



Eileen Elizabeth Patterson

September 24, 1928 - October 30, 2021

Eileen Elizabeth Patterson, age 93, went to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Saturday, October 30, 2021. Eileen was born on September 24, 1928 in Zion Illinois, the daughter of Theodore and Bertha (Potter) Tollefsen. She graduated from Zion High School in 1946. A year later she went off to Northwestern Bible School in Minneapolis, Minnesota, where she met and subsequently married James (Jim) Patterson. They were married in Zion, Illinois on July 29, 1949. They both graduated with diplomas in Bible Studies the following year and then moved back to Fifield, when Jim took over the family farm. In 1965 they were called into the ministry and accepted into Hiawatha Baptist Missions, now Continental Baptist Missions. They ministered in churches in Brillion, Wisconsin (1967 to 1975); Woodruff, Wisconsin (1975 – 1980); Swan Valley, Montana (1980 – 1989); and Manitowoc, Wisconsin from 1990 until their retirement in 1993 at which point they moved back to Fifield again. In July, 2020, she was honored for 55 years of service with Continental Baptist Missions.

Eileen was a woman of many talents! She was an excellent seamstress: repurposing adult clothing to outfit her kids; doing sewing and alterations to generate income, including sewing dresses for entire wedding parties (as well as a couple tuxes). She often created her own patterns, working from pictures (created her daughter's wedding dress from 4 pictures while living in Montana

and daughter in Wisconsin). She was an enthusiastic pastor's wife; active in her community, caring for their congregations, teaching both children and women's Bible classes; at one point she ran a Day Care at their church. Even after retirement and moving into Assisted Living, she enjoyed getting out and talking to people; being an encourager. Many people are recipients of quilts she made through the years. She enjoyed crafting too, and putting together puzzles. Of course, her first love was being with her family.

She is survived by her loving children, Jef (Iva) Patterson, Hastings, Michigan; Barbara Patterson, Appleton; Dik (Colleen) Patterson, Park Falls; Faith (Steve) Cochrane, Boulder Junction; and Steve (Jessica) Patterson, Tomahawk. She is also survived by 10 grandchildren: Jasmine Woods, Trevor and Christian Patterson; Timothy, Cynthia, and Matthew Patterson; Andrew and Kaitlin Cochrane; Marcus and Vanessa Patterson; thirteen great grandchildren; one brother, Ted (Elizabeth), one sister-in-law, Bonnie Patterson, numerous nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Jim; one brother, Donald Tollefsen; one sister, Marjorie Duck; and one grandchild, Nicolas Ryan Patterson.

Visitation will be held in Park Falls, at Birch Street Funeral Service Chapel from 1:00 to 3:00 pm on Sunday, November 7, 2021.

Services will be held at Woodruff Baptist Church, Woodruff, Wisconsin on Monday, November 8, 2021 with visitation from 10:00 to the time of service at 11:00 A.M. A luncheon will be served following the service.

Burial will be at a later date.

The family wishes to express their deep gratitude to the staff at The Waterford Park Falls for their wonderful care of our mother over the past 8 years. Also

our thanks for the compassionate care she received from Park Manor and COMPASSUS hospice caregivers these past 10 weeks.

Birch Street Funeral Service, Park Falls is assisting with the arrangements.
www.birchstreetfuneralservice.com

Cemetery Details

Forest Home Cemetery

Old 70 Road and Krucky Road
Fifield, WI 54524

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 7. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Birch Street Funeral Service
350 Birch Street
Park Falls, WI 54552
(715) 762-3287
birchstreetfuneralservice@outlook.com
<https://www.birchstreetfuneralservice.com>

Visitation

NOV 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Woodruff Baptist Church
1200 3rd Ave
Woodruff, WI 54568
<http://www.woodruffbaptistchurch.org/index.html>

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Eileen Elizabeth Patterson*

October 05, 2023 at 02:07 PM



“ *Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Eileen Elizabeth Patterson.*



November 05, 2021 at 12:33 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Eileen Elizabeth Patterson.*



November 04, 2021 at 07:51 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Eileen Elizabeth Patterson.*



November 03, 2021 at 08:33 PM

JH

“ Your mother was always warm and gracious to everyone she met. She especially loved her grandchildren--Vanessa and Marcus at the top of the list!! I know it's been rough month for all of you, and I know she is happy with God and Jim.
All our love, Bob and Janet Harma

Janet Harma - November 02, 2021 at 11:12 AM

SL

Barbara, My sincere condolences 🌸 & prayers for you! May the Lord give you strength & continue to bring Many Treasured Memories to your heart & mind!!

Susi Q Lessor - November 02, 2021 at 02:46 PM

DC

I remember Aunt Eileen from my childhood when she was still dating Uncle Jim, that's more then 70 years ago. She was a beautiful lady and such a happy person all her life. She will be missed but it is a happy life we celebrate.

Donna Aiken King Coad - November 03, 2021 at 03:23 PM

DW

As an ex-Sister-in-law I remember many happy hours spent together. Most fun was when we cut and put Formica on the kitchen counters at the farm. I hope it held up. Eileen said we could do it.....and we did! Much laughter got the job done.

Dale Wilson - November 07, 2021 at 06:15 PM