



## Dennis Lee Patterson

April 6, 1952 - August 26, 2012

Dennis L. Patterson, age 60 of Riceville formally of Kingston passed away on Sunday Aug. 26, 2012. Captain of the Calhoun Volunteer Fire Dept., he also work for many years at the McMinn County Rescue Squad where he received many honors and awards for rescuing and saving lives also volunteered at Riceville Volunteer Fire Dept. He was a volunteer Police Officer for the City of Kingston for 17 years. Owner/Operator of Lois Bail Bonds in Madisonville. Graduated from Roane Cty High School in 1971 in Kingston. Survivors: Wife of 35 years Lois J. Patterson of Riceville. Son: Brian Lee Patterson of Madisonville. Children: Kim Hodge & Derick of Loudon, Lonnie Russell of Loudon, Lisa Dodson and Dwayne of Altamont, TN. Parents: Don and Florence "Babe" Patterson of Kingston. Brother: Steve and Elaine Patterson of Kingston.

Grandchildren: Kenya Hobbs, Beth Benton, Jonathan Benton, Josh Myers, Brooke Hodge, Harlee Russell. 3 Great-grandchildren: Mason Miller, Carson Hobbs, Carter Hodge. Several nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

The family will receive friends Wednesday at Kyker Funeral Home, Sweetwater from 5 to 8 PM with the funeral service to follow at 8:00P.M. in Kyker's Chapel with Rev. Mark McCoy officiating.. Interment 2:00P.M. Thursday in the Roane Memorial Gardens in Rockwood, TN. In lieu of flowers memorials may be donated to Calhoun Volunteer Fire Dept.

# Tribute Wall

BG

“ *In my whole lifetime, I never thought I would be sitting here missing you. but now even almost four months later...Here I am, Missing you like crazy. Still feeling that this was all a dream and at any minute you would come barging in the house yelling about lights being on. It's never going to be the same without you Papie...*

*Love you*

*Xoxo*

*Beth*

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**Beth - Riceville, TN - Grand-Daughter** - December 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *So sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts are with you and our prayers for you during this time. May the God of all comfort give you that 'peace that passes all understanding'.*

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**Bug and Amy (Robinette) Gamble - Kingston, , TN - Friend of the Family** - August 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ My deepest thoughts and prayers are with the entire Patterson family during this horrible time.  
Dennis, Just a few weeks ago as my family was recovering from the loss of everything we owned, you walked into our temporary home and, as always, brought a smile to our hearts and to our faces.  
Thank you. The first time we met, while helping a neighbor -who will be beyond lost without his "big bro", I knew that God had sent you into this community as a friend, neighbor, and protector. I will never forget those "stories" you told, nor the love you showed to your fellow man. (Don't worry, we will look over your "little bro"). I only wish your job here with us was not over so soon.  
May God give you all the strength to find your faith; and the faith to always find your strength in Him.

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**J.Kimberley Hughes, M.Ed. - Calhoun, TN - Friend** - August 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Dennis, I only had the pleasure of meeting you a few weeks ago. You were the first person I met when I moved up here from Alabama, I woke you up napping on the couch at the office. I'm sorry we couldn't have been friends longer but I sure am glad I met you. Don't worry about Louis I'll be around the office and help keep things cleaned up and properly maintained. I've been praying for your family and will continue to pray for them.

Joshua D. Wells  
Madisonville

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**Joshua Wells - Madisonville, TN - Tenant** - August 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Dennis,  
As you visited or home last Thursday who was to know it would be the last time we would ever see or talk again, we will miss all your phone calls, all the times you pass the house and blow the horn, and all the laughter you provided to my family. We will miss you dearly, may god bless your soul and be with the family through all the hard times to come, we love you and will miss you with all our Hearts.  
God Bless and Rest in Peace.  
Love always,  
Jeff and Melissa Withrow

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**Jeff and Melissa Withrow - Athens, TN - Close Friend** - August 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ To the entire Patterson family,  
Our prayers are that the Lord will comfort you during this difficult time4

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**Dyke & Helen Walker - Kingston, TN - friend** - August 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ One thing I can say about Pappie, is he was always a good friend to me and my family. He helped me so many times with Nicole (Coco) getting her to horse events with Kenya. He kept watch over her just like she was his granddaughter. Always honest and kind. This breaks our hearts!

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**Ginger Howard - Athens, TN - friend** - August 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ *Dennis was an inspiraiton to all, and had a heart of gold. May God bless the Patterson family, friends, and fellow firefighters (espically those at district station 5)*

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**Kent Firestone - Cleveland , TN - Fellow Firefighter** - August 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ *Mr. & Mrs Don Patterson, Steve & Elaine and especially Brian, I am very sorry for your loss.*

*May God comfort you*

*Praying for your family!*

*Herb & Missy Sarten*

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**Melissa Moats Sarten - Lenoir City, TN - Brian's aunt** - August 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *Steve, Elaine, Mr. and Mrs. Patterson: We are praying that God's Love and peace will engulf your entire family and give you comfort that only Jesus Christ can give. I pray that He will ease your suffering and pain and that you all know that His strength is your strength because He lives within your hearts, and He will be with you in this time of sorrow.*

*We give God the praise and Glory.*

*Mike and Pat Finger*

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**James M. Finger - Oak Ridge , TN - Friend and brother in Christ** - August 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ET

“ Our heartfelt prayers are with the Patterson family. Dennis will be missed by all of Calhoun. He was a devoted civic and community leader. May your faith give you comfort and your memories ease your pain.

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**Eddie & Elaine Geren - calhoun, TN** - August 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Steve, Elaine, Mr. and Mrs. Patterson:  
I can't find the words to tell you how sorry I am to hear about Dennis' passing. Keep focused on the Lord to guide you through this tragedy. May God comfort you,

*Jill Adams Turnbull*

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**Jill Adams Turnbull - Harriman, TN - friend** - August 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ You will be missed, your life too short. Rest in Peace

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**Debi Cook - kingston, TN - friend** - August 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ May God comfort this family through this very sad time.

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**Jan Jennings Stone** - August 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ Prayers for the Patterson Family.

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**Rita Snow Johnson - Kingston, TN** - August 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Steve and Elaine,

*I am so sorry for your loss. Both of you and the entire family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Love, Diana*

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**Diana Morris - Knoxville, TN - Friend** - August 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

FT

“ Dennis was a great person with a caring heart who was loyal to his family, friends and fellow firefighters. Dennis you will be missed and left many of us with a great legacy and inspiration!

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**Famer Ted** - August 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ sorry for your loss will keep family in our prayers.

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**bill&billie cutshaw - kingston, TN** - August 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM