



Charles Edward Patterson, Sr.

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Charles “Muscles” Edward Patterson, Sr., age 81, of Chattanooga, Tennessee, passed away peacefully on May 8, 2025, surrounded by love. He was a devoted husband, a proud father, a cherished grandfather, a treasured uncle, and a friend to many. To know Muscles was to feel welcomed, uplifted, and truly seen—his presence was a gift, and his laughter was unforgettable.

Born November 29, 1943, Charles lived a full and meaningful life rooted in love, family, and purpose. He earned the nickname “Muscles” not just because of his physical strength, but because of the kind of man he was—strong in spirit, in loyalty, and in heart. He stood tall for the people he loved and never hesitated to offer a helping hand or a word of wisdom.

Charles proudly served in the United States Army, a time he often spoke of with honor. After his military service, he spent many years as a dedicated worker, retiring from Dupont, the City of Chattanooga, and Chattanooga State Community College. Even after retirement, he kept busy—always on the go, always engaged, always smiling.

Tennis was his favorite way to stay active and social. If you didn’t find him on the court, you could bet he was somewhere making people laugh, sharing stories, or just enjoying time with his lifelong circle of friends. His sense of humor, his energy, and his ability to make everyone feel like family made him truly one of a kind. One of his favorite sayings was, “Laugh more—it’s healthy and good for the soul.” That was Muscles: joy in motion, always encouraging others to live a little lighter.

Charles was preceded in death by his father, Thomas Patterson; mother, Helen Bailey; brother, Harrison Patterson; sister, Doris Patterson; and nephews Larry and Jerry Patterson. Though gone, their memory remained close to his heart. He leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife, Sheila Patterson; sons, Derrick (Janetta) Patterson and Charles (Tammy) Patterson Jr., both of Chattanooga, and Keven (Leslie) Patterson, of Atlanta, GA; daughters, Avonne White, of



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Chattanooga, and Kalydra (Eric) Willis, of Huntsville, AL; stepdaughters, Nicole Smith and Nitrice Martin, both of Chattanooga; he was especially proud of his many grandchildren, each of whom he adored; sister, Pam, of Huntsville; his devoted nieces, Diane Black of Savannah, GA, and Sharon Thompson of Atlanta, held a special place in his heart as well; a host of other relatives and friends. Charles's life was a testament of love, laughter, resilience, and kindness. He will be missed deeply, but his stories, his values, and his spirit will live on in the hearts of all who were lucky enough to know and love him.

Charles will lie-in-state on Saturday, May 17, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Funeral service will follow at 3:00 p.m. in the chapel with Pastor Vincent Dixon as Eulogist. Burial will be held on Monday, May 19, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. in Chattanooga National Cemetery.



Events

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Lie-In-State

Saturday, May 17, 2025

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM ET

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3417 Wilcox Boulevard, Chattanooga TN 37411-1076

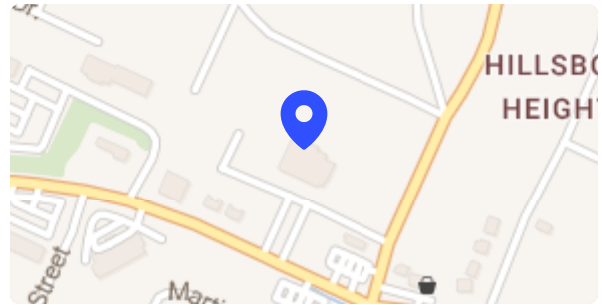


Funeral Service

Saturday, May 17, 2025

3:00 PM ET

Taylor Funeral Home
3417 Wilcox Boulevard, Chattanooga TN 37411-1076

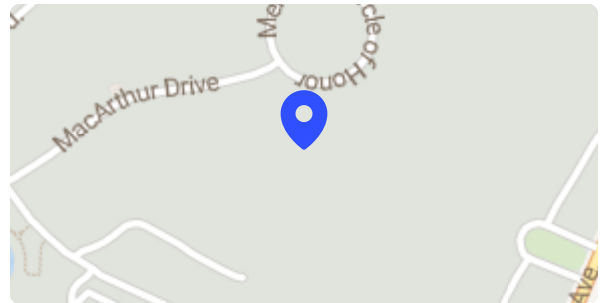


Burial

Monday, May 19, 2025

11:00 AM ET

Chattanooga National Cemetery
1200 Bailey Avenue, Chattanooga TN 37404





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Joann Whitlock lit a candle in honor of Charles.

May 28 at 7:20 PM



Khendra Jordan lit a candle in honor of Charles.

May 19 at 6:34 AM



Howard Akins lit a candle in honor of Charles.

Man oh man...I saw Charles Edward Patterson earlier, the name didn't ring a bell. Coming back, seeing WHO Charles Edward is it's more than sad. Haven't seen him for some years, but "remember" MUSCLES well from back. in the day. I know some may have called him by his name, but "most" always called him MUSCLES. AGAIN "hate" to read such bad news...CONDOLENCES, PRAYERS out to the Patterson family... HOWARD "DUCK" AKINS, FAMILY

May 18 at 3:33 AM



Tyrone And Selita Brumfield lit a candle in honor of Charles.

We're so sorry for the loss of your loved one.

May 17 at 10:13 AM



Niota L Robinson lit a candle in honor of Charles.

My cousin Charles Edward always had a smile. My nickname was Nick the way he said it I always knew it was him if he called me out somewhere. As we got older I did not see Charles as often but I loved him and I know he loved me. I can hear him saying Nick. Going to miss that here on earth. But in my heart I hear him he will truly be missed. Sending love to the family. God be with you.

