



Douglas O. Patterson

September 28, 1946 - August 10, 2015

Douglas Orson Patterson, 68, of Provo, returned home to his Heavenly Father on August 10, 2015 after a valiant battle with lung cancer. Doug was born in Ontario, Oregon on September 28, 1946 to Grant and Vera (Berrett) Patterson. He married Pamela Henry December 20, 1973 in Twin Falls, Idaho and their marriage was solemnized in the Salt Lake Temple in April 1990. They later divorced.

Doug was very loved by his children, grandchildren and all who knew him. He had the special ability to make friends everywhere he went and knew no strangers. He was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and loved to quietly serve those in need. He retired from Brigham Young University in 2012 after many years working in Dining Services. He loved his colleagues at BYU and the opportunity to work with people from all over the world. After retirement, Doug worked part time at Brockbank Elementary in Spanish Fork and made great friends there.

Doug was a tremendous example of hard work and dedication and he continually showed that one person can make a difference and influence lives for good. His children will forever be grateful for the legacy of faith, hope and perseverance that he left for them.

Doug was preceded in death by his parents and three of his brothers – Verl, Dale and Reed. He is survived by his children: Laura Richards (Clint), Janie Raff (Mark), Shane Patterson (Realyn) and Tyler Patterson (Bryn). He is survived by one brother Marvin Patterson (Barbara), Clinton, UT and one sister Kathleen Anderson (Kip), Clinton, UT. Lastly, he is survived by his 9 grandchildren who very much adored their grandpa “Pat” – Joshua, Addison, Rubie, Gracie, Kolby, Sadie, Kale, Allie and Ellory.

Doug’s family would like to thank his hospice nurse Lisa Marshall, and the staff of Symbii Home Health, who took special care of him. Additionally special thanks is extended to Lee Wayne and Susan Elmer who spent so much time making Doug laugh and being wonderful friends to him. The family would like to extend their deepest gratitude to the many friends and family members that reached out to Doug and brought him so much

happiness in the last months of his life.

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, August 15th, at 11:00 am, at the LDS Chapel, 1498 East 800 South, Provo, Utah, a Viewing will be held from 9:00 am to 10:45 am. Interment will be in the Provo Cemetery immediately following the funeral service.

Funeral Directors: Utah Valley Mortuary.

Cemetery

Provo City Cemetery

610 South State Street

Provo, UT, 84606

Events

AUG **Viewing** 09:00AM - 10:45AM

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Provo LDS Chapel

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AUG **Funeral Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Comments



“ I will always remember Doug coming around the corner of the Wilk with a song and a little dance. He made others smile and loved us all with his big heart. I love you muchly Doug and you are missed!

Julie Pagan - October 04, 2015 at 08:32 PM



“ Doug is one of my favorite memories growing up in Nyssa. He worked in my parents grocery store. He was always singing Jennifer Juniper when I would see him. I would never have heard the song if not for him. I also remember his great smile and I am so grateful to have such wonderful memories of him. I think of him so often, especially when I see junipers. Rest in Peace Doug...you have always been missed... Jennifer Rieb Wolfe

Jennifer Wolfe - September 12, 2015 at 11:29 PM



“ I worked for Doug for four years, I have very fond memories. He was a great boss and a great friend. He taught me a lot, and I was only one of the hundreds of students whose lives he touched. I know he will be sorely missed. I feel fortunate that I had the opportunity to learn from him. Best Wishes to his family and his many friends.
~~ Jeremy Brown

Jeremy Brown - August 20, 2015 at 01:52 PM



“ Doug was my good friend at BYU. He always had a smile and a helping hand and he was always so happy to see you. The times I spent with him will be cherished memories. Thank you for sharing your Dad with us. I will miss him. -- Jennefer Johnson

Jennefer Johnson - August 19, 2015 at 06:13 PM



“ I worked with Doug and his daughter years ago what fun we had Doug was always the one to make you laugh, such a gentleman and great person. I will never forget him and the fun we had RIP...Sending love to his family. Judy Davis

judy davis - August 17, 2015 at 12:31 PM



“ What an amazing person!

My wife and I met Doug and each other while working at BYU catering. He quickly made friends with me because I grew up near Nyssa. When my wife and I got married, he attended the reception and told everyone that he had set us up because we met at catering.

Later on, he gave my wife a job at the Blue Line Deli. As a result, they became good friends. She recently told me that her two best friends from college are Doug and I.

Best wishes to his family. Thank you for sharing him with us. I will always count Doug amongst my friends.

Dave Voelkel - August 17, 2015 at 08:19 AM



“ Doug was one of my close friends during my early years of growing up in Nyssa, Oregon. I knew him to be a good member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and was hoping to have seen him in 2014 at the Nyssa Class of '64 reunion. Some times, we just miss seeing old friends one too many times! Anyway, he helped shape my life for good! God bless his family and loved ones who have been left behind to carry forward, even though he is not with us in body. He surely is in our memories! I left Nyssa in 1960 and therefore did not graduate from high school with Doug, but still remember him as a good, fun-loving, always smiling friend! May you all have good memories to inspire you to do good and help others as he has done in his life.

Lynn A. Child, of Quincy, Washington

Lynn A Child - August 16, 2015 at 07:08 PM



“ First of all I want to express my deepest sympathy to all of Dougs family he was a very special man and loved by many especially his whole graduating class of 64 Nyssa, Oregon.

Even though I have not been in Doug's life for many years he has always been in my heart and thoughts. We go back a long long ways. We grew up together in Nyssa and the friends you make growing up never leave you.

One of my fondest memories of Doug; He and I were asked to entertain at the Eagles in Nyssa when we were in Highschool. Doug and I performed the jitterbug (Doug was a very good dancer). What I remember most and smile to myself even now, every time Doug would twirl me he would jump straight up in the air in order to reach over my head. And as always always had that big beautiful smile of his on his face from ear to ear.

I love Doug very much and look forward to seeing him again.....,

Once again with fond remembrance and sympathy,

Linda Reece Lamb

Linda Reece Lamb - August 16, 2015 at 12:20 PM



“ My deepest condolences go out the Dougs family. Doug changed my college years for the best! I worked with him at BYU catering and learned what hard work truly is. He always had pride in everything he accomplished. It was a sad when he left BYU Catering because I not only lost a mentor but a friend. He will forever be part of my life.

Tammy Martin - August 16, 2015 at 12:28 AM



“ I used to work at EFY when I was younger and he was always kind and loving towards me, he even remembered me after all those years! I will never forget him!

Emily - August 15, 2015 at 11:56 PM



“ Doug was always a great influence in my life and helped me and countless others learn hard work by knowing our potential and then expecting us to give it. I hardly saw Doug take time for himself and was always giving his best in everything, never once did I see him cut corners or not give 100%. He and I had many lengthy conversations over the years where he delved into his life and shared past experiences with me. He will be sorely missed and I will cherish the countless memories that I have of Doug.

Seth Howard - August 15, 2015 at 11:42 PM



“ I wish to send my love and thoughts to the family of my cousin, Doug. Of course, he came from great stock through the Pattersons and the Berretts. May you always remember the good he did in this life and share those thoughts with your children. I am so disappointed I could not be in attendance for his funeral Saturday. Sincerely, Ray W. Patterson, Son of William R. Patterson of Clinton, Utah.

Ray Patterson - August 14, 2015 at 09:04 PM



“ I worked with Doug at Brockbank Elementary the last few years. He was such a wonderful person and he made me laugh and smile all the time. Even when I was down or didn't feel like working he always knew what to say and made things better. We shared so many great conversations and fun times during these few years of knowing him and the summers were especially fun. I will miss him so much and he will always be in my heart. Love you Doug. Friend and co-worker Traci.

Traci Ross - August 14, 2015 at 05:25 PM



“ I became acquainted with Doug as he worked at Brockbank Elementary his last few years - as the principal, I appreciated his attention to detail and his amazing work ethic. My favorite part, though, was his positive energy and cheerful attitude - ALWAYS. He was a great example to me. I will miss him terribly, Doug was one-of-a-kind.

Alison Hansen

Alison Hansen - August 13, 2015 at 11:18 PM



“ I was just thinking about Doug last week. I first met him when I interviewed to be the “fry girl” at the BYU bowling alley- he refused me the job on the basis that the job was actually kind of terrible and you smelled like oil for the rest of the day and that I should instead get a job at BYU Catering which was far superior. This job became something wonderful in my college life. That’s essentially the relationship I had with Doug- I always felt that he was looking out for me and I adored him. As a boss, Doug was demanding; he wanted us to work hard and efficiently and had no patience for someone who wasn’t willing to pitch in. The time before the meal is served, when we were all gloved and lined up plating food, will forever be tuned to the sounds of plates clinking and Doug yelling directions and numbers and exasperated comments. But the man was a teddy bear- quick with a smile, a tease, or a story. I owe a lot to Doug Patterson. He was a good friend, and I’m sad to have him gone.

April Hellewell Dickson - August 13, 2015 at 05:32 PM



“ I met Doug about 20 years ago while he was a route salesman and brought product to our store. I always looked forward to seeing Doug when he came. He was always upbeat and really fun to talk to and be around. He did me a great favor and came to work with us at the store. I don't think Doug needed the money [it wasn't very much in those days], I think he just loved to be around people. He was very much a people person and was very good at anything he did especially working with the public. Every body at the store loved Doug and Laura and loved to work with them. After we sold the business, I lost track of Doug. I hadn't seen him for many years but I always thought of him and hoped he was doing well. I was saddened to hear of his passing and my family and I are very sorry for your loss. Doug was a great friend to us all and he will be truly missed. Jim and Jan Nielsen and Family

Jim and Jan Nielsen and family - August 13, 2015 at 01:27 PM



“ There is something about Doug Patterson that sticks with you. It has been over 10 years since I saw him last, but I can still hear the sound of his voice, feel his energy, and see his contagious smile. I am thankful for the opportunity that I had to work with Doug, he was a wonderful boss and friend.

Bonnie Jensen - August 13, 2015 at 01:28 AM



“ Today I learned a very dear friend passed away on Monday. Watching numerous postings on Facebook by other college kids influenced by this man, my thoughts and memories have been gliding back to over 10 years ago when I was lucky enough to spend way too much time with him over a four year span. I learned more from this man, a simple dining services assistant manager, than any professor or bishop or administrator in my whole 5 year university experience at BYU. He taught me and hundreds of others like me what it means to work, what it means to be a friend, and how to embrace ourselves as we are.

This man showed us not only how to work, but that you can have fun while you work. Even in the most stressful time crunches he would have a smile on his face, an encouraging word, and a joke or two to make it bearable. He was usually the first employee to work, moving around the building with incredible speed, agility, and energy. He outpaced just about every one of his student employees who were half his age. He was always the last full time employee around at night. He would work late, come in on the weekends for special events, and never seemed to turn down an opportunity to add to his work load. When I worked with him he directed close to a hundred of us working at BYU Catering, but alongside that he had his hand in multiple efforts around campus. To just name a few, the bowling alley's new eatery, the food kiosk in the Marriott business school's lobby, and the new restaurant at the Athletic building all had his work fingerprints on them. On top of that he would work occasional nights and weekends at a local gas station. It was only with his failing eyesight and health that I first saw him start to slow down and turn down new responsibilities.

This man would take anyone and everyone under his wing and make them feel like they were best friends. So many times I would walk by his office to see him in counsel with a student employee. His door was always open, you were always welcomed with his giant smile, and you knew he cared because he listened. You could talk to him about any subject, serious or fun, nothing was off the table. And I know I always felt a little lighter and a little more loved after walking out of his office. There were plenty of teachers, professors, and administrators that didn't know this man on campus, but there wasn't a single full-time custodian that wouldn't light up the moment they saw him and make every effort to reach him to say Hi.

This man was never afraid to just be himself. So many of us spend our lives running from our story, but he just owned his, imperfections and all. And in a campus environment that demanded perfection on a personal level, this man seemed to bring a breath of fresh air into any room. Not only was he usually the first to mention his big ears, red face, or short stature, but he was also unafraid to show he had real and complicated life issues, problems, and relationships. His example of embracing his weaknesses and vulnerabilities only allowed him to shine his light even that much more as an example to those around him on how to be accepting of things you cannot change, how to face life's hardships with humor and a smile, and how to be true to yourself and your beliefs. There are many out there like myself that are better people and more fully equipped to "Go Forth to Serve" in our world because of the example and leadership of Doug Patterson.

Josh Lattin - August 12, 2015 at 10:04 PM



“ Doug was a coworker at BYU. He was always busy, a good worker. I retired almost four years ago. So sorry to see him gone. He truly cared about others. My thoughts go to his family.

Karen Webber - August 12, 2015 at 07:14 PM



“ I met Doug working at BYU catering. When I first met him I thought he was strict. But as I got to know him I realized he had much love for his whole crew and expected the best for us. I ran into Doug multiple times after leaving BYU and I was always impressed he remembered my name and truly cared how my life was going. He was a kind caring friend. His smile will truly be missed! Until we meet again Doug.

Suzanne Stirland - August 12, 2015 at 01:42 PM



“ Doug was my boss and friend at BYU Catering for 4 years. He taught me so much about leading and working. I think of him often. He will be sorely missed. Love you Doug.

Casey Sullivan - August 12, 2015 at 11:16 AM



“ Doug was my first boss at my first job, at BYU Catering. He's one of the best man I got to know. I have worked in several places ever since and I can honestly say Doug was the Best boss I ever had. He taught me how to be a real leader. He taught by example. He was never just sitting around, he was always doing something, and if there seemed to be nothing to do, he would find something to do. He taught me how to give my best at work.

I was an international student at BYU and being away from my family I found in Doug not only a boss but also a friend who would give me advice and cheer me up. We would talk about life while organizing the closets. I remember your dream about being a barman at a Cruise in the Caribbean. I always hoped you'd be able to do it someday.

I'm living in Lima, Perú, so sadly I won't be able to attend his funeral... but I'll always remember Doug. Funny, Hard-working, sometimes Grumpy but always Loving old Doug. Love you man. Your friend, Estefani.



Estefani - August 12, 2015 at 10:23 AM



“ I was one of the fortunate people to interview and choose Doug to work in BYU Dining services. I loved this man who never walked when he could run, worked hard, organized well and did so with an amazing attitude of joy and happiness. When I retired in 2011 he replaced me at BYU Food to GO and did an excellent job until he was forced to retire due to a heart attack. Rest in Love Doug. I wish I could be there to say farewell but will be out of town for a family function. Condolences and prayers for the children he loved so much.

Toni-Sue Lua - August 13, 2015 at 11:41 AM



“ Doug was always so kind to me. He really tried to get to know me and always spoke to me and tried to make me feel welcome in his family! I will never forget how hard he worked the day we were moving Bryn and Tyler to Oregon. He was cheerful and helpful and worked so hard! I'm very glad I got to know Doug and look forward to seeing him again someday!

Laura Gerber - August 12, 2015 at 09:28 AM



“ Doug always had a smile on his face. I looked forward to the end of each school day when he would clean my classroom. He truly had a special spirit about him and will be missed this school year at Brockbank.

Ashton Eccles - August 12, 2015 at 12:21 AM



“ Doug, was such a great person! I loved our little chats after school. He always was a very positive person. I will miss him terribly at Brockbank. Until we meet again my friend.

Lisa Bird

Lisa Bird - August 12, 2015 at 09:12 PM



“ Doug was a great example in all that he did! He took pride in everything he did, even if it was just keeping Brockbank Elementary clean. He cared about people and made sure they were cared for and happy! He will be truly missed!

Martha Heward - August 12, 2015 at 12:02 AM



“ We send our love to your family. You all are in our thoughts and prayers at this time. Doug will be missed by all who knew him. Sincerely, Jered and Stephanie Taylor and family



Stephanie and Jered Taylor - August 11, 2015 at 08:12 PM



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Shane Patterson - August 11, 2015 at 12:33 PM



“ This photo is probably about the age I first knew him. I was friends with his sister Kathleen. Then I got reacquainted with him when he worked at BYU dining. It was fun to run into him and chat about Nyssa. I last saw him at the store when he was picking up a prescription and found out he was ill. He had his granddaughter with him. He was still very positive and fun to chat with even then. Joanne Jefferies Curtis

Joanne Curtis - August 11, 2015 at 10:47 PM



“ My condolences to the Patterson family. I have worked with Shane for only a few months at Xactware. In that time, I was fortunate to hear him speak highly of his father. Shane is an exceptional individual, something I would attribute to both his father and mother. Having lost my parents, I know the pain and grief the Patterson family must feel. May the blessings of comfort and healing be upon you all.

Stan Sadowski

stan sadowski - August 12, 2015 at 11:32 AM



“ We were privileged with having Doug as a neighbor some 25 years ago. Doug was very positive in everything he did and with everyone he came in contact with. He looked out for the down-trodden and was quick to befriend any who needed friendship and compassion. He was a great example for us and many others who were blessed by his friendship and will not be forgotten. Our sincere condolences to his family.

Mont and JoAnn Peatross

Robert Peatross - August 12, 2015 at 09:50 PM