



Gary Lee Van Patton

March 14, 1952 - April 22, 2015

Our beloved Gary Lee Van Patton, 63, passed from this world to his heavenly home on April 22, 2015.

A native of Spartanburg County, son of Mildred Holtzclaw Van Patton of Greer and the late Crayton Van Patton, he was a retired employee of Shealy Truck Center, was a former employee of Servistar and a member of Greer First Baptist Church. One of Gary's special joys in life was the privilege of teaching God's word to his Sunday School class at Greer First Baptist Church.

Also surviving are his wife, Paula Williams Van Patton of the home; a son, Jesse Van Patton (Ashley) of Greer; a brother, Steve Van Patton of Greer (Sharon); two brothers-in-law, Herbert Williams, Jr. (Dean Jennings) and Benji Williams (Judy); sister-in-law, Susan Mundo; nieces and nephews, Matthew Van Patton (Brandi), John Van Patton (Jennifer), Benjamin Van Patton (Amanda), Dustin Williams (Stephanie), Allison Hubbard (Chris) and Jessica Mundo and many more family and friends.

Mr. Van Patton was predeceased by one son, Jake Van Patton.

Graveside services will be held 2:00 p.m. Friday at Mountain View Cemetery, conducted by Dr. Rick Ezell and Rev. Keith Hannon.

Pallbearers will be Bennie Cantrell, Jackie Harris, Bill Lynn, Layne Sims, Wayne Merritt, Alex Dobson, Harold James, Danny Gambrell and Leon Campbell.

Visitation will be held after the service at the home.

The family is at the home.

Memorials may be made to Greer Community Ministries, P.O. Box 1373,
Greer, SC 29650 or the charity of one's choice.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com

Cemetery Details

Mountain View Cemetery

303 North Avenue
Greer, SC 29650

Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR 24. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Greer, SC 29650

Tribute Wall

SM

“ Sarah McIntyre lit a candle in memory of Gary Lee Van Patton



Sarah McIntyre - October 29, 2016 at 07:38 AM

JV

“ I was shocked and saddened to hear that Gary passed away. He was a good person and friend. He always treated everyone fairly. Working at Servistar, everyone was like a family, people cared about each other and still do. Gary was a good person and will be missed. Heaven just got a great addition. I think 2nd Timothy 4:7 best describes Garys life. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have kept the faith.

Jim and Pat Vardy

james I vardy - April 30, 2015 at 10:39 AM

BP

“ What else can I say but ditto. Gary was one of the best men in Greer and a great friend for many, many years. He will be missed by so many. My thought and prayers to all of the Van Pattons. Hope you will find comfort in the coming days and weeks that he is at peace with the Lord.

Babs Parris Prust

Babs Parris Prust - April 26, 2015 at 12:55 PM

MM

“ I always remember Gary coming to the post office to see Paula. He would stop and we would talk about golf mostly. Gary always had a smile and was a pleasant person to be around. You could tell how much he loved Jesus and he is with Him now. He doesn't have anymore pain and he is joyful.

Paula and family, I am sorry for your loss. May God comfort you and you have a lot of family and friends supporting you all. He will be missed so much. Colleen and I are in Malta.

Mike and Colleen Mauney

Mike Mauney - April 24, 2015 at 01:12 AM

RW

“ Paula and Jesse, you are in my thoughts and prayers. Gary was very special to Dad. Dad enjoyed riding around with Gary and their talks about the VanPattons. Dad looked forward to Gary's visits.

Rowena Wasson

Rowena Wasson - April 23, 2015 at 09:35 PM

AM

“ So glad I got to spend time with Gary at our Service Star breakfast. He was such an amazing man. So humble and caring for others. He taught me great work ethics and how to accomplish many goals.

RIP Gary, you will be missed by many.

Angie McCuen - April 23, 2015 at 07:55 PM

CC

“ had not seen gary in a long time but i seen him at the hospital and i am so glad that i did....gary and mickey kennemore and i used to play together alot down on arlington ave...also played a lot of baseball in our younger days...the world has a very good man but JESUS has gained a new saint...sharon and steve and mrs. vanpatton i will be praying for you....carey cobb

carey cobb - April 23, 2015 at 05:08 PM

SL

“ My deepest condolences to the family. I remember Gary vividly and fondly. I am sorry that I will be unable to attend the service tomorrow.
Steve Lynn

Steve Lynn - April 23, 2015 at 03:55 PM

LW

“ Paula I'm sorry for your loss. Will keep you and your family in my prayers. (Laurie from Dr. Patch s office)

laurie westmoreland - April 23, 2015 at 03:44 PM

DC

“ I am several years younger than Gary, so I never knew him as I was growing up. My first experience was playing church softball with him in the early 80's at Greer First Baptist. Through that experience, when several us weren't conducting ourselves in a manner that would be pleasing to Christ, I witnessed Gary do it the "right" way. Since then, I was fortunate to serve with him at church, and to listen to him as a Sunday School teacher. I grew to love and respect him as a true man of God. His attitude and outlook was always positive, even when things weren't going that well. And of course we had a few jabs at each other over Clemson and Carolina issues. But it was ALWAYS in fun. I considered him to be a friend and will truly miss him.

Don Coggins

Don Coggins - April 23, 2015 at 02:50 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gary Lee Van Patton.



April 23, 2015 at 02:24 PM

TJ

“ *Paula, Jessie and family:*
One of the best memories I have is when Brandi and I got to play with Gary and Jessie in one of Servistar's Golf Tournaments. The golf was not all that great, but we laughed all day and had a lot of fun. Gary was loved by all at Servistar. He was an inspiration to all of us, especially to me the last few years we were there. He encouraged me to join the Management Staff and I would not be in the position that I am in today. I know he will be missed by all who knew him.
May the Lord be with you and your family as only He can do.

Terry Jackson and Family

Terry Jackson - April 23, 2015 at 02:18 PM

PB

I am so sorry for your loss. Praying for comfort and strength. God bless Pam Howell Borei

Pam Howell Borei - April 23, 2015 at 10:14 PM

MK

“ *My Dearest Paula and family,*

As you know, all of you have been a great blessing to our family. Gary was a wonderful man who brought a lot of joy to all who came into contact with him. He and Mickey always had great conversations about all the many cars Mickey had at one time. Gary would come by and say, Ok Mickey lets see the latest addition in your car lot.

May God comfort you and bless you. Please know you can call me at any time for anything.

Martha Kennemore - April 23, 2015 at 12:43 PM

BN

“ To the Van Patton Family....Steve, Bill and I are remembering you and your entire Family during this great time of loss of grief, and will continue to do so during the days and months to come. With Our Sympathy, Bill and Betty Newman(Burnsview Baptist Church)

Betty Newman - April 23, 2015 at 12:06 PM

SS

“ Steve and Entire Family, we are saddened to hear of the loss of Gary. You will be in our prayers daily. Donnie and Sondra Smith(Burnsview Baptist Church)

Sondra Smith - April 23, 2015 at 12:03 PM

DA

“ Dora and Jerry Ascione purchased the Blooming Garden Basket for the family of Gary Lee Van Patton.



Dora and Jerry Ascione - April 23, 2015 at 11:33 AM

LD

“ Paula and family, my heart is saddened to hear of Gary's passing. He was one of my very favorite Servistar friends. My favorite memory is our Tiger - Gamecock antics at work. One year I became his anonymous Tiger nemesis at work, leaving poems, notes, little orange gifts in his office during football season. It drove him crazy trying to figure out who was tormenting him. Clemson won that year and I had the biggest chocolate chip cookie baked for him with a huge Tiger Paw, the score, and my name. I snuck it into his office to await him that morning. He was astonished to discover the culprit was me! We laughed often that I "got" him. He was a good man and I am thankful to have called him friend. Sending my prayers and thoughts your way. May God comfort you as only He can.
Sympathy and love, Linda Davis

Linda Davis - April 23, 2015 at 11:11 AM

DG

“ Debbee Gordon lit a candle in memory of Gary Lee Van Patton



Debbee Gordon - April 23, 2015 at 10:59 AM

SB

“ Paula and Jessie, I am so sorry to hear about Gary. He was truly a very special man and will be missed by many. Please know that you and the family are in our thoughts and prayers. Love and sympathy
Stephanie Gambrell Bennefield and family.

Stephanie Gambrell Bennefield - April 23, 2015 at 10:26 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Gary Lee Van Patton.*



April 23, 2015 at 10:10 AM



“ *Steve and Sharron so sorry to hear of your brother. Or siblings are special people I know he will be missed .*



Azalee Jones - April 23, 2015 at 09:54 AM



“ *To the Van Patton Family:*

I am so sorry to hear about Gary. He was a wonderful man and such a good friend to my Daddy. I loved hearing stories about them growing up together. Please know I am praying for all of you at this time and that the Lord will give you his strength to get through it. I am sure my Daddy was waiting on him at the gates and they are together in Paradise! Bless you all.

Praying for you,

Sherri (Kennemore) Rogers

Sherri Rogers - April 23, 2015 at 09:35 AM

EW

“ To the family, please accept my deepest sympathies on your loss. No words express the difficulty of coping with death although I pray the promise God gives in the scriptures strengthen you through this ordeal. . . .And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away.” Rev 21; 4

evan williams - April 23, 2015 at 08:48 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Gary Lee Van Patton.



April 23, 2015 at 08:20 AM

LF

“ Paula, My thoughts and prayers are with you. I am so thankful that I got to go and have that breakfast with my dear American Hardware friends just a couple weeks ago. I have worked at other places after we have left American Hardware but none have been like there. We were like a family. I will cherish all the happy moments that we all shared. As I reflected back yesterday I will just tell you that Gary was one of the most uplifting positive persons that I knew. He loved the Lord and it shined through even in his sick and down times. He will be greatly missed and I am broken hearted to lose such friend. May the Lord give you the strength that you need in the next few weeks. Never a doubt of the love he had for you and his sons. Prayers with you..Matthew 11:28 “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”
With Deepest Sympathy,
Lynn Freeman

Lynn Freeman - April 23, 2015 at 08:19 AM

DW

“ Paula,

We are so very sorry for your loss and keeping you all in our prayers.

*Love,
Tim and Debbie Whatley*

"Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all." ESV 2 Thessalonians 3:16

Debbie Whatley - April 23, 2015 at 08:10 AM

JS

“ *I am so saddened to hear of Gary's passing, my sympathy to the family. My God wrap his loving arms around you thru this difficult time.*

What a great guy!!! WE all can take a lesson from how Gary lived his life, a friend and a gentleman, an honorable man, a man of God. He loved to play golf and enjoyed the company of those playing with him. A real sports fan.

He will surly be missed!!!

Joe Stewart

Joe Stewart - April 23, 2015 at 08:07 AM

EE

“ Paula, it broke my heart when I heard about Gary. He was an honorable man of God and I have many fond memories of him. I will treasure the time we had together a few weeks ago. Today he is dancing with the angels and enjoying his new home. I pray God will wrap you in His loving arms and give you comfort and peace. Jimmy and I extend our sympathy and love to you and your family.

Elaine Elrod - April 23, 2015 at 07:27 AM

TD

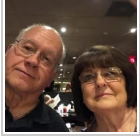
“ Paula and Jessie

I first met Gary at American Hardware in 1978. As warehouse employees I knew Gary initially as a co-worker. As time went by, we shared family and personal details and a casual friendship was formed. This friendship intensified when I joined the supervisory staff at the distribution center. I knew Gary had battled health problems in the past but I got a first hand look at the courage and strenght he exhibited every day while doing a very difficult job. Through all of this he mentored me and taught me how to get the job done while recognizing the needs and concerns of our employees. He never complained about his health issues and always was there if I needed him. I was proud to work for him but I was more proud to call him my friend. He will be missed and alway remembered

May God give you strenght and know Gary is with him now.

Tony DeYoung

Tony DeYoung - April 22, 2015 at 08:09 PM



“ *Paula Lee and I were so sorry to hear of Gary's passing. We are praying for you and the family for the Lord's blessings and grace at this time.* ”



Janet Holtzclaw - April 22, 2015 at 06:34 PM



“ *Praying for you & family, We care, Karen & William Payne* ”

Karen P Payne - April 22, 2015 at 04:34 PM