



## Andrew Patterson Jr

December 2, 1927 - February 26, 2019

Andrew Patterson Jr., 91, died Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at Rambling Oaks Courtyard Extensive Care Community in Highland Village, Texas. He leaves behind a wife of 31 years Linda Walker Patterson; four children Adolphus, John C. (Robie), Andrew C., and Kandi Patterson; five grandchildren, five great grandchildren as well as many relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, six siblings, wife Mary Elizabeth Maples and two sons Bobby Ray and Melvin Joe Patterson.

Born and raised in Cisco, Texas, Andrew lived, worked, and served others in Henderson, Brenham, Hawkins, Fort Worth, Austin, Allen, McKinney, and Highland Village. He graduated from Butler High School (Tyler) and was inducted into the Sigma Rho Sigma fraternity. Andrew received a Bachelor of Science degree from Butler College, served in the United States Army Air Corp (USAF), and received a Master of Education degree in Curriculum & Instruction from Prairie View A&M University. He was a member of Phi Delta Kappa, TCU Chapter. Dedicated to serving students in Texas public schools, Andrew taught in Fort Worth ISD at PL Dunbar Elementary, achieving the status of Head Teacher; served as school Principal at Riverside Elementary, and in Central Administration. Andrew left Fort Worth ISD to work for the Texas Education Agency (TEA) in the area of federal program fund management. Andrew retired from TEA as a Chief Consultant in 1987. Dedicated to lifelong learning, he obtained his real estate license when he relocated to Allen, TX.

Andrew had a passion for pursuing educational studies. He regularly professed the benefits of individuals obtaining education to enhance knowledge, achieve personal growth, and sustain their involvement in service to family and community.

As a believer in Christ, Andrew ensured he served God wherever he resided. He taught Sunday school classes, served as Sunday School Superintendent, and was a Deacon. Andrew assumed one or more of these roles while attending Providence Baptist Church in Fort Worth, First Baptist Church Heflin Lane in Austin, and Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church (SMBC) in Plano. At SMBC, when God, along with Pastor Joshua, called and

appointed men to become deacons, Deacon Patterson was assigned to be the spiritual advisor and overseer to these men. With his keen insight into the biblical mandate of a deacon's role, the future deacons quickly learned from his instruction, but most notably from his example, that their primary responsibility was to be servants in the Kingdom of God as well as supporters to the people of God. These men will forever fulfill this calling with integrity, spiritual focus, and hearts for God and his church because of the precepts Deacon Patterson instilled within them.

As a retiree and 23-year heart transplant survivor, he held and practiced a philosophy of "Being of Service" and was active in community agencies including serving on the Board of Directors for the Samaritan Inn of Collin County – Board Member and Board President, C-Cart, Red Cross of McKinney, and Allen Community Outreach. In 1994, he was nominated for Volunteer of the Year by the Volunteer Center of Collin County. Additionally, Andrew was nominated for Humanitarian of the Year by Care Volunteer Center of Collin County. For years following his transplant, Andrew was a member and President of the Medical City Transplant Institute Dallas Support Group.

As a 32-year member of Plano Early Lions, as well as the Lions club in Austin