



William A. "Bill" Patton

October 22, 1939 - November 15, 2019

William A. "Bill" Patton, age 80, of Versailles, passed away Friday, November 15, 2019, at his home. He was born October 22, 1939, in Leachville, Arkansas, a son of the late Vester and Frances Patton.

On July 12, 1958, in Leachville, he married the love of his life, Myra Jo (Sisk) Patton, who preceded him in death on February 14, 2018.

In 1966, he and Jo relocated to Versailles to become an integral part of the launch of the Brown Shoe Factory in town. Later, they owned and operated the Montgomery Ward Catalog Store in Versailles for many years. Bill worked at Dixon Ticonderoga in Versailles in the maintenance department as an engineer. He owned a machine shop for several years until his retirement.

Bill was a past member of the Kiwanis Club, the Versailles Masonic Lodge #320, served on the Morgan County R-II School Board and was a member of the Versailles First Baptist Church.

He was a builder, spending time collecting and constructing wooden steam engines and also building three homes with Jo. In his spare time, Bill enjoyed art and woodworking.

Bill's family was most precious to him. He loved them and treasured the time

he spent with them.

He is survived by his daughter, Penny Haile of Versailles; grandchildren, Miles Westhues, Tanner Westhues and Morgan Westhues; his mother, Frances Patton of Monette, Arkansas; his sister, Linda Drury of Tupelo, Mississippi and many other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Vester Patton, his sons, Michael Patton and Brad Patton, brothers, Henry Patton and Franklin Patton, his sister, Alice Hodges and two son's-in-law.

A private celebration of Bill's life will be held at a later date. Inurnment will be in the Versailles Cemetery next to his beloved wife, Jo. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Versailles First Baptist Church.

Cremation arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.

Tribute Wall

SM

“ Susan Main lit a candle in memory of William A. "Bill" Patton



Susan Main - November 20, 2019 at 09:45 PM

SM

“ Very sweet people Bill and Jo. I remember going over and hanging with penny at a young age. Wed play and hang out. They were always so sweet. Great people. Will miss them. RIP Bill and Jo.

Susan Main - November 20, 2019 at 09:44 PM

BO

“ Betty Davis ONeal lit a candle in memory of William A. "Bill" Patton



Betty Davis ONeal - November 19, 2019 at 09:40 PM

MM

“ Mikki Marshall lit a candle in memory of William A. "Bill" Patton



Mikki Marshall - November 19, 2019 at 05:09 PM

MM

I can remember him an dad an uncle bobby an uncle gary an whoever else wanted to see would sit out on nana Carol's front porch an he would show off all his creations he had brought with him....boy they were awesome...he would smile so big cuz he was proud of his work an he loved watching the joy of others that it brought to people...he was a good ole guy...

Mikki Marshall - November 19, 2019 at 05:13 PM

MP

“ Michele Patton lit a candle in memory of William A. "Bill" Patton



Michele Patton - November 19, 2019 at 09:56 AM

LS

“ LaVonne SCriswell sent a virtual gift in memory of William A. "Bill" Patton



LaVonne SCriswell - November 19, 2019 at 09:52 AM

SD

“ Sending my heartfelt condolences to the family for the loss of your loved one. May God give you peace and healing. Hold tight to your memories.



Sharon Dout - November 19, 2019 at 09:37 AM

SR

“ Shirley Root lit a candle in memory of William A. "Bill" Patton



Shirley Root - November 19, 2019 at 09:34 AM

WS

“ Willa Stafford lit a candle in memory of William A. "Bill" Patton



Willa Stafford - November 18, 2019 at 09:18 PM

LD

“ Bill's devotion to Jo was beautiful as he sat and held her hand day and night for months until she went to be with Jesus. Penny gave him that same love and devotion. It was such a joy to be a witness to their faith and hope. Now he can see and hear all the beauty of Heaven.

Linda Daniels - November 16, 2019 at 10:09 PM



So we'll said Linda .love you

Penny Patton - November 17, 2019 at 11:12 AM

PC

Bill and Jo were the most loving people a person could have had the pleasure of knowing. Their love and devotion to each other and god was an inspiration to everyone that had the pleasure of knowing them. Sending love and prayers to the family.

Patrick and Melinda Chapman - November 19, 2019 at 11:03 AM

CB

My Uncle Bill was a remarkable man,most intelligent man I ever knew.His mind was forever learning new things.He asked me a few years back to explain salvation and afterlife to him.He knew the basics,he did,but wanted more.We sat for hours discussing God and Heaven that day.He said he fully understood it after that discussion.His scientific mind wanted assurance.I felt honored that he had asked me to share what I believed.I loved him so much❤️

Carol Van Beveran - November 19, 2019 at 05:38 PM

CB

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Carol Van Beveran - November 19, 2019 at 05:39 PM

BO

Uncle Bill-- we had lots of time when we were on their deck to smoke to catch up an he shared many things with me--every house he built he left a "time capsule" in a wall so whomever ended up redoing the house--would find it--when he was 16 he built his dad an electric toothbrush--his dad laughed an threw it away-- when he was 21 his dad bought him one...he was always inventing--carving--creating things--he was a brilliant man but ever so humble--I loved to visit with him an Aunt Jo--they always had a warm welcome an a smile when anyone showed up. Both were envyed by many people but they were down to earth--loving and all around fantastic people. Heaven has gained another angel . Love you Uncle Bill--rest in peace!!

Betty Davis ONeal - November 19, 2019 at 09:47 PM



Thankyou all so much ..my heart is full of all the love sent to my family .so proud to have called Him Dad .❤️

Penny Patton - November 20, 2019 at 10:55 AM