



John Edward Patton

September 12, 1942 - December 13, 2016

Greenfield – John Edward Patton, age 74, of Greenfield, passed away peacefully on Monday, December 13, 2016. He was born on September 12, 1942 in Crawfordsville as the son of Edward and Kathleen Patton. He graduated from Crawfordsville High School in 1960.

John worked in the radio industry for many years, and later in life returned to Indiana and became active in local politics. He was a true Hoosier and a patriotic American.

A proud father, grandfather and uncle, John is survived by his loving daughter, Melissa Patton-Ward; sons, Clayton and Jordan Patton; grandchildren, Megg, Zeke and Devin Ward; and younger brothers, Dick and Tom Patton. John joins his parents, Kathleen and Edward Patton in eternal rest.

The family would like to give a special thanks to all who have come to know John through his capacity as a member of Greenfield's City Council for D3. He truly enjoyed representing his fellow residents and viewed all of you as an extension of family.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, December 17, 2016, from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. at Erlewein Mortuary & Crematory, 1484 W. US Hwy. 40, Greenfield, IN 46140. A funeral service will immediately follow at 5:00 p.m. also at the mortuary. Private family burial will take place at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made by mail to the American Heart Association, 208 S. LaSalle St., Suite 1500, Chicago, IL 60604, or envelopes will be available at the mortuary. Friends may share a memory or a condolence at www.erleweinmortuary.com.

Events

DEC 17 Visitation 01:00PM - 05:00PM
Erlewein Mortuary & Crematory - Greenfield
1484 West US Highway 40, Greenfield, IN, US, 46140

DEC 17 Funeral Service 05:00PM
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Comments



“ I could always rely on John's ability to find a programming need and our options to fill it in any marketplace. My trust in his judgment never failed, I cherish my memories of my friend and comrade too soon gone.

Bill McKibben - July 14, 2017 at 11:42 AM



“ Jackie Pinney lit a candle in memory of John Edward Patton



Jackie Pinney - January 25, 2017 at 07:15 AM



“ John Patton and I became good friends in the dental chair. He will be greatly missed. He always brought a book to read and never got the chance to read it. He was just a sweet gentle man and always look forward to his visits. I think secretly was not a fan of being in the dental chair but he did it anyway. Sorry I missed a chance to say goodbye. Jackie

Jackie Pinney - January 25, 2017 at 07:14 AM



“ Sheri Wooldridge lit a candle in memory of John Edward Patton



sheri wooldridge - December 27, 2016 at 06:32 AM



“ To John's family,

I am so sorry for your loss. I first met John at Country Radio Seminar in Nashville around 1977 or 1978 and we stayed in touch to the end of his life. He was so much fun to be around ("Captain Fun") and just a great guy and a wonderful human being. I am so sorry for your loss and I will miss John along with you. With heartfelt sympathy,
Pam Green New York City

Pam Green - December 16, 2016 at 08:02 PM



“ Dick, I'm sorry for the loss of your brother. I am praying for you and send my deepest sympathy to you and your family. Ellen Cafarella

Ellen Cafarella - December 16, 2016 at 03:42 PM



“ I knew John for just shy of 50 years working for him and with him since we first met in Cincinnati in 1967. I was program director for WLW and John was GM at WKRC (later to be forever remembered from the filmed opening of the station and tower for the TV sitcom "WKRP Cincinnati"). Through the years we became the best of friends where he would fly me to his latest GM job well after my career was over and turned me loose writing and recording hundreds of promos, and even two multi-episode series (One at WJZY in Dallas about mysterious winged flying goats, and the other a 50 plus episodes with a humorous storyline about the the great Chicago fire..."Chicowgo"). While working as his morning man in Kansas City around 1974, He further displayed is seemingly limitless creativity by promoting me as "Super Stu" complete with a custom made costume including very uncomfortable blue tights, red cape and custom made knee high red cowboy boots! We did the one tim bit "The Nashville Terror" at WMAK in Nashville, where again I worked for him full time as morning man and program director. He even flew me in about every other week for promo recordings at KKHT in Houston and even was brave enough to put me on the air at KISS-FM in Detroit. The one thing I'll never forget is just how much fun he was to be around. Every day would have many hilarious moments. Finally, I don't know if you remember me but I met Melissa on a couple of different occasions and became buddies with a very young Clayton on a visit to Chicago. Also met baby Jordan. I'm sorry for your loss but will always think about all the great laughing and creative sessions over the past half century.

Stu Bowers, Kansas City, MO



Stu Bowers - December 16, 2016 at 12:14 PM



“ Thank you, Stu. This is an amazing tribute. This picture will be prominently displayed tomorrow when we celebrate my Dad's life. My Dad always talked about you when he took us back through his radio days. Radio was his first love after all.

-Clayton

Clayton Patton - December 17, 2016 at 12:11 AM



“ Dick & Tom Patton:
So sorry to hear of your loss. I am the youngest daughter, Donis Hopper - Givan , of Bill & Mary Hopper. Neighbor from " back on the farm " on Waynetown Rd.
God Bless both of you and your families.

Donis Givan - December 16, 2016 at 12:13 PM



“ Donis, thank you so much. I have fond memories of you, your sister and your folks. At John's burial I saw the stone for your Mom and Dad. John is buried close, next to my folks. John was a great brother and a great guy. We miss him. Dick

Dick Patton - December 27, 2016 at 03:40 PM



“ We just saw John a few days after got out of the hospital, we stopped and talk for a little while and ask how he was doing, he said find and was looking good. The day was sunny and warm. We only new you a short time and always nice, always tried to help with any question we might have about the Home Owners Assoc. Enjoy him as a neighbor. We are so sorry for your lost. You have a great Dad. Rest in Peace John memories live on.
Lee and Carole Marcum

Lee and Carole Marcum - December 15, 2016 at 09:15 PM



“ John was a true broadcasting visionary. He made me look good time & again. Gone too soon. Bill McKibben



“ To the Family of John Patton. So sorry to learn of his passing, a mutual friend of ours with whom we worked in the radio business called me this morning. I hired John back in the early 60's giving him his first job in radio at WVMC Mt. Carmel Illinois. We remained friends (although not communicating as often as we should have) through the years. All of us who worked at the station together staged a reunion in Florida back in 2006 to surprise the owner and his wife for whom we worked. It was a great time. Again please accept my sympathy on the loss of your Dad and while I never got to meet any of your family please know you are in my thoughts and prayers at this sad time. Bob Clark Fairhope Alabama

Bob Clark - December 15, 2016 at 11:31 AM



“ Thank you, Bob. As I said on my comment to Stu Bowers, another radio industry colleague, my Dad absolutely loved working in the radio industry. I know this from all of the stories he shared with us over the years. He always preached to his kids, myself included, 'find something you love doing and you will never work a day in your life.' I truly believe that his interactions with you, Stu and many other radio legends in the industry was his calling.

-Clayton

Clayton Patton - December 17, 2016 at 12:19 AM



“ Clayton.....thanks for your comments my thoughts are with you and your families today..
Bob Clark

Bob Clark - December 17, 2016 at 09:01 AM



“ So sorry and sad to hear of John's passing :(Our prayers and deep sympathy to the family. John was the very first person, if not the only one who actually reached out and offered to help & assist us when we were very new to Copeland Farms. He was very welcoming and accommodating and treats you with great ethics and delight. He was a pleasant and very understanding customer of the bank I work for. John to me is the "patriarch" of Copeland Farms HOA.. His leadership was so full of integrity and fairness... He is a great loss and he will surely be missed!

-dial



dial - December 14, 2016 at 08:00 PM