



# James R. Patterson

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James R. Patterson, age 68, of Ocean View, DE, passed away peacefully on September 23, 2015 at his home. Jim was originally a native of Lancaster, Ohio and a graduate of Ohio University and the John F. Kennedy School of Graduate and Professional Studies. After graduation, Jim served as a social worker in Fairfield County, Ohio and Annapolis, MD. Later he lived in Washington, DC where he worked for the National Endowment for the Arts and U.S. Peace Corps Headquarters. In 1989, he moved to San Francisco, CA where he worked for the Sierra Club. Since 1993, Jim was a senior leader at the Coaches Training Institute, contributing to the training and development of coaching professionals around the world.

He was preceded in death by his father, Wm. Carroll (Pat) Patterson and his mother, Collis Harper Patterson.

Jim is survived by his sisters and their husbands, Barbara Robinson (Bob) of Ormond Beach, Florida; Jane Touvell (Rudy) of Lancaster, Ohio; Christine Powers (Alvin Ross) of Bethany Beach, DE, and eight loving nieces, nephews and their families.

The family requests that contributions in Jim's memory be made to your favorite charity, your local SPCA or the Global Delaware Fund, 36 The Circle, Georgetown, DE 19947 ([www.theglobaldelawarefund.com](http://www.theglobaldelawarefund.com)).

Please sign Jim's guestbook located on this site.

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## Tribute Wall

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DK

**Dorcas Kelley** posted:

I had the honor and pleasure of working with Jim at Coaches Training Institute for nearly a decade. He was a creative and collaborative colleague, an excellent teacher and a good friend. He had an amazing ability to hold people accountable while also letting those same folks feel loved and supported. Jim has positively impacted SO very many lives - students, clients, friends, fellow coaches, employees of CTI, the list goes on. I miss him everyday and send my love and thanks to his family!

October 27 at 12:34 PM

DM

**Diane Guisinger Maguire** posted:

To Jims family - There are no words to express my deep sadness. So many years of friendship starting in junior high, Methodist Youth Fellowship, Y-Teen dances and Jim taking me to my senior prom, I am devastated to know that he is gone but he will always have a special place in my heart. RIP Jim...love you.

October 3 at 8:00 PM

VL

**Verena Shumaker Lucker** posted:

Dear Christie and family:So sorry for your loss. Its been a long time ago but I remember you speaking very fondly of your older brother, Jim. It sounds like he led a meaningful life with much purpose. I hope you find the comfort you need.Peace Verena

October 2 at 8:00 PM

PL

**Paal Leveraas** posted:

Sorry to see you go, Jim. Would have liked to think that we could meet again some day.

September 30 at 8:00 PM

MK

**Melanie Keveles** posted:

Jim was an incredible colleague and leader for CTI. Words are inadequate to describe the impact he made on me and everyone he touched. He had a way of making everyone in his path feel special and unique, while doing so in a genuine and authentic way. I will miss his wisdom, fierceness and his chuckle.May he rest in peace.

September 29 at 8:00 PM



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EW

**Emma Wheat** posted:

Thank you for your huge heart. Your wisdom is a gift and shining light to the world.

September 29 at 8:00 PM

MO

**Mary Olk** posted:

Jim made the world a better place with his passion, authenticity and commitment to sharing love. He has been one of my trusted and beloved colleagues for the last 18 years. May we burn brightly with the love you shared. Blessings and comfort to all who loved you.

September 29 at 8:00 PM

EV

**Eva** posted:

Thank you for your love and generosity. You will be in my heart forever.

September 29 at 8:00 PM

ZW

**Zoe Windsor** posted:

Im so sorry to hear of Jims passing and I send you all my deepest sympathy. Zoe, UK

September 28 at 8:00 PM

SF

**Sue Mcclurg Fischer** posted:

Janie... My condolences to you and the entire family. I am so very saddened to hear of Jims passing. I have so many fond memories of life on Lake Street and Jim and you are part of those happy thoughts. I wish I were closer to Lancaster to be able to sit and chat with you. Just know my heart, thoughts, and prayers are with you and Jims family. Love and hugs from Kansas.

September 28 at 8:00 PM

EB

**Elizabeth Powers Brown** posted:

Jim and I went to school together in Lancaster and knew each other from middle school on. He was a kind and wonderful guy. His commitment to humanity is clear as I look at his choices and many accomplishments. I send my condolences to his family, and my respect to a man who made a difference in life. Blessings.

September 28 at 8:00 PM



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JR

**Jean Poling Ruff** posted:

Jim was a member of the Lancaster High Class of 1965. I remember him from school and Methodist Youth Fellowship. He was always laughing and so much fun. At our class reunions we would remember him fondly. I hope he knew how much he was respected and cared about. RIP, Jim.

September 28 at 8:00 PM

JR

**Joyce Rauch** posted:

Jim was a classmate of mine. Oh how he loved to dance. Our group would head to the Crystal Ballroom in the summer and I dont think he ever sat down. Always fun to be with. RIP Jim

September 28 at 8:00 PM

LH

**Linda Spurlock Huston** posted:

Jim was the boy next door. We had some great times together. We were close but I lost track of him after college. It sounds like he had a great life. Love ya Lindae

September 28 at 8:00 PM

EJ

**Elaine Jaynes** posted:

Blessings and love to you his family. He was well-loved.

September 27 at 8:00 PM



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