



John Michael Patterson

March 6, 1946 - April 7, 2026

John Michael (Mike) Patterson 1946-2026

It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing of Mike Patterson, 80, of San Francisco and Rocklin, California, who died on April 7, 2026, in Rocklin. A private funeral will be held on April 30th at the Murray Family Funeral Chapel in Rocklin, with burial in Rocklin Cemetery. A celebration of his life will occur on May 1st at 1:30 PM at the Children's Discovery Museum in San Jose, where he was a board member. Another celebration of life is scheduled near Washington, Iowa, in May, with the exact date and location to be determined.

John Michael Patterson was born on March 6, 1946, in Washington, Iowa, the son of J. Kenneth Jr. and JoAnn (Ross) Patterson. He attended country school and completed his elementary and high school education in the Mid-Prairie district, graduating with the class of 1964. He attended the University of Iowa, majoring in accounting, and graduated in 1968. He served in the Army from 1968 to 1970. He married Sara Kephart in 1968, and they had two children, Todd and Staci.

He began his career at PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) as an accountant in 1970 earning his CPA while attending law school at the University of Chicago and graduating in 1973. He continued his career at PwC by moving to San Jose, California. After the death of Sara Patterson, he married Marci Garner in

1979 and added her daughters, Lori and Lisa, to his family. He owned the family farm northwest of Washington, Iowa, growing soybeans and corn, and collecting John Deere tractors. His children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren enjoyed spending time on the farm.

He became a partner at PwC in 1982, serving as the San Jose Tax Practice Leader, Office Managing Partner, and Co-chair of the High Technology Practice; however, he most enjoyed working with clients. He retired from PwC in 2001. After the death of Marci Patterson in 1998, he married Sandra Radtka of San Francisco, California, in 2000. Following his retirement from PwC, he joined the Board of Directors at Xilinx Corporation, serving from 2005 to 2020. Throughout his career, he volunteered with many community organizations, including the Villa Montalvo Association, Children's Discovery Museum, Silicon Valley Community Foundation, Joint Venture Silicon Valley, and the Antique Iowa Car Museum. He also founded the San Jose Capital Club and served as its President.

He was a kind, humble and generous man. He was an avid Yankees, San Francisco 49ers and Hawkeye (University of Iowa) fan. He was a devoted husband, a great dad, and highly regarded mentor and friend. He was a key advisor to family and friends. He especially enjoyed spending quality time with his many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, brother Tim, Marci Patterson, and Sara Patterson. He is survived by his wife, Sandra Radtka in California; children Todd (Rene) Patterson and Staci (Jeff) Patterson Forcier in Iowa; children, Lori (Phil) Storment and Lisa (Jim) Ellis in California; brother Rob (Nancy), brother Tom, and sister Vickie Patterson in Iowa; sisters-in-law Kathy Patterson in Iowa and Susan Bologna in Michigan; and several nieces and nephews. He is survived by eleven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose at <https://www.cdm.org/donate/> or 180 Woz Way, San Jose, CA 95110. Online condolences to the family may be given at <https://www.murrayfamilyfuneralchapel.com/obituaries/john-patterson-47/#!/Obituary>

Cemetery Details

Rocklin Cemetery

4090 Kannasto Street
Rocklin, CA 95677

Tribute Wall

MS

“ Rob and Nancy, Tom and Vickie, Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time in the loss of your brother. May you hold many precious memories of him close to your hearts. Blessings to all of the family. Milton & Ilene Schnicker

Milton & Ilene Schnicker - May 13 at 12:21 PM

RP

“ We have all suffered a great, unimaginable loss. Mike meant something special to each and every one of us, always reaching out in his own way, always giving more than he ever needed to. He was so generous and so full of love.

It's hard to imagine the road ahead without him. Who could ever fill his shoes? The truth is, no one can. It will take all of us, together, to carry even a piece of what he was—because we didn't just lose someone we loved... we lost our rock.

God bless you, Big Brother. I will miss you more than words can say. Rest in peace.

*Love always,
Little Bro - Rob*



Rob Patterson - April 28 at 08:16 PM

DR

“ Grateful to have know Mike and love the family and legacy that he built.



Debbie Ramirez - April 23 at 03:10 PM

CL

“ I am Sandy’s caregiver. I have been working with her for more than a year now and I have seen Mike working tirelessly in his office as well as enjoying the 49ers game. He is very kind, gentle and a friendly guy. However I don’t always understand his sarcasm or sense of humor. He was always looking after his wife making sure she was safe and well cared for. I remembered he bought a bicycle helmet for her to protect Sandy if she ever fell off her chair again. Mike enjoyed bento boxes down the street at Kamekyo. I asked the owner what he liked eating and he didn’t have to think twice about it. He said it with teary eyes; red snapper, tuna sashimi, fruit, no salad, no miso soup and a Diet Pepsi. I know that he was loved by everyone. I am glad to have met him.
<3 - Connie L.

