



James Armstrong Patterson

September 4, 1931 - February 27, 2025

James Armstrong Patterson, 93, of Naples, FL, peacefully passed away on Thursday, February 27, 2025 at All Seasons Senior Living.

James was born in 1931, in Lisburn, County Antrim, Northern Ireland, the son of the late James and Davidena (Armstrong) Patterson. He was a proud graduate of Campbell College followed by Queen's University Belfast in Northern Ireland, where he earned his degree in applied mathematics. Shortly after graduating he decided to go to Canada to look for work and soon met Pauline in Toronto. They married in 1955 and made Toronto their first home. They relocated to Bloomfield Hills, MI and spent many wonderful years there. While there, James attended the University of Michigan, earning a MBA.

James had a distinguished career with Ford Motor Company, leading computer operations and systems research. After 30 years of dedicated service, James retired as an executive, leaving behind a lasting legacy in the automotive industry. In 1993, upon retirement, they relocated to Bonita Springs, FL, and more recently to Naples, where he lived until his passing.

In addition to his professional success, James was an avid golfer and a longtime member of the Nest Golf Club. He served as president of several golf clubs over the years and was known for his dedication to the game and community. Beyond golf, James had a strong commitment to charity work,

particularly with the United Way. He believed in giving back and spent much of his time supporting various causes. At home he would fill the house with his beautiful piano playing, had a passion for gardening and always enjoyed a good game of bridge.

A devoted family man, James made it a tradition to host Sunday family dinners, a testament to his love for his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

He is survived by his children: Kathleen Hughes of Toronto, Ontario, Canada; James (Karyn) Patterson of Farmington, MI; Michele Rose of Labelle, FL; and Daniel (Amy) Patterson of Towson, MD. He also leaves behind 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren, all of whom were cherished by him.

In addition to his parents, James was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 69 years, Pauline Margaret Patterson; his daughter, Tara Taylor; and his sister, Pearl Patterson.

A memorial service to celebrate the lives of James and Pauline will be held on May 10 at 10 AM at First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs.

Online condolences may be made by visiting www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, family-owned since 1978.

Cemetery Details

First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs Resurrection Garden

9751 Bonita Beach Road
Bonita Springs, FL 34135

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 10. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I am a first cousin once removed living in England. When we visited our son in Safety Harbor, Florida, we often visited Jim and Pauline.. They always made us very welcome and we shall miss our visits to Bonita Springs. They always,,as we did, enjoyed catching up on family news here and in N Ireland. We retain many happy memories. Our condolences are sent to all the family.
Meg (Margaret) Moseley and husband John

Meg Moseley - May 05, 2025 at 01:39 PM

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“ Pauline and Jim were good friends and the best golf buddies while I lived in Bonita Springs. I will treasure my memories of them with a smile. We did have some fun!

Linda Larson - March 21, 2025 at 01:32 PM