



## Barbara L. Patterson

April 10, 1952 - December 31, 2022

Barbara Louise Patterson, age 70, went to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Saturday, December 31, 2022. Barbara was born on April 10, 1952 in Marshfield, Wisconsin, the daughter of James and Eileen (Tollefson) Patterson. She graduated from Brillion High School in 1970. A year later she went off to Faith Baptist Bible College in Ankeny, Iowa, graduating in 1975. She began working with Continental Baptist Missions (CBM) in Escanaba, Michigan after graduation. She followed CBM to Grand Rapids, Michigan in 1977 working there for several years. After leaving CBM she spent most of her career working in the insurance industry in Grand Rapids and then Appleton when she moved back to Wisconsin in 1998. She received her Masters degree in Christian Counseling from Philadelphia Biblical University in the early 2000's and served a number of Fox Valley organizations through their Employee Assistance Programs for 10 years.

Being an extraordinary, loving Aunt was one of her most prized roles in life. She was always there with a loving hug, a listening ear, ready to share in the joys or give advice through uncertainty and struggle. Her influence and impact in the lives of her family will be felt for generations to come. Barbara always enjoyed the wonder of nature: exploring High Cliff State Park, pontoon boat rides in the Northwoods, ocean views touring around Alaska, and even segway tours in Door County. Her adventurous spirit continued to grow in her later years to include travel around the country and then the world.

Experiencing South Korea, Ireland, and Scotland with family brought her such

delight. Her kind and devoted heart was ever present as she spent time and cared for her parents in their final years. Her Christian faith never wavered, even when faced with the daunting diagnosis of terminal cancer. She trusted to the end that God knew what was best for her and did not hesitate to share that with others.

She is survived by her loving siblings, Jef (Iva) Patterson, Hastings, Michigan; Dik (Colleen) Patterson, Park Falls; Faith (Steve) Cochrane, Boulder Junction; and Steve (Jessica) Patterson, Tomahawk. She is also survived by 10 nieces and nephews: Jasmine Woods, Trevor and Christian Patterson; Timothy, Cynthia and Matthew Patterson; Andrew and Kaitlin Cochrane; Marcus and Vanessa Patterson; 13 great nieces and nephews: Cordelia Woods, Payton and Mason Diehl, Jeremiah, Zechariah, Frederick Patterson, Amelia, Taliesin and Emmett Patterson; Wylla Patterson and Eleanor Sultanum; Lucas and Benjamin Cochrane. She was preceded in death by her parents and one nephew, Nicolas Ryan Patterson.

Services will be held at Woodruff Baptist Church, Woodruff, Wisconsin on Saturday, January 7, 2023 with visitation from 9:00 A.M. to the time of service at 11:00 A.M. A luncheon will be served following the service. Burial will be at a later date.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 7. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Woodruff Baptist Church  
1200 3rd Ave  
Woodruff, WI 54568  
(715) 356-5015

## Funeral Service

JAN 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

Woodruff Baptist Church  
1200 3rd Ave  
Woodruff, WI PO Box 350

# Tribute Wall

WA

“ *Barbara shared a vacation in San Antonio with me and a vacation in Tuscon. She was a great friend and showed me how to be adventurous. I will always treasure the memories we shared. Your friend always, Wendy*

Wendy E Anzelmo - January 06, 2023 at 12:23 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Barbara L. Patterson.*



January 05, 2023 at 03:00 PM

YC

“ *Your Lindgren cousins purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Barbara L. Patterson.*



Your Lindgren cousins - January 05, 2023 at 11:26 AM

AW

“ *I remember Barrbara working in the office of HBM/ CBM, and her effervescent personality, The smile we see in this photo was in her voice and personality every day. Her whole family were a blessing to all that knew them, and Barb amplified it abundantly.*

Alden Wightman - January 05, 2023 at 08:08 AM

JW

“ So blessed to call her friend. Barb was one of the strongest Christians I've ever known! Her faith in Christ was a reality she lived. Her legacy impacts all who knew her and lives on in the hearts of her nieces and nephews whom she dearly loved. Thanks for your faithful example, my friend! Until we meet again! ❤️

Julie Wipperman - January 03, 2023 at 02:07 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Barbara L. Patterson.



January 02, 2023 at 04:33 PM

KV

“ Praying your spirits are lifted by the family and friends celebrating the life of those we love. Very sorry for the loss of your family.

Kayla V - January 02, 2023 at 04:14 PM

ET

Our deepest sympathy to all the Patterson family members Barbara was a beautiful person throughout. She definitely will be missed. We have many good memories of our many times together. Aunt Liz & Uncle Ted

Elizabeth Tollefsen - January 05, 2023 at 10:14 PM