



Carolyn J. Patterson

October 6, 1933 - May 6, 2017

Carolyn Myers Patterson passed away on May 6, 2017, surrounded by her children. She was preceded in death by her daughter Patrice, and her husband Tom.

Carolyn is survived by four children: Bruce Patterson, Thomas John Patterson (Lynda), Robert Patterson (Beth), and Tamolyn Benke (Steve); and eight grandchildren: Karoline, Katherine, Elaine, Amanda, Charlotte, Jayne, Henry, and James.

Carolyn is also survived by her siblings George Myers, Susan Nitsos, and Lois Tahy.

Carolyn was born on October 6, 1933 in Mishawaka, Indiana. After graduating from Mishawaka High School, she attended McMurry College, where she studied English. Eventually, she met Roberta Patterson, the sister of her future husband Tom. Roberta introduced the two during a classic Minocqua summer, and they wed on May 29, 1956 in Missoula, Montana. Carolyn and Tom settled in Idaho for a short period before returning to Minocqua to contribute to the Patterson Bros. Lumber business.

After settling in Wisconsin, Carolyn and Tom raised five children, spending time running Patterson's Clear Lake Resort and their own home on Whitefish

Lake.

Carolyn was a social woman, with numerous close friendships, both in Wisconsin and beyond. She volunteered with the Cheery Cherries, and was an active member in the Jolly Jocks. Through her involvement in those organizations, as well as her own desire to travel, she and Tom saw many corners of the globe. Destinations included Alaska, Italy, France, Belgium, Germany, Austria, Mexico, the Bahamas, as well as the homes of her children and grandchildren in Europe and the United States.

Carolyn formed many relationships during her life, and each person she connected with was impacted by her. Her children will remember her as a strong, loving mother; one who led their family and was an unwavering presence. Her friends will remember the fun-loving woman who appreciated a good drink and even better company. They will cherish the memories and laughs created by countless trips and travels, and her overall loving interest in their lives and families.

Carolyn, Mom, Grandma The many hats she wore created one listening, loving, and beautiful woman. One who will be deeply missed by all those who knew her.

Celebration of her life will be on May 20, 2017 from 2-6-PM at the Patterson Residence, 1157 Patterson Lane, Lac du Flambeau, WI 54538.

Cemetery Details

Forest Home Cemetery-Fifield, WI

Fifield, WI

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY **20**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Patterson Residence
1157 Patterson Lane
Lac du Flambeau, WI 54538

Tribute Wall



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Carolyn J. Patterson.* ”



May 19, 2017 at 01:46 PM



“ *The Stegeman Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Carolyn J. Patterson.* ”



The Stegeman Family - May 19, 2017 at 08:23 AM



“ *Mrs. Fields Nibblers® Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Carolyn J. Patterson.* ”



May 17, 2017 at 12:05 PM



“ *Todd, Luke, Garry, Dave, Kevin & Doug purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Carolyn J. Patterson.* ”



Todd, Luke, Garry, Dave, Kevin & Doug - May 16, 2017 at 07:33 PM

CP

“ Thank you for the love and support, grandma will be missed dearly, but we are all so incredibly grateful that we got to spend her last moments with her enjoying Limoncello and Culver's ❤️

Charlotte Patterson - May 16, 2017 at 04:56 PM

JH

“ A wonderful woman. She and Tom made the Lakeland area a better place.

joe handrick - May 13, 2017 at 06:04 PM

CH

“ She leaves a legacy of faith and family, of love and laughter.... She must have been a wonderful woman to leave such a wonderful family behind. My prayers for you in the days to come.....especially this weekend.

Cheryl Horne - May 12, 2017 at 04:30 PM

BM

“ Our family was deeply saddened to hear of your mother's passing. Carolyn and I chatted only a few weeks ago, when she seemed quite healthy and happy. I will miss my dear, dear friend greatly. She truly was a lady of character, kindness, humor, and especially a loving wife, mother, and friend. Our deeoest sympathy to you all.

Barbara and John McFarland

Barbara McFarland - May 12, 2017 at 09:49 AM

JW

“ To the entire Patterson Family,
So surprised, and so saddened, to hear about
Carolyn. Our families go back many years,
and we appreciated very much your thoughts,
prayers and support when we lost our loved
one just a short time ago. We would like to reciprocate the same
back to your family. May God hold Carolyn safely in his arms, and
provide all of you with the strength to get through this difficult time.



Sincerely, Jo Ann Wenzlick family

Jo Ann Wenzlick - May 11, 2017 at 01:39 PM

TJ

“ As hard as it is to lose a Mother, it is comforting to know that Mom
has rejoined her loving husband Tom and her beautiful daughter
Patrice in the most wonderful of places alongside our Lord and
Savior. TJP

TJP - May 10, 2017 at 01:13 PM

TB

Very well said T...it sure helps to have the close knit circle of family &
friends during this the difficult time in our lives, your mom leaves a
lasting legacy that all can be proud of..may she rest in peace.

Tom Bouchard - May 10, 2017 at 07:09 PM

CI

“ Dear Tammy and all your Family. I was so sorry to hear about your
Moms passing. It is never easy but you have each other to lean on
and all your memories. That all will help you through. My thoughts
are with all of you.

Cara

Cara Irwin - May 09, 2017 at 09:08 AM