



## Patrick O. Patterson

November 14, 1947 - June 13, 2023

Patrick O. Patterson, dedicated family man, community sponsor, and exceptional musician passed away June 13th, 2023. He had a passion for continuous learning and immersing himself in the educational process. Patrick's entire life has been dedicated to teaching his children and grandchildren about music and engaging them in his many interests.

As a longtime teacher of music, he taught at Big Bend Community College for 23 years. He enjoyed engaging his students in the passion of making and appreciating music, as well as helping to coordinate their success at the college. Patrick immersed himself in all things musical, and enjoyed the chaos of coordinating community events, participating in a variety of regional musical groups, and diving into his church music ministry.

Another of Patrick's greatest joys was his family. He and his loving wife of 28 years enjoyed many family activities, singing in community choirs, and traveling to various locations to perform. One of their highlights together was performing at Carnegie Hall, in New York City, with the Big Bend Community choir. In addition to their travels, Pat and Lea spent many years establishing a youth mariachi band in Quincy, WA, that performed at many community events in the region.

Patrick was preceded in death by his parents Rhoda and Vernon "Pat"

Patterson, and sister Thalia Patterson. He is survived by his loving wife Lea Patterson, sisters April Stone and Stephanie Bauer, 9 children, 19 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren, 1 great great grandchild, 4 nieces, and many more friends, students, and extended family members than can be counted.

A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, June 24, 2023, at 2pm, with fellowship and light refreshments to follow. Services will be located at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Ephrata, WA, 1012 C Street SW.

In lieu of flowers please consider making a charitable donation in Patrick's name to the Big Bend Community College Foundation for the college's Music Department. That can be done online at <https://www.bigbend.edu/i-am/give-now/> or mailing a check to BBCC Foundation, 762 Chanute Street NE, Moses Lake, WA 98837.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUN **24.** 2:00 PM (PT)

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
1012 C St S.W.  
Ephrata, WA 98823

# Tribute Wall



“ *Nicoles Funeral Home and Valley View Memorial Park created a Tribute Video in memory of Patrick O. Patterson*



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**Nicoles Funeral Home and Valley View Memorial Park** - June 28, 2023 at 11:32 AM

LS

“ *I met Pat when I took Piano a Big Bend College. He was one of the best teachers I ever had. He was always so kind and helpful. I had a baby one of the quarters I was in school. He had to be on an apnea monitor so I took him everywhere. I would take him to piano class with me everyday. Pat was quite fond of him and always called him “Thorvald.” If I was playing a piece of music and my son fussed, Pat would pick my son up, pat his back or snuggle him. It was the sweetest thing. I missed him when I graduated. I’m sorry for your loss. I’m sure Pat is in heaven teaching piano and snuggling babies. Sending prayers.*

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**Lee Hadley Stanbrough** - July 27, 2023 at 05:44 PM

JH

“ I first met Pat my first quarter teaching at Big Bend in Fall of 1993. As we talked over lunch we realized that our paths had crossed years before but we hadn't met (to our knowledge). In 1978 I was a student at North Seattle Community College and he was directing the jazz choir there. I worked in the library and worked in most parts of the college delivering audio-visual equipment to classrooms, so I had probably seen him down in the classrooms the choirs used for rehearsals. I had been in the choir the year before, and he knew some of the same students I had been in choir with, and the other music teachers as well.

The building I worked in at BBCC was the closest one on campus to where Pat worked in Wallenstein Theater. Pat was pretty isolated over there, but he would often stop by our building to use the copy machine. Once in a while I would play music with him, and when he had cataract surgery I substituted in a couple of his classes until he got back.

I missed Pat when he retired from BBCC, and I'll miss him even more now.

Jim Hamm

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**Jim Hamm** - June 24, 2023 at 10:20 PM

AM

“ I got to know Pat first as a student at Big Bend where I took Music theory and piano lessons from him. I later was a fellow instructor at Big Bend with Pat where I taught Math. I got to know his wife Lea when doing my student teaching in Quincy. After he retired it was always a pleasure to run into him in the store and catch up on how he was doing. He will be missed and remembered fondly.

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**April Mayer** - June 24, 2023 at 05:04 PM

EG

“ I had the pleasure of knowing Pat for many years. He was such a great person and friend. I have fond memories of our trips to Jazz concerts and many other occasions over the years. Rest in eternal peace Pat.

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**Evan Galbreath** - June 23, 2023 at 04:26 PM

CJ

“ Wonderful teacher, musician, and mentor. He touched so many lives. He will be missed.

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**Cheryl Jackson** - June 22, 2023 at 04:41 PM