



## Mr. Jerry Thomas "Tommy" Patterson

September 16, 1949 - July 30, 2024

Mr. Jerry Thomas "Tommy" Patterson, age 74, passed away on July 30, 2024 in Jackson. He was born September 16, 1949 in Henderson County to the late Clyde Edward and Mary Jernice Pendergrass Patterson. Mr. Patterson was a member of Broad Street Church of Christ and retired after over 30 years as a 4-H and Agriculture Extension Agent for the University of Tennessee starting in Madison County for a couple of years before transferring to Chester County for the remainder of his career.

He was preceded in death by his wife of almost 50 years, Mrs. Janice Yates Patterson and one brother, Jeffery Patterson.

Survivors include his son, Jared Patterson; two daughters, Jerri Lynn Sims (Robby) and Jaclyn Burleson; two brothers, Jimmy Patterson (Connie) and Joel Patterson; four sisters, Judy Melton, Janice Jones (Gary), Joy Thomason (Bud), and Jan Page (Bill); three grandchildren, Lena, Lila, and Lona Sims; and a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, and great-great nieces and nephews.

Graveside services are scheduled for 2 PM Sunday, August 4, 2024 at Unity Cemetery in Jacks Creek. The family will receive friends at Pafford Funeral Home in Lexington on Saturday, 5 – 8 PM. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Broad Street Church of Christ Food Pantry.

# Cemetery Details

## Unity Cemetery

Highway 22A  
Luray, TN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 3. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Pafford Funeral Home - Lexington, TN  
71 Monroe Ave.  
Lexington, TN

## Graveside Service

AUG 4. 2:00 PM (CT)

Unity Cemetery  
Highway 22A  
Luray, TN

# Tribute Wall



“ Pafford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Jerry Thomas "Tommy" Patterson



Pafford Funeral Home - August 01, 2024 at 09:12 PM

PJ

*The most memorable tribute for "The Tommy" we know. It was a great journey from the bare tree, full branches and leaves falling to make those beautiful memories we can all cherish. Tommy and friend go together. The horses running free were so appropriate. Tommy is "running" again! Praise to our Heavenly Father.*

*I love thinking Tommy is with his beloved wife and parents, Clyde & Mary.*

*Yes, it is AMAGING GRACE to have Heavenly Family. God bless you all for sharing Tommy's walk of life on earth.*

Patsy Nobles Jones - August 02, 2024 at 01:58 PM

DL

“ What a good man, what a good family, what a good life. No doubt, Tommy and Janice are together in heaven, loved and missed by all who knew them.



Deborah and Ted Lewis - August 03, 2024 at 05:25 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Jerry Thomas "Tommy" Patterson.*



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August 02, 2024 at 04:22 PM



“ *Cecilia Jeffrey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry Thomas "Tommy" Patterson*



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**Cecilia Jeffrey** - August 02, 2024 at 12:22 PM



“ *Oh my, Tommy was a great one. So very sorry to hear of his passing. He was an inspiration to me as a fellow agent. Always a great sense of humor, true team player, never afraid of hard work and held one of the biggest, most compassionate hearts I have know. Although I was not a 4H agent, I was camp co-director several years when Tommy brought his 4Hers— what a joy. I also attended Short Course with Tommy in Knoxville. He encouraged me to set my standards high to win highest GPA award (which he received). Four years later, I received the same award which paid for the publishing of my thesis. When I became a county director, he mentored me and encouraged me. Praying for your family. May Tommy rest in peace in our Saviors arms and may he hear the words, “Well done, good and faithful servant.”*

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**Beth Bell** - August 02, 2024 at 11:28 AM

CF

“ Cecilia Jeffrey & Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Mr. Jerry Thomas "Tommy" Patterson.



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Cecilia Jeffrey & Family - August 02, 2024 at 10:14 AM

CF

“ From: Cecilia Jeffrey & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Jerry Thomas "Tommy" Patterson.

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Cecilia Jeffrey & Family - August 02, 2024 at 10:14 AM



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Pafford Funeral Home - August 01, 2024 at 05:09 PM

CJ

“ Crystal, Martha & James purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mr. Jerry Thomas "Tommy" Patterson.



Crystal, Martha & James - August 01, 2024 at 02:28 PM

CJ

“ Crystal, Martha & James planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Jerry Thomas "Tommy" Patterson.

Crystal, Martha & James - August 01, 2024 at 02:28 PM

DB

“ Danny & Shelia Beecham lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry Thomas "Tommy" Patterson



Danny & Shelia Beecham - August 01, 2024 at 09:12 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Jerry Thomas "Tommy" Patterson.



July 31, 2024 at 10:53 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Jerry Thomas "Tommy" Patterson.



July 31, 2024 at 10:02 PM



“ Eddie & Lori Akins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry Thomas "Tommy" Patterson



Eddie & Lori Akins - July 31, 2024 at 09:52 PM



“ No words just prayers!

Glenda Wallace Sumler - July 31, 2024 at 08:06 PM



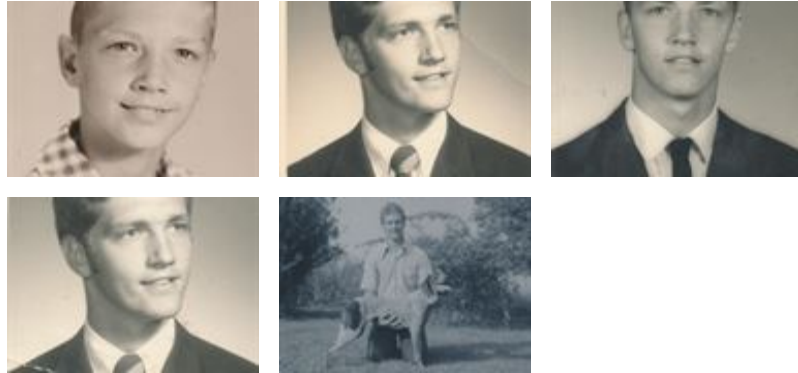
“ Prayers for the family for peace and comfort.



Row - July 31, 2024 at 06:39 PM



“ 36 files added to the album LifeTributes



Pafford Funeral Home - July 31, 2024 at 05:47 PM

WM

“ William M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Jerry Thomas "Tommy" Patterson.

William M. - July 31, 2024 at 05:39 PM

WM

“ William M. purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mr. Jerry Thomas "Tommy" Patterson.



William M. - July 31, 2024 at 05:39 PM

BJ

“ Tommy was such a great guy - knew him through our work with UT Extension Service. He was salt of the earth & will surely be missed.

Brenda Johnson - July 31, 2024 at 05:16 PM