



Gordon James Patterson

January 28, 1959 - September 15, 2009

Gordon James Patterson was born in South Haven, MI and moved to Naselle, WA in 1962. He went home to be with his Savior after being hit by a car while bicycling home from work. He attended Naselle-Grays River High School, where he played cornet in the band and lettered in football, basketball and track, graduating in 1977. He was involved in Boy Scouts and received Eagle Scout in 1973. Gordon went on to Western Washington University, where he was a member of the Men's Crew Team and was active in Campus Crusade for Christ, graduating in 1982. He then enrolled in the Certificate Bible Course at Multnomah Biblical Seminary in Portland, OR. Gordon's career with the Vancouver School District began at Lewis Junior High in 1984. He also taught at McLoughlin, Shumway, Jason Lee and Discovery Middle Schools, and Eisenhower and Ogden Elementary Schools. In 1997 he returned "home" to Hudson's Bay High School, where he continued until the accident that took him to his eternal home. Gordon was involved in the local homeschooling community. He taught The Homeschooling Seminar for parents, helped start a home school Science Olympiad team, served on the board of Clark County Home Educators and taught classes. He was also a part time teacher consultant with Academy Northwest/Family Academy. As Gordon the Science Warden he used science to entertain and teach lessons in faith using science experiments. He was also the director of the junior high AWANA program at First Evangelical Church. He is survived by his wife, Carrie; sons, Caleb and Jonathan; and daughter, Julia, all of Vancouver; his parents, Lyle and Elaine

Patterson of Longview, WA; brothers, Wade (Kathy) of Kelso, WA and Dwight (Dana) of Camas, WA. A memorial service celebrating his life will be held Wed., Sept. 23, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Hudson's Bay High School gym. A benevolence fund for his family has been set up by Academy Northwest and both the Vancouver School District Foundation and Washington Science Olympiad have established scholarship funds in his memory.

Tribute Wall



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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 09:52 PM

BH

“ "P." I miss you so much. you were such a great, and wonderful man. you always took the time for everybody. You were easy to talk to, kind-hearted, and a gentleman. Most of all, you always were able to see the good in people, and it's because you always had a love for people because we're all God's children. And anybody who knew you well knew that you were a God loving man. I love and respect you so much. I was a student of yours for four years.... but more than that you were my friend. and in those for years you taught me so much. Not just about drafting or auto-cad, but about a quality of life. You influenced me in a positive sorta way :) and i will always love you in a positive sorta way! you even took the time to make it to my wedding, two years after i graduated from high school. If only you were still here, i wish you could meet my baby daughter. she's 3 months old and there would be no better person to have in her life than you Mr. Patterson. But i will teach her the quality of life that you helped teach me and try to instill the values and morals that you always stood for. anyway, i could go on and on about you. love you so much and miss you. think about you all the time. At least i know that i will see you on the other side...

Brian Hebert - August 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ It's getting closer to September 15th-the 2 year anniversary since his death. He's been on my mind a lot lately...If he were here right now, I would tell him that he was the best uncle in the world. I love him so much and I really really miss him! "I love you in a positive sorta way, Uncle Gordon!" :(

Alexandra Glahn - August 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ I love you guys so much!

Alexandra Glahn - September 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ dear patterson family, when i first met mr p. i thought he was weird, but then i started too talk too him even then i started too think he was really cool.:) and especially when he wore his jedi outfit. haha and then he always said i love you in a positive sort of way! and that jsut ,ade everyones day. the day he died i saw him it was in the morning, and i was all tired and grumpy, then i saw him and he was all like hyper and awake. and he just told me too have the best day ever. and that he loved me in a positive sort of way. him just saying that had made my day!! so the rest of the day i had an awesome day. i even went bome and had good day. then i got this shocking text message from caleb turner saying gordan patterson just got hit and killed on his bike.. so when i heard that i didnt believe it at all. so i turned on the news. and there it was the painful truth.. and when it showed the picture of him it just killed me inside. i cant imagine the people who found him.. i would just fall too my knees. and i know for a fact that antonio would of stopped if he wasnt on something or scared. but now i realize that god takes us when he wants us.. and it may not be fair somtimes. but its just the fact of life.! well i just wanted too say that i am very proud of you guys for how you took the death so good.! if it was me i wouldnt be able too share anyhting.. i would be so hard.

taylor - March 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ I miss you Uncle Gordon!

Alexandra Glahn - February 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ I never knew what he was like erally. To me, he was jsut Uncle Gordon. Now, I realize how much I really loved him and still continue to love him. I really miss him. I love you, Uncle Gordon.

Alexandra - November 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ Carrie, it has been many years since the times our girls were in ballet together. So many blessings since the days of watching the boys play in the waiting room of Joy of Dance. I've finished my home school journey with my kids, but I'll never forget the discussions with Gordon in busy hallways during home school conferences about math for home schoolers. He was always so excited and friendly. I know he will be sorely missed by so many. He touched lives because he truly loved the Lord with all his heart, soul, mind and strength and loved every soul who entered his life. He made a difference! Carrie and children, my heart and prayers are with you all as you live out your grief and remember the blessing you've enjoyed with Gordon. God's comfort for you all. In His Love, Shelly

Shelly Drew - September 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ Closing, yet another recent & wonderful conversation of science, country and God with Gordon during our kids, karate class; his parting compliment struck me in a unique & respectful way. He meeaningfully said, "always a pleasure, Renea" My instant inner reaction was, what a gentleman. Not many true gentlemen around these days. I hope his examples encourage more of us to be ladies & gentlemen with a large portion of Jesus Freak. 'o' <_> Gods Richest Blessings to you all, Renea Miller

Renea - September 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Dear Julia and family, Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Your father was obviously well loved and respected. His faith shined through to all. God's Blessings.

Theresa Beaver and Dawn Stedham - September 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ *The nearly 3 hour memorial, was worth every minute. What a truly enjoyable, God honoring time to recognize a God honoring man. Gordon must be experiencing, beyond his wildest imagination, a joy and gratitude to God for the way God used Gordon in the lives of the thousands God has priveleged Gordon to bless. Hallalujah!!!!!! And I don't know if you all noticed. Gordon slipped into glory just before Rosh Hashana. Gordon, Happy New Year ! The JOY of the LORD truly is our strength, I pray that you do not forget this in moments of devastation to come. Grief often comes in unexpected waves. Sometimes those waves span hours, weeks, years or decades apart. Remember the Lord's Joy, in those moments. Again, God's Richest Blessings to you all, Renea Miller*

Renea - September 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *Whenever I think of Gordon I see his smiling face. I think back to when I first met him when Taylor and Todd joined the Science Olympics S.W.A.T. Homeschool Team. I think he's the one that gave them their nickname T&T. They had a great experience on the team. To Carrie and kids, I am so very sorry for your loss and for the temporary future you will miss with him but am thrilled you will all be together for all eternity. Praying for you often in this difficult time.*

Carol Van Boxtel - September 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ *I pray the memories you have of time spent with Gordan will bring you comfort in times to come.*

Maryse Kintz - September 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM