rehabilitation, where he helped countless individuals find hope and purpose. His commitment to service extended beyond his professional life. He was an active member of the Alexander City chapter of the Jaycees, regularly volunteered to serve meals on wheels, and was deeply involved in the Wayside Baptist Church, where he had been a member for over 70 years.

At Wayside Baptist Church, David's voice could be heard in the choir for over 50 years, and his wisdom shared as a deacon for 58 years. He taught Sunday School for more than half a century,



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went on numerous mission trips, and served on countless church committees. His faith was the cornerstone of his existence, and he lived it with a selfless heart.

David's commitment to his faith was matched by his dedication to the Boy Scouts of America, where he achieved the prestigious Eagle Scout award. He was also selected to be a member of the Order of the Arrow and was proud of his God and Country Award.

David's kind and faith-filled nature was the fabric of his being. He was a selfless man who lived to serve others, always putting the needs of his family and community before his own.

He is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Muriel Ann Tyler Patterson; his daughter, Whitney (Eric) Miller; his son, Tyler David (Shelley) Patterson; and his cherished grandchildren, Ayden Miller, Hudson Patterson, Emerson Miller, Ezra Miller, and Thatcher Patterson. His sister, Linda (David) Dennis, uncles, Durward Burton, Frank (Janice) Burton, Jack Burton and his aunt, Ruth Brown, also survives him. David was preceded in death by his father, Grady Patterson, and his mother, Sarah Nell Patterson.

David Grady Patterson's legacy is one of unwavering faith, boundless kindness, and a lifetime of service. His memory will be held dear in the hearts of all who knew him, and his influence will continue to be felt in the community he loved so much. He has left this world a better place, and for that, he will be profoundly missed.

The family wishes to express a heartfelt "Thank You" to the staff and nurses of Enhabit Hospice, especially Carolyn Baker, for the wonderful care they provided to David.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial contributions be made to Wayside Baptist Church Music Ministry, 21 Wayside Circle, Alexander City, AL, 35010 or to the Gideon's International, P O Box 117, Alexander City, AL, 35010.



Events


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Visitation

 **Saturday**, January 10, 2026


 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM CT


 **Wayside Baptist Church**
21 Wayside Circle, Alexander City AL 35010



Funeral Service

 **Saturday**, January 10, 2026

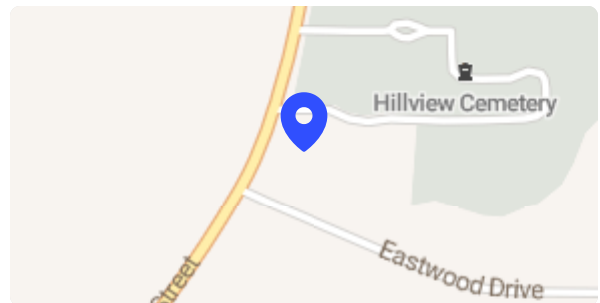
 12:30 PM CT

 **Wayside Baptist Church**
21 Wayside Circle, Alexander City AL 35010



Cemetery Details

 **Hillview Memorial Park**
1926 Hillabee Street, Alexander City AL 35010





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Cindy Osborn posted:

I am so sorry to see that Mr. David passed away and I'm Praying for his family 🙏❤️. He was one of the kindest, sweetest people I have ever known and had the pleasure of knowing! He will truly be missed!

January 18 at 6:09 AM



Frances Abrams posted:

David exhibited a stellar example of servanthood as a Christ-follower. He was always pleasant to be around, yet serious about his service to others. One memory that stands out is when he showed up (maybe more than once) at our Lanett home to do yard work when my husband, Jerome (former Wayside pastor), was terminally ill. This was the kind of servanthood David lived consistently. I am so sorry that we missed his funeral service. I'm sure that Jesus greeted David with a hearty "well done!" Muriel, we will visit at a later date.

January 10 at 2:09 PM



The Rose Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of David.



January 7 at 9:14 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Patterson family.



January 7 at 9:14 AM



Your Embrace Church Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of David.



December 31 at 5:39 PM



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Anonymous sent a Your Light Shines to the Patterson family.

December 31 at 5:39 PM



Jeana Flournoy Flournoy lit a candle in honor of David.

Mr David whom I started calling "wide open" because he could get around faster than me. I enjoyed the day best with him sneaking icecream and sweets. He was just precious. He will be truly missed. He's now truly "wide open" with his new heavenly body. Love you and your family Jeana Flournoy

December 31 at 2:20 PM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring David by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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