



## Jo Patrick "Pat" Patterson

May 5, 1933 - May 3, 2025

Jo Patrick "Pat" Patterson was born on May 5, 1933, and went to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on May 3, 2025, just before his 92nd birthday. He modeled a Christian life and the sacrificial love of Jesus through service, humility, love, faithfulness, loyalty, and immense generosity.

He grew up in Dallas, TX, spending his younger years helping work on the family's 40-acre farm near Richardson, TX during the Depression. These were some of his fondest childhood memories. He attended Highland Park High School and played baseball as a catcher for 4 years, graduating in 1950. He then attended Texas A&M University for a year, where he also played baseball. He then enlisted in the U.S. Army where he spent two years in Germany during the Korean War as part of the first guided missile battalion (where he also played baseball). On his return, he enrolled for continued studies at the University of Texas at Austin where he met his wife and the love of his life, Bunky. They were married in 1957. He had many business opportunities that took them around Texas, and they eventually settled back in Austin where he established and owned a new branch of Wholesale Electronics Supply. He was a top salesman for Sylvania and Winegard satellite antennas. During this time, he loved every minute of raising his big, beautiful family of one son and five daughters. With never a moment to spare, he volunteered with the Travis County EMS in Westlake, often the first to arrive. He sold his business after 35 years but continued to broker electronic

components and equipment and was known as the man who could source anything.

Pat embraced many technological changes in his life - from the punch press to computers, satellite TV, the internet, smartphones, and the recent explosion of AI. He was a man of adventure. He traveled around the world, loved to be in nature, and took great birding trips. He never missed an opportunity to cheer on his beloved Texas Longhorns and eat Mexican food (especially at Matt's El Rancho on his birthday when he would let out his signature grito "ay-ay-ay!" as the mariachis played). He always took the scenic route, whether intentionally or unintentionally. He had a sharp eye for a good deal and loved the thrill of finding a bargain, both which often led to many more adventures. Wherever he was, he opened doors and pulled out chairs for the ladies, always a true gentleman. The only time he wasn't a gentleman, was when he played racquetball and was known for his "kill shot".

Foremost, he lived a life of faith and deeply cared about people. He made sure to meet and greet everyone in his path, ask their name, and about their life; each person mattered to him. He was highly active at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, serving as an usher and participating in the Christ Renews His Parish (CHRP) men's program. He indeed found a renewed faith and deepened relationship with Jesus, met his friend and brother in Christ, Alan Graham, and the idea for Mobile Loaves and Fishes was formed.

His whole life Pat aspired to serve others and build community, at home, in business, in the church, and with those who needed one. Being an only child, Pat wanted to be surrounded by a large family and so his wife and 6 children became his first community. He had amazing 'finder skills' and could produce something out of nothing, so it was fitting that he was one of the founders of the Mobile Loaves and Fishes food truck ministry. He helped procure and outfit the first MLF food truck that roamed Austin providing food, clothing, and

most importantly the love of God to those living on the streets. The ministry led to the growth of the Community First! Village that provides permanent housing for previously homeless men and women.

He and Bunky befriended, loved, served, and supported other people in their lives who were suffering. Many came to know Jesus through their living example.

Pat will be forever remembered and loved by his family and extended family, church, innumerable friends, and the communities he served. He is survived by his 6 children: Roy Patterson and his children Lindsey and Schell; Maury DeLuca; Shannon DeCraene; Schell Sells and husband Byron and their children, Schelby, Alec, and Bowman; Jamie Hillin and husband Bobby; Sunday Patterson; and 6 great-grandchildren.

In place of flowers, it was Pat's wish that those who loved him and wanted to do something in his memory would make donations to Community First! Village which serves people experiencing chronic homelessness and a loss of community in the Austin, TX area: <https://give.mlf.org/campaign/688393/donate>.

Service:

May 15, 2025, 10:30am

St. John Neumann Catholic Church

5455 Bee Caves Rd

Austin, TX 78746

Reception:

May 15, 2025

Immediately following the service

St. John Neumann Catholic Church - Morris Hall  
5455 Bee Caves Rd  
Austin, TX 78746

Burial:

May 15th, 2025, 2:00pm  
Our Lady of the Rosary Cemetery  
330 Berry Lane  
Georgetown, TX 78626

# Cemetery Details

## Our Lady of the Rosary Cemetery

330 Berry Ln  
Georgetown, TX 78626

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

MAY 15. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

St. John Neumann Catholic Church  
5455 Bee Caves Rd  
Austin, TX 78746

## Reception

MAY 15. 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

St. John Neumann Catholic Church  
5455 Bee Caves Rd  
Austin, TX 78746

## Graveside Service

MAY 15. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Our Lady of the Rosary Cemetery  
330 Berry Ln  
Georgetown, TX 78626



# Tribute Wall

MH

“ I met Pat and Bunky over 30 years ago when I married Lee Haviland. Lee and Pat went back so many years. I remember Lee went down to New Orleans with Pat and Mobile Loaves and Fishes after Katrina. In later years, when Lee and I were in Austin, Pat would pick Lee up and the two of them would spend the day together. Lee loved Pat as a brother.  
I send my sincere condolences to your family. With love, Marilyn Haviland

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**Marilyn Haviland** - May 08 at 08:29 PM

DE

“ Pat Patterson was an amazing man. I got to know him through working together at Mobile Loaves & Fishes. My sympathy to his family. God has a good one up there on his team now.

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**Donna Edgeman** - September 23, 2025 at 05:34 PM

JL

“ Mr. Patterson and I were paired to usher together at the 5:30 pm Saturday mass back when SJN was at the previous location (the old Presbyterian church). I was in high school at the time. It is through him that I met Sunday. When I moved back to Austin after graduating from Notre Dame, Mr. Patterson remembered me and would always say hello and ask how was doing.

*I extend my deepest sympathies to the entire Patterson family.*

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**Jen Lang** - May 15, 2025 at 02:48 PM

RS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Roz Stephenson - May 14, 2025 at 10:01 PM

RS

“ Pat was the fearless driver for our MLF team 6. Every month for over 20 years we distributed food and clothes to the people on the streets of Austin. Pat will always be remembered for his support and kindness to everyone who ventured into his path. My condolences to his family and numerous friends. He will be greatly missed. Sincerely. Roz Stephenson

Roz Stephenson - May 14, 2025 at 09:34 PM

MK

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Mary Kocks-Koleng - May 13, 2025 at 07:38 PM

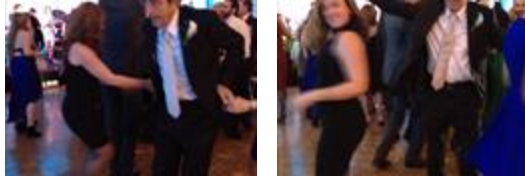
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Coach Patterson!!  
Shell, Karen, Allison, Michelle  
Audrey, Cathy, Jamie, Mary  
Aren't we a cute bunch💕

Mary Kocks-Koleng - May 13, 2025 at 07:43 PM

CM

“ 2 files added to the album Pat dancing at Jamie and Bobby's wedding



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**Casey McCreary** - May 11, 2025 at 12:12 PM



*Mr. Patterson, was so kind and always greeted me with a big smile and warm hug. I think that Jamie and her siblings inherited some of his greatest traits, such care and generosity for others in the community who are struggling, as well as his sense of humor that made spending time with Mr. Patterson and his family members always a joyful time. He was also a fabulous dancer as I learned at Jamie and Bobby's wedding! My love and condolences to the family. Xoxo Casey*

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**Casey McCreary** - May 14, 2025 at 08:37 PM