Connie Li - April 22 at 11:56 AM

JL

Thank you for sharing Connie.

Jeff Forcier (son in law) - April 22 at 11:37 PM

SR

Thanks Connie

Sandra Ann Radtka - April 25 at 07:05 PM

GR

“ I was a senior manager in audit in San Jose when Mike was a tax partner. Mike represented the kind of partner one aspired to be - warm, funny and tirelessly dedicated to his clients and staff. I have many fond memories of his friendly, casual way of discussing office issues and market opportunities. He valued the viewpoints of others and made everyone feel welcome. I am not surprised to read about his many volunteer activities and close family relationships because they are all wholly consistent with the man I saw in the PwC office. -
Guy Raymaker

Guy Raymaker - April 17 at 12:53 PM

JL

He was the kind of person whose example many of us will strive to follow. Thanks for sharing Guy

Jeff Forcier (son in law) - April 22 at 11:43 PM

KP

“ Kathy Patterson lit a candle in memory of
John Michael Patterson



Kathy Patterson - April 15 at 08:39 PM

KP

In his 80 years, J. Michael Patterson achieved wealth, status, and many accomplishments, but he was always so very humble about those things. I dare to say, the true measure of Mike as a man was in his character, integrity, and the positive impact he had on others. After the passing of his Dad in 1995, Mike served as the patriarch of our Patterson Family. He valued his Iowa Farm roots, and loved his family and extended family above all else. He was respected by all of us because he enriched our lives in so many ways. He was the center of every gathering, the source of many laughs, and loved by all for the warm memories he created. He was the glue that held our family together after the passing of his Mom in 2012. As the oldest son in the family, Mike blazed a lot of life's trails, and showed the way for all of us who followed. We were so very blessed to have Mike, and we thank God for the gift he was to all of us.

*Kathy Patterson
Cedar Rapids, IA*

Kathy Patterson - April 15 at 08:50 PM

SR

Thanks for your kind words Kathy

Sandra Ann Radtka - April 25 at 07:06 PM

LG

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Lindsay Gonzalez - April 14 at 10:40 PM

LG

“ Papa you are so missed. Cam told us last night that he “actually likes tickles” even though he always tried to run away and tickle you back! You were the best papa to me and I’m forever grateful for you and the impact you had on my life. Getting to watch you with Cam was so special, he misses his papa big time, we all do. Love you!

Lindsay Gonzalez - April 14 at 10:36 PM

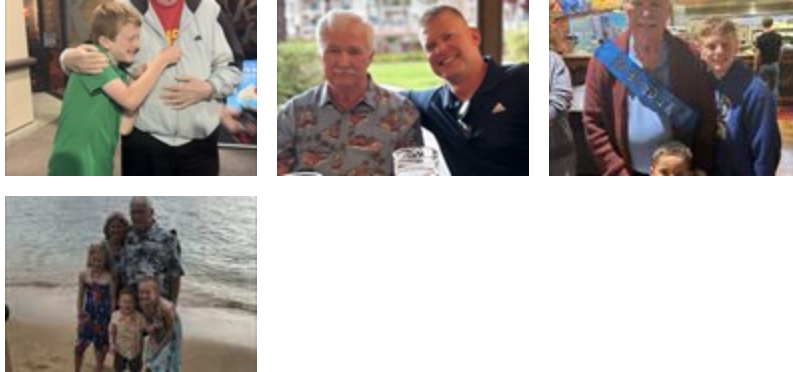
SR

Thanks Lindsay. Cam was Papa's best buddy!

Sandra Ann Radtka - April 25 at 07:10 PM

KP

“ Mike, you were a great role model, mentor and friend to Jen and I. You were the ultimate Papa to our kids! You’ve been gone a week and in that time I’ve had three reasons to call you and chat. You are greatly missed and forever loved.



Kyle Parsons - April 14 at 10:06 PM

SR

Thanks for including those great photos Kyle

Sandra Ann Radtka - April 25 at 07:08 PM

RP

“ I could not of asked for a better Father-in-law . He was a great father , and grandfather. We miss you PAPA.

Rene patterson - April 14 at 09:13 PM

SB

“ When Mike came to Michigan he always looked forward to homemade blueberry muffins, 4 berry pie, polish food, and a big hunk of grilled red meat!



Susan Bologna - April 14 at 02:50 PM

JG

For Janet's friend for all of our friends

Jan Gwyer - April 18 at 01:19 PM

EM

I will cherish the 50 plus years that I was honored to be his friend. I am going to miss his many phone calls and visits with him and his family. Love you, J Michael.

Earl Mohler - April 24 at 10:38 AM

SR

He always said that you grilled him the best rib-eye steak!

Sandra Ann Radtka - April 25 at 07:14 PM