In His Own Words  
(Late night Conversation)  
Henry Patterson

Dad: Is Inell okay?  
Me: Yes, she’s resting; isn’t that good?  
Dad: I always want everything good to happen to Inell.

Scenario: Me hugging dad  
Me: Dad, what are we going to do with you?  
Dad: Love me… Love me where I am.  
Me: What do you mean by that?  
Dad: If I’m in the bedroom, love me there; if I’m in the den, love me there….I thought he meant to love him at whatever stage he is in life! 😊

Late Night Shout outs: INELL!!! HEN-RI-ET-TA!!! DAVID!!! RANDY!!! CHRIS!!! COURTENAY!!! BIG JOHN!!! BUTTERCUP!!! SARAH!!! EVERLINA!!! JOHN LEE!!!

Scenario: Dad asking for water  
Dad: Randy, get me some water!  
Mom: Henry, you have to be nicer when you ask for things.  
Dad: Nobody asked you, Inell!! 😊

Dad: Inell, Inell, come here baby!  
Dad: It’s time to go?  
Response????  
Dad: I’m ready. Let’s get this party going.

Me: Love you, dad.  
Dad: I love you….. I love you more than you love me.  
Me: I don’t know about that!  
Dad: …more than you know

We, the family of Mr. Henry Patterson, wish to express our sincere appreciation for all acts of kindness expressed during our time of bereavement. Your prayers, hugs, cards, flowers, calls, and all kind gestures have aided us in this transition. We would like to give a special thanks to our physicians, nurses, and the Prisma Baptist Hospice, especially our team: Cindy Willis, Shely Allen, Arlene Eugene, Kimberly Miller, and Lynnette Brown (the exceptional care and respect you all gave our loved one was very much appreciated). May God continue to bless all of you.

The Family

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Owner & Director  
Rev. Michael H. Baker  
Pastor

In Honor of your Memory  
S.M. (Ret) Henry Patterson  
Friday, June 7, 2019  
10:00 a.m.  
The Greater St. Luke Baptist Church  
2228 Tuscan Road  
Columbia, South Carolina  
Rev. Michael H. Baker  
Pastor
Mr. Henry Patterson was born January 11, 1935, in Sumter County, South Carolina. He was the son of the late Rena Patterson Wins and Ebenezer Patterson. He departed this life peacefully on Friday, May 31, 2019, holding his loving wife’s hand.

Henry was educated in the public schools of Richland County, South Carolina, and was a graduate of Booker T. Washington High School. He was also a graduate of Columbia Commercial College, with two degrees in Accounting. He retired from the United States Air Force (USAF) after twenty-three (23) years of service, with the rank of Senior Master Sergeant (SMS), (he declined his promotion to Chief, choosing to remain stateside with his family). While in the USAF, he received numerous commendations and medals. Mr. Patterson was also retired from York, Tape and Label Company.

Mr. Patterson was a member of the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church.

Mr. Patterson was preceded in death by: his parents, Rena Patterson Wins and Ebenezer Patterson; his stepfather, Edward Wins; and a brother, Melvin Patterson.

Who was Henry Patterson? He was a man who absolutely adored his wife and doted on his daughter. While in the military, he served proudly and traveled all over the world with and without his family. His response to the greeting, “Thanks for your service” was “it was my pleasure!” He absolutely loved his immediate and extended family and delighted in hosting cookouts so that all could gather and fellowship (hence one of his favorite songs was “Family Reunion” by the O’ Jays). He was an avid sportsman. He enjoyed participating in football, basketball, softball (O1 Men’s Slow-pitch in Germany), and bowling. In later years, he became a proud spectator and supporter of his grandkids and great-grandkids, as they played sports…or danced…or cheered…or Girl Scout events…or whatever they were doing at that particular time. Henry Patterson was a husband, daddy, papa, role model, mentor, friend, cheerleader, jokester…one in a million.

It is said that as long as your name is spoken you will never die. Henry Patterson will live on every time a funny story or memory is shared by: his loving wife, Inell R. Patterson; daughter, Henrietta P. (David) Etheredge, of Lexington, SC; sisters, Everlina Dixon, of Detroit, MI and Sarah P. Davis, of Columbia, SC; brother, John Lee Patterson, of Columbia, SC; sisters-in-law, Johnnie Mae Patterson, of Irmo, SC and Marilyn (Jerry) Miller, of Amityville, NY; grandchildren, Randall Etheredge, of Lexington, SC; sisters-in-law, Johnnie Mae Patterson, of Irmo, SC and Marilyn (Jerry) Miller, of Amityville, NY; grandchildren, Randall Etheredge, of Lexington, SC; Christopher (Melissa) Etheredge, of Cayce, SC, and Courtenay Etheredge, of Pendleton, SC; great-grandchildren, Jaiden, Jessalyn, Akario, Peyton, Meah, Akiyah, Kamryn, and Cailyn; nieces, nephews, other loving relatives, and caring friends, all of whom will miss him dearly.

Obituary

Memories