



## Larry Gene Patterson

March 6, 1953 - October 27, 2018

Celebration of Life for Larry Gene Patterson, age 65, of Decatur, will be Wednesday, October 31, 2018, at Shelton Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 Noon. Service will follow with Rev. Wayne Newby and Rev. Jim Bryars officiating.

Mr. Patterson, who died Saturday, October 27, 2018, at his residence, was born March 6, 1953, in Decatur, to Thomas Eugene Patterson and Mabel Campbell Patterson. He was preceded in death by his parents. Mr. Patterson taught and coached at Brookhaven Middle School for 26 years; he also coached at Austin High School. Following retirement he worked at Enersolv. He loved spending time with his wife, daughter, and grandchildren.

He is survived by his loving wife, Terri Patterson of Decatur; one daughter, Aimee Hopkins (Tony) of Decatur; one sister, Pam Baker (Ricky) of Trinity; two grandchildren, Jackson Williams and Julia Williams, both of Decatur; and one niece, Crystal Baker of Trinity.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests memorial donations be made to Vanderbilt Ingram Cancer Center, Hematology Department, at [www.vicc.org](http://www.vicc.org), or by mail to Vanderbilt University Gift and Donor Services (specifically hematology research), 3322 West End Avenue, Suite 900, Nashville, TN 37203.



# Tribute Wall

BS

“ *Our sympathy for your loss. I worked with Larry at Brookhaven for years as well he had our sons in gym class.* ”



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**Brenda & Bill Kirkham & Sons** - November 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ *An A GARDEN PATH was ordered on October 30, 2018* ”



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**Expression of Sympathy** - October 30, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ *One of my most fond memories was the year Larry, Bob Harpe, and I coached the freshman football team at Austin. We had a ball! Due to my own health issues, I will be unable to attend Larry's funeral. My thoughts and prayers will be with you.* ”



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**Joe Mc Daniel** - October 30, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ Larry was not only a great football coach but a better man. His presence in the room made everyone feel better. Rest in peace Larry you will be missed.



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**Mitchell Knox** - October 30, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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**Mitchell Knox** - October 30, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ It's sad that Coach Larry Patterson is not with us any longer. I will always remember him as a mean but tough guy who would have to straighten us up and keep our mouths shut with a firm but loud mouth when I arrived at the now defunct Brookhaven Middle School for three years, followed by my brothers Cameron and Roderick. You would never know no matter how he treated and loved us, but the loving memories of him will be cherished and remembered. My thoughts and prayers as well as my condolences through God's blessings go out to his family during this hour of grief and sadness.



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**Jeffery Lamar Watson** - October 29, 2018 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ I remember teaching with Larry at Brookhaven. One of my favorite memories was Larry being upset one snow day. The roads were icy as well as the snow coming down heavily! WE HAD to come to school in all that! Larry came in just stomping...complaining that he had already been to school 3 times, and had slid by twice because the roads were so bad! He was such a nice man. Sorry for your loss.



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**Patsy (Smith) Strain** - October 29, 2018 at 12:00 AM