



## Larry Patterson

March 9, 1958 - November 28, 2010

Larry Wayne Patterson, 52, of Chapel Hill Texas, born March 9, 1958 to Jimmy Patterson and Willean Elliott, met God face to face on November 28, 2010 after a blessed life and valiant battle with cancer. He was married September 9, 1989 to Susan Schanen and blessed with the birth of son Elliott on August 14, 1997. Larry was preceded in death by his beloved Harley and parents Jimmy Patterson, Willean Elliott, Burl Elliott and Gilbert Schanen.

Larry is survived by wife Susan and son Elliott Schanen Patterson. He is also survived by his family including the mothers of his heart Sherry Patterson and Nancy Schanen, sisters Carolyn Patterson, Angela Patterson (Eric Seagren), brother Damon Patterson and his "outlaws" Gil Schanen, Carolyn Schanen (Chris Farek) and Loretta Pressly (Melvin Pressly), and blessed by loving aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Larry loved working with all things wood, making crosses and recently became quite the gardener. He loved playing cards and dominoes with family and friends. Larry really disliked plumbing. Through his Christian action and sometimes words, Larry was a disciple to many he encountered at work, in the community and in the Journey to Damascus, Walk to Emmaus, Rachel's Vineyard and Kairos Outside ministries. Larry had a servant's heart and an ecumenical spirit. Most especially, Larry cherished being Elliott's dad, helping with little league baseball, boy scouts, school carnivals and homework. Larry made time to parent honorably, guide spiritually, have a catch with his son, attend baseball, football and basketball games and was indeed Elliott's biggest fan. And much

to her delight and joy, Larry loved holding Susan's hand, and she loved holding his. We will gather at Sharon Baptist Church in Chapel Hill, Texas to "Celebrate Larry's Life" on Thursday December 2, 2010, at 11:00am. Pastor David Dixon will lead our celebration with friends and family sharing thoughts and song. Stewart Family Funeral Home in Tyler, TX is coordinating arrangements. If inclined, memorial gifts can be made to the Sharon Church Youth Fund, 12216 FM 3226, Arp TX 75750. "It is well with his soul."

# Tribute Wall



“ Carolyn Patterson lit a candle in memory of Larry Patterson



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**Carolyn Patterson** - October 30, 2012 at 12:17 PM



“ Sherry Vickery was added to the Family Tree.

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**Carolyn Patterson** - October 30, 2012 at 11:59 AM



“ John Wayne Patterson was added to the Family Tree.

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**Carolyn Patterson** - October 30, 2012 at 11:58 AM



“ Patrick Alan Weems was added to the Family Tree.

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**Carolyn Patterson** - October 30, 2012 at 11:45 AM



“ Angela Renee Patterson was added to the Family Tree.

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**Carolyn Patterson** - October 30, 2012 at 11:44 AM



“ Carolyn Dianne Patterson was added to the Family Tree.

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“ *Damon Scott Patterson was added to the Family Tree.*

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**Carolyn Patterson** - October 30, 2012 at 11:43 AM



“ *Though not always together physically we were always bond in spirit. I know you think I abandoned you all those years ago, but how could I stay after the beating I received. That is considered child abuse today but who was there to help me? Who called the authorities? Where was my brother when I needed him to protect me? He was too young and too afraid, and I didn't blame him. I tried for years to help you get away but you were still too angry with me for leaving you behind. Now your mind is free and able to understand completely. I can't wait for the day when I can see you and Daddy again. I pray that won't be too far in the future. I fear life here will become increasingly unbearable without the people I loved the most. Tell Nana and Pop all about Morgan. She took second place in most photogenic. Of course we know she should have been first and is first place in our eyes. I love you and miss you so very much.*

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**Carolyn Patterson** - November 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Larry was an amazing human being and it was my privilege to know him when he and Susan lived in Austin. While his passing makes me terribly sad, I know he led a blessed life and blessed all those around him. I don't believe I've ever met a more genuinely kind person than Larry, and he and Susan were truly an inspirational couple.*

*I thank God that I had the opportunity to know Larry, and it is my hope that Susan and Elliott and all of Larry's family and friends will find comfort in knowing what an incredible impact Larry made on so many people during his time on this Earth.*

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**Rachel Farabee Halls** - November 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM