

Elwood Patterson, 72

Elwood Patterson died early Monday morning, May 4, 2009 at Golden Living Center, Groton.

His funeral will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 13, 2009 at the Claremont United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Ryan Mutzenberger officiating. Visitation will be one hour preceding the funeral. Burial will be in the Britton Cemetery, with Price Funeral Chapel, Britton, in charge of arrangements.



Elwood Eugene Patterson was born December 20, 1936 at Britton, SD, to Ellmer and Johanna (Buisker) Patterson. He attended school in Amherst and several country schools, and graduating in 1954 from Britton High School. As a young man, he worked a number of different jobs at the grocery store, gas station and school. In adulthood, he worked as a farm hand.

He married Marie Ness, September 27, 1959. He continued to work at the Mobil Station, and was later hired on with Welby Moeckly for three years. During this time, Becky and Leon were born.

The young family moved to Claremont, where Elwood worked for the Farmers Union, becoming manager for nine years. During this time, Beverly was born. He had a dream and decided to pursue his very own repair shop venture. He owned and operated Patterson Repair Shop for many years, fixing everything from large equipment to lawn mowers, and everything in between. He also worked for many years as a maintenance man for the City of Claremont.

For a number of years, Elwood taught the hunter safety course, and was a member of the Claremont Sportsmen Club. He was a member of the James Valley Two Cylinder Club for many years. For all who knew him, he will be missed for many different reasons. He loved nature and somehow found a very unique and interesting way to interpret it. He will be most remembered for his love of fishing, auction sales, and spending time with his family and friends. Those most precious to him were his grandkids. They had a way of finding a very soft, sweet side of him, and for this, we are eternally grateful.

He is survived by his wife, Marie Patterson; two daughters, Becky (Don) Wegleitner, Claremont, and Beverly (Thomas) Schudar, Forman, ND; one son, Leon "JR" Patterson, Claremont; five grandchildren, Andrea, Allison and April Wegleitner; Sarah and Scott Patterson; soon to be grandson-in-law, Shawn Engelmann, and his spunky black lab, "Spike."

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Larry Patterson; his maternal and paternal grandparents, and several aunts and uncles.

Music was provided by Betty Stanley, organist. Casketbearers were Jeff Stohr, Rod Hinrichs, Steve Stanley, Sherm Cutler, Doug Hinrichs, Lorrie Sanderson, Leonard Sanderson and Terry Haaland. Honorary casketbearers were members of the James Valley Two Cylinder Club.

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