May 17 at 8:40 AM





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EB

Elder Willie & Alisia Brown 🙏 lit a candle in honor of Charles.



May 17 at 8:18 AM

E5 **Elder Willie & Alisia Brown** 🙏 May 17 at 8:19 AM
Elder Willie & Alisia Brown Praying for you and your family. ❤️ 🙏

FK

Faye Kellogg lit a candle in honor of Charles.



May 16 at 4:11 PM

FK **Faye Kellogg** May 16 at 4:21 PM
Condolences to the family. Muscles will truly be missed but never forgotten ❤️

SH

Sherine posted:

Rest in peace(Muscle) I remember the days in Bushtown where we grew up. Mrs. Helen, Harrison(fats), Pookie and others. I remember them all.

May 16 at 11:54 AM

SH

Sherine lit a candle in honor of Charles.



May 16 at 11:42 AM

PC

Pastor Jeremiah Chester & St Mark Church sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Patterson family.



May 16 at 9:20 AM



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Sandra E Jordan lit a candle in honor of Charles.

May 16 at 6:01 AM



James Ford Jr lit a candle in honor of Charles.

May God Bless the Family of Charles Patterson, Sr and Keep them 🙏 James Ford n Family send our heart felt Condolences

May 16 at 12:54 AM



Yvonne Sanders lit a candle in honor of Charles.

May 15 at 6:26 PM



Diane Newson lit a candle in honor of Charles.

Muscles always showed love to me and my husband "DeAngelo" We will truly miss you!!!

May 15 at 5:09 PM



Sophie R King lit a candle in honor of Charles.

May 15 at 2:34 PM



SK **Sophie R King** May 15 at 2:35 PM
My condolences to Charles Patterson and family



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Cynthia Long posted:

My sincerest condolences to the entire family of Charles (Muscles) Patterson. I had the please of working with Muscles at Chattanooga State Community College. A man who loved people, dedicated, full of laughter and would brighten the office when he entered with that contagious simile. He will truly be missed from his earthly walk. 'To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord,' RIH Charles.Cynthia Long

May 15 at 7:59 AM



Angela Deloach lit a candle in honor of Charles.



May 15 at 6:58 AM



Rufus Hicks sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Patterson family.



May 15 at 3:10 AM



Felix Logan posted:

My deepest condolences to the family of Mr. Charles Edward Patterson,Sr I thank god for the friendship that we shared he will be missed but not forgotten may god bless and keep you is my prayer. Felix and Cathy Loagan

May 14 at 1:25 PM



Nitrice R. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Charles.



May 14 at 11:22 AM



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SS

Stephanie Saxton lit a candle in honor of Charles.



May 14 at 6:20 AM

RB

Robbie Bailey May 14 at 2:23 PM

My deepest condolences to the Patterson family I will keep your children in my prayers and God knows he called home an angel

SS

Stephanie Saxton May 14 at 6:38 AM

Charles, our Heartfelf Condolences go out to you and your family. Our prayer is that God will comfort and strengthen you and your family in the passing of your father. Keep your hands in God's hands, because he is able to comfort and keep you and your family at this time and in the days to come.Pastor & Mrs. Blevins B. Saxton III

MC

Micheal And Cookie lit a candle in honor of Charles.



May 13 at 1:11 PM

MC

Micheal And Cookie lit a candle in honor of Charles.



May 13 at 1:08 PM

MC

Micheal And Cookie lit a candle in honor of Charles.



May 13 at 1:03 PM

FA

Frankie Anderson lit a candle in honor of Charles.

Charles, praying that the Lord will give you and your family strength and peace during this difficult time.



May 13 at 12:41 PM



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MB

Marilyn Brown lit a candle in honor of Charles.

May 12 at 1:56 PM



VB

Vincinetta Brown lit a candle in honor of Charles.

May 12 at 5:54 AM



AD

Angela DeLoach May 13 at 10:30 AM

You have my deepest sympathy praying for you and the family. Know that you are surrounded by caring friends who are here for you. The DeLoach's

VB

Vincinetta Brown May 12 at 5:56 AM

Our deepest condolences go out to the Patterson family. Our prayer is that God will give you comfort and strength during this difficult time. Vincinetta Brown and family.

HU

Hump lit a candle in honor of Charles.

May 11 at 8:50 PM



BS

Beverly Sales lit a candle in honor of Charles.

May 11 at 7:23 AM





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KW

Kalydra Willis lit a candle in honor of Charles.

Rest in Peace Daddy, I miss you so much all the phone calls you traveling to Huntsville. I remember the time you came AAMU homecoming game we had a good time. All the laughs and you dancing. I miss you so much but you are in a better place say hello to grandma and papa. God got you now rest on daddy love you so much.

May 11 at 1:05 AM



VH

Vanessa Holloway lit a candle in honor of Charles.

May 10 at 7:31 PM



AP

Ann Pierre lit a candle in honor of Charles.

May God shine a light on your path and shine on good memories.Reverend Ann Jones Pierre

May 10 at 5:50 AM



SB

Sandra B lit a candle in honor of Charles.

Deepest sympathy from Sandra Brown and Family. ❤️

May 9 at 4:47 PM



TR

Thpmas & Callie Ragland lit a candle in honor of Charles.

May 9 at 3:39 PM



EF

Earl And Lori Freeman lit a candle in honor of Charles.

May 9 at 12:21 PM





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Robbie And Barbara Marshall lit a candle in honor of Charles.

May 9 at 11:14 AM



Carlethia D Watts lit a candle in honor of Charles.

May 9 at 7:54 AM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Charles by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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