



Derek Allen Patton

August 8, 1964 - May 20, 2013

Funeral services for Mr. Derek Patton, age 48, are scheduled for 2 PM, Thursday, May 23, 2013 in the chapel of Pafford Funeral Home with Bro. Jim Dennison officiating. Interment will follow in New Hope Methodist Cemetery. Mr. Patton passed away Monday in Lexington. He was born August 8, 1964 in Berrien Center, Michigan. He was preceded in death by his brother, David Patton. Survivors include his parents, Rachel and Vernon Dayhuff of Lexington, his son, Derek A Patton, II of Michigan, his daughter, Zoe Anna Patton of Traverse City, MI, a sister, Dawn Marie Spear Renshaw of Alabama.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **22**. 4:30 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

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Chapel Service

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Tribute Wall

RD

“ Hello, my son. I have some bad news for you, well maybe it is good news. Uncle Cledis died last Sunday morning. I hope the 2 of you are rejoicing with all the rest of the family. I love you, MOM



Rachel Ann Dayhuff - March 16, 2022 at 06:51 PM

RD

“ Merry Christmas My Son, I put all the lights up again this year for you & David. We miss you & David so very much, I just can't put it into words. CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR will never be the same again. WE LOVE YOU BOTH DEARLY. TILL WE MEET AGAIN IN HEAVEN, LOVE, MOM & POP



Rachel Ann Dayhuff - December 25, 2021 at 10:09 AM

RD

“ Hi Sweet Heart, Well, the Lexington fair is coming next week. I would go if you were here to go with me. However, I know it would be no fun without you to laugh with. I really enjoyed the way you & David loved going to the fair, mostly in Michigan of course. I love & miss you both very, very much. Always, your Mother

Rachel A Dayhuff - September 11, 2021 at 02:56 PM

RD

“ Oh! my dear son the Lexington fair will be here soon. We are going just for you. Love You, Love You. MOM

Rachel Dayhuff - August 26, 2018 at 08:40 PM

RD

“ Rachel Dayhuff sent a virtual gift in memory of Derek Allen Patton



Rachel Dayhuff - July 04, 2018 at 06:27 PM

RD

“ Rachel Dayhuff lit a candle in memory of Derek Allen Patton



Rachel Dayhuff - December 24, 2014 at 12:00 PM

RD

“ Hello me "special son" Derek. Part of me that died with you will remain dead until we are together again. I only wish you had known just how much you were loved and by so many people. Till Then, MOM

Rachel Dayhuff - July 31, 2014 at 04:25 PM



Xxxx

Lisa Ward - August 08, 2014 at 11:54 PM



“ Hello Derek, didn't know about this page huh, miss ur fun posts, late nites chats...and the fact u always talked sense when I was down ... U lifted me up , always made me smile xxx miss u my fb friend xx

Lisa Ward - July 28, 2014 at 01:59 PM



Oh n look Derek .. It's posted at ur time in the US n not mine ... That looks so strange seeing that x

Lisa Ward - July 28, 2014 at 02:01 PM



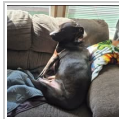
Thank you so much for stopping by Lisa

Rachel Dayhuff - July 28, 2014 at 02:02 PM



Ur welcome Rachel, he loved u so much , we spoke so much of our families... , x I miss him too x

Lisa Ward - July 28, 2014 at 02:13 PM



I miss You Derek! You were always there with a laugh to cheer me up when I was at my end. And yes, You always spoke of Your Mom and You Pop! I Love and Miss You Derek!! Always in my Heart!!

April Graham - August 09, 2014 at 12:52 AM



Thank you both,Lisa & April.I can't stand the fact that people seem to be forgetting him so fast.I'm sure times wouldn't be as hard on me if only Roxanne would share Zoe Anna with me.

Rachel Dayhuff - August 09, 2014 at 10:40 AM



Wish you were here to share our Christmas with us.

Rachel Dayhuff - December 24, 2014 at 11:59 AM



“ Your Favorite Day Of The Year!!I will go to the fireworks just for you.All My Love,MOM

Rachel Dayhuff - July 04, 2014 at 04:24 PM

RD

“ My Special Son,I have the Mothers Day cards you gave me in 2012 & 2013.I will put them out every year.I love you & Miss you_XX_OO:)MOM

Rachel Dayhuff - May 10, 2014 at 09:08 PM

RD

“ Derek,your grass is doing nicely.It will look good for the Homecoming at New Hope.
I miss you so very much.All my deepest love,MOM

Rachel Dayhuff - May 08, 2014 at 12:48 PM

RD

“ Oh! My special son,I have been writing & rewriting something to put in the paper the week of May 20th.I may end up buying a half a page.But there is so much I have to say.I love you & miss you.MOM

Rachel Dayhuff - May 04, 2014 at 05:04 PM

RD

“ Oh! Derek_I see your face everywhere I look,your in my dreams,you are so alive inside me.I just cannot let you go.Such a special gift from GOD.My Eternal Love,MOM

Rachel Dayhuff - April 15, 2014 at 05:09 PM

KH

“ I remember Derek just being the biggest goofball when we were younger!!!

Miss you cuz, Kim (Patton) Hernandez

Kimberlin (Patton) Hernandez - April 01, 2014 at 04:24 PM

RD

Thank you Kim. I can't believe it took almost a year for family to watch this. Better late than never.

Racherl Dayhuff - April 01, 2014 at 04:29 PM

JW

“ derek lived here in the neighborhood , traverse city, MI for a few years was my dear friend. he helped me with several of my projects around the yard. Zoe and Derek would come over and visit on the times she was here visiting her dad. I really miss him, he was such a good friend. joyce

Joyce Weathers - March 03, 2014 at 10:00 PM

 Tami Bennett

“ I missed your funeral cousin. I'm kind of glad I did so my last memories of you are you full of life with your dimpled smile. I just cannot accept your gone, I just can't believe it. In time you grow up and live an adult life which caused us cousins who were so close to go on our seperate life journeys, but even time cannot steal the precious child hood memories of skateboards, spitball fights, rollerskating, and the young adult cousins just hanging out. I miss you and I'm so thankful our last conversation was so pleasant and the last words we said to on another was " I love you cuz". I' ll be thinking about you as always, and I love you cuz

Tami Bennett - March 02, 2014 at 03:26 PM

RD

I hope you enjoyed the memorial video

Rachel Dayhuff - March 03, 2014 at 02:32 PM

RD

I don't ever want to lose this site_MOM&POP

Rachel Dayhuff - December 22, 2015 at 09:24 PM

RD

“ OH! My Precious Derek.I never told you this,but you were the greatest gift GOD ever gave to me.We had our moments,but the love just came back stronger than ever.I will grieve for you until I die.We will meet again in Heaven.MOM

Rachel Dayhuff - March 02, 2014 at 02:26 PM

JC

You raised 2 respectful, loving men aunt Rachel. They are both missed dearly

jennifer carroll - March 02, 2014 at 05:11 PM

RD

“ Hello My Special Son,I have your stone now.They just need the right weather to put it in.
Oh! Derek,you would be so proud of Me & Pop.XX_OOLOVE TO YOU ALWAYS

Rachel Dayhuff - February 28, 2014 at 06:20 PM

RD

“ Hello,my darling son.I took flowers out to "New Hope"for you.I also got out all your past cards.I'm so glad that I am a keeper.Got a letter from Monica today.So sweet in describing you,it even made Pop cry.Always will be 'your MOM'

Rachel Dayhuff - December 24, 2013 at 09:10 PM

RD

“ I remember how much you loved Christmas and it makes me miss you all the more,love,MOM

Rachel Dayhuff - December 13, 2013 at 04:06 PM

DY

“ Doug and I are so sorry for your loss, Rachel and Vern. Although Derek is not here anymore, he is in a better place and God will care for him. You have his memory and the chance to see him in heaven one day. Stay close to God and, when He calls you Home, Derek will be there to greet you. He was a help to you and Vern when we knew him in Niles and we could tell you had a great relationship with your sons. Our prayers and condolences to you as you work through your loss. May God Bless You Both. Doug and Linda Yeck

Doug and Linda Yeck - November 14, 2013 at 11:06 AM

RD

Thank you so much,Linda.But I don't think I will ever get over losing my special sons.

rachel dayhuff - November 14, 2013 at 01:51 PM

RD

“ Rachel Dayhuff lit a candle in memory of Derek Allen Patton



rachel dayhuff - November 09, 2013 at 07:45 PM

RD

“ Hi Sweetheart,I miss you so badly I can't even put it into words.I thank you for loving me as much as you did.I wish other parents could experince the relationship we shared.I can't let you go just yet,my heary can't take it.I know you are with David & grandma & grandpa,but I love you so much.MOM

Rachel Dayhuff - October 24, 2013 at 12:07 PM

RD

“ The flowers you loved so much are still blooming,who would have though, Yellow Roses in Oct.I miss you my son.XO_XO_MOM& POP

Rachel Dayhuff - October 05, 2013 at 09:02 PM

RD

“ Hi Derek,I talked to Doc & Carole,Joyce,Matt & Amanda=All love & miss you
XO_XO_XO_LOVE MOM :)

Rachel Dayhuff - September 08, 2013 at 11:56 AM

RD

“ Hi Sweet Heart,my beautiful brown-eyed boy,Hard to believe haw fast the years have passed.But you grew into A fine young man.I saw Dr.Alexander yesterday,and he was so kind to me.I told him things you had not.But I was going thru more things in your files.I came to medical-I had forgotten about your Barrets Discese-I came home & there was a letter from your Dr.that took care of that.But,I have to know that somehow it all works out in GOD's plan for us.It came about By my losing you,GOD gave Lisa,(YOUR KID SISTER)back to me.Oh! son,I wish we would have done what you wanted to do,I was just scared.I miss you,XXOO_:)MOM

Rachel Dayhuff - August 30, 2013 at 01:00 PM

LJ

Derek guided me back to you, I'm certain of that. He wanted us all to be a family and his heart of gold is now working overtime, keeping a close eye on his mamma!!!! I'm proud of the person my big brother Derek was!!!!

Lisa Jacobsen - September 01, 2013 at 09:50 AM

LJ

“ Hi big brother:) I have been reading through all the poems you wrote and had given me copies! As I read them I recall you asking me to give you my honest opinion! I told you they were amazing and I was blown away by your talent, I know you still doubted yourself but it hit me the other day, the reason why you wrote so beautifully was because every word came directly from your heart and soul. I wish you could have seen yourself the way others did. So much talent, so much kindness and goodness, you had such a pure personality. I am really missing our talks! I wish I could get those missing years back, I just want that lost time back!! I know you are enjoying Gods love and heavens pure peace!! Love your baby sister, Lisa

lisa jacobsen - August 29, 2013 at 10:40 AM

RD

Hello,my baby kid.Please don't forget your big brother or your mom.He never forgot you or the way the two of you bonded.I LOVE MY LISA

Rachel Dayhuff - September 20, 2013 at 04:32 PM

RD

Lisa_sister of Derek__let me know if you want anything else of David & Dereks-X_O_)

Rachel Dayhuff - June 23, 2016 at 01:47 PM

RD

“ *Hi,son,I can't find a few things you should have.Guide me to themXXOO_XXOO__:)MOM*

Rachel Dayhuff - August 25, 2013 at 02:42 PM

RD

“ *Talking with your kid sister=sharing lots of memories*

Rachel Dayhuff - August 23, 2013 at 08:37 PM

RD

“ Hello,My "LITTLE BROWN_EYED BOY",I sure would enjoy walking by the river & collecting rocks=Or serving you breakfast before school"-Or watching you tend to all my flowers you had planted for me"-Or teaching me a new word every week"-Or you ruffeling my hair"-Then bending over to kiss me on the head"-Derek,you have left me with so many wonderful memories,& your beautiful baby sister"I love you with every breath I take,MOM

Rachel Dayhuff - August 21, 2013 at 11:23 AM

LJ

Such sweet thoughts and memories of an amazing son and brother!!!!

Lisa Jacobsen - August 21, 2013 at 05:45 PM

RD

“ Hi Darling,I got that special thing for Lisa in the mail today,but I have a lot of other things for her.She will treasure them,I believe.I love you & I love your little sister'

Rachel Dayhuff - August 20, 2013 at 03:45 PM

RD

“ Hello my darling son.Lisa has a beautiful family.I am finally getting to know her.You were right all along.I don't know what I was so afraid all those wasted years.3 months today,the pain just will not go away.I hope you & David found each other.I am trying to keep this going until I have Paffords paid off,then I can buy as many of you dvd's as I want.LOVE YOU ALWAYS,MOM& POP

Rachel Dayhuff - August 20, 2013 at 10:03 AM

LJ

Hi Big Brother:) I sure wish I would have had a chance to talk with you at least one more time before God called you home, I feel so sad about that!! I was thinking about you and wondering what you were doing and I had a vision flash of you surrounded by everything beautiful that Heaven has to offer and I seriously felt the peace you are feeling, it was so strange, seemed as though you connected to my heart or brain to let me know how you are doing and to show me where you are. Thank you for that!!!! I would tell you about how mom and I have re-connected and how nice it is, how much I enjoy that, but honestly, I know without doubt that YOU are behind that, you laid the perfect plan out to make it happen, didn't you? (Smile) I remember how bad you wanted you wanted she and i to talk and be a part of each others lives. All things happen exactly when they are meant to, the timing is right now and she and I are able to share thoughts, memories, life stories and feelings that we probably wouldn't have been able to many years ago. We "talk" about you nearly everyday (don't worry, it's all good stuff..hehehe) I can't seem to shake this one particular vision, where I see you standing with David, your arm flung around his shoulder and both of you have big beautiful smiles and the two of you are looking down and watching over your loved ones, I am really seeing that aren't I? You and David are actually doing that right? Give yourself a big hug from me and give David one for me to, thanks! I'm sending hugs to you guys too! Your baby sister Loves both of you!!

Lisa Whitney Jacobsen - August 20, 2013 at 10:53 AM

RD

“*Hello,my darling son.Trying to find Derek,aka.Bullit,the 2nd.I really wonder if I can walk this path.I feel so alone.I just called POP Derek,Again.Talking to you're beautiful little sister.I know you want me to give her the poems you wrote for "MY SISTER".It seems to take me a long time to get things together.I got a glimpspe of Heaven today,AWESOME.=I Love You My Son,MOM*

Rachel Dayhuff - August 19, 2013 at 05:58 PM

LJ

“ Derek, I just received the very sad news!! It's hard to comprehend!! I am so sorry that we lost touch some years ago, I think about you often and remember the long, in depth and meaningful conversations we always seemed to get ourselves into:) You taught me a lot and certainly helped me get through a rough time in my life! I was thinking the other day about one of those conversations, where you told me about starting back to college and the desire to work in the Psychology field, and said you really wanted to help at least one person and I told you that would be an easy goal because you have such a compassionate heart!! Unfortunately I don't know how your career turned out for you, but I can tell you this: You accomplished your goal, because I am your "at least one person" you wanted to help, I learned more from you than you could ever imagine!! Thank you for your love, kindness and friendship!! I will continue to think of you and our talks and no matter what, you will always be my big brother, like you told me once, " Just because we didn't grow up in the same house, doesn't mean you aren't my sister" I get that now!! and please know I feel the same way!! Let me leave you with an Emily Dickenson poem that makes me think of you:

*If I can stop one heart from breaking,
I shall not live in vain;
If I can ease one life the aching,
Or cool one pain,
Or help one fainting robin unto his nest again,
I shall not live in vain.*

*Be at peace!
Love your little sister,
Lisa Whitney-Jacobsen*

lisa jacobsen - August 13, 2013 at 12:51 PM

RD

Lisa,I am Rachel Patton Dayhuff,please call or send me an e-mail=racheldayhuff@yahoo.com=phone:1-731-249-5555

Rachel Dayhuff - August 13, 2013 at 10:18 PM

RD

“ *I just can't let you go,my heart is bleeding=I LOVED YOU SO MUCH=DEAR GOD PLEASE HELP ME=I CAN STILL ACTUALLY HEAR YOUR VOICE=YOU CAME TO ME IN A VISION THE OTHER NIGHT=YOU CAME 3 TIMES,SAT IN THE SAME PLACE,WE TALKED,YOUR MOTHER*

Rachel Dayhuff - August 11, 2013 at 06:25 PM

RD

“ *1 file added to the album Remember DEREK*



Rachel Dayhuff - August 10, 2013 at 01:06 PM

RD

It was what he loved

Rachel Ann Dayhuff - April 22, 2016 at 01:07 PM

RD

*Derek would have loved this,I love Derek_everywhere I go I see something that Derek and David would have loved.They both were nature Lovers.GOD bless you both until I get there.
MOM*

Rachel Dayhuff - June 03, 2016 at 02:06 PM

RD

Oh! My beautiful son_I can't go on much longer.I've been talking to Pop about us going together.

Rachel Dayhuff - June 03, 2016 at 02:08 PM



“ *Jodi DeYoung lit a candle in memory of Derek Allen Patton*



Jodi DeYoung - August 08, 2013 at 01:39 PM

RD

Thank you,Jodi-I am derek's mother.My e-mail is racheldayhuff@yahoo.com.Today would have been his 49th b-day

Rachel Dayhuff - August 08, 2013 at 03:46 PM

JW

“ *JOYCE W lit a candle in memory of Derek Allen Patton*



JOYCE W - August 05, 2013 at 07:44 PM

JW

“ *WE MISS DEREK, HE WAS SUCH A GOOD FRIEND TO ALL OF US HERE IN T.C. MICHIGAN. ALWAYS WILLING TO HELP US OLDER PEOPLE. HE SPOKE OF HIS MOM AND DAD OFTEN. HE LOVED HIS LITTLE GIRL AND BROUGHT HER TO VISIT, WHEN SHE WAS AT HIS HOUSE. JOYCE*

JOYCE W - August 05, 2013 at 07:42 PM

RD

Thank-you so very much,you know him & I would refer to you as his "surrogate mother"when he was really lonesome I would tell him to go get a hug from you,I can't remember if he ever did

Rachel Dayhuff - August 10, 2013 at 05:24 PM

BE

“ *Bev lit a candle in memory of Derek Allen Patton*



Bev - August 03, 2013 at 09:55 PM

RD

“ *Derek-my awesome son-I am on my way to see you right now,I will tell you more when I get back-We love you MOM & POP*

Rachel Dayhuff - August 02, 2013 at 06:05 PM

RD

“ *Derek,my beautiful son
I sent mail to Roxanne & Zoe=I have two cards for you=I will have POP seal them so they stay together.Happy B-Day Honey.I can't get it together most of the time.
We Love You,Mom & Pop*

Rachel Dayhuff - July 27, 2013 at 09:17 PM

 Lisa Ward

“ *My wonderful friend, u made me laugh and smile so many times...
Miss you so much xxx Never met in person , but a beautiful FB friend xx*

Lisa Ward - June 26, 2013 at 10:57 PM

RD

*Dear Lisa, my e-mail is racheldayhuff@yahoo.com
Derek's MOM*

Rachel Dayhuff - July 05, 2013 at 08:07 PM

AH

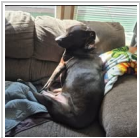
“ I am so very sorry for your loss. Derek was my first love. I will never forget him. May he rest in peace...”

amy hanselman - June 26, 2013 at 06:45 PM

RD

Amy, feel free to contact me if U wish-731-249-5555

Rachel Dayhuff - August 08, 2013 at 03:48 PM



“ I have missed you so much Derek! Our chats on the phone or on Face Book. Hearing you laugh at the silly things. You listening to me cry when I needed a shoulder. I still can't believe that your gone. But I know that you are watching over us all and especially your Mom and Daughter! I know that they need you and you are now their Guardian Angel.. I Love and Miss You So My Friend!!

April

April Graham - June 26, 2013 at 05:17 PM



EM

“ Erik Middleton lit a candle in memory of Derek Allen Patton

Erik Middleton - June 26, 2013 at 03:06 PM



WK

“ You will always be in my heart forever



Wendy Kolka - June 24, 2013 at 02:10 PM

DM

“ Derek's Mother lit a candle in memory of
Derek Allen Patton



Derek's Mother - June 13, 2013 at 12:20 AM

CA

“ To my friend, I will miss you forever. You stood up in my wedding,
May God Bless You, and may you always R.I.P. I love you, Carole &
Doc.

Carole - May 29, 2013 at 07:56 PM

WK

Contact me on facebook please Wendy Witbrodt Kolka

Wendy Kolka - June 24, 2013 at 02:12 PM

RD

DOC THIS IS RACHEL,DEREK'S MOTHER,PLEASE CONTACT ME
AT rachedayhuff@yahoo.com

Rachel Patton Dayhuff - June 24, 2013 at 04:07 PM

KD

“ Kevin P Davis lit a candle in memory of Derek Allen Patton



Kevin P Davis - May 29, 2013 at 07:11 PM

LW

“ Linda Whitney lit a candle in memory of Derek Allen Patton



linda whitney - May 29, 2013 at 01:50 PM

LW

you will always be in my heart derek love you for ever

linda whitney - May 29, 2013 at 01:51 PM

KD

good friend. Will be missed..KD

Kevin P Davis - May 29, 2013 at 07:10 PM

LW

“ Linda Whitney lit a candle in memory of Derek Allen Patton



linda whitney - May 29, 2013 at 01:43 PM



“ *Susan Headapohl lit a candle in memory of Derek Allen Patton*



Susan Headapohl - May 29, 2013 at 11:45 AM



“ *Sari Anttila lit a candle in memory of Derek Allen Patton*



Sari Anttila - May 24, 2013 at 08:40 AM



“ *Sally Ford lit a candle in memory of Derek Allen Patton*



Sally Ford - May 23, 2013 at 12:45 PM



“ *Sue Harrison lit a candle in memory of Derek Allen Patton*



Sue Harrison - May 23, 2013 at 10:05 AM

JM

“ Jennifer Moschiano lit a candle in memory of
Derek Allen Patton



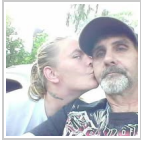
Jennifer Moschiano - May 23, 2013 at 08:28 AM

BB

“ Belinda Blodgett lit a candle in memory of
Derek Allen Patton



Belinda Blodgett - May 23, 2013 at 12:15 AM



“ William Jordan lit a candle in memory of
Derek Allen Patton



William Jordan - May 22, 2013 at 09:56 PM

WD

“ Wendy DeGraff lit a candle in memory of
Derek Allen Patton



Wendy DeGraff - May 22, 2013 at 06:51 PM



“ *Tammy Carrington lit a candle in memory of
Derek Allen Patton*



Tammy Carrington - May 22, 2013 at 06:20 PM



Thank you Tammy for everything Rachel=Derek's Mom

Rachel Patton Dayhuff - June 24, 2013 at 04:10 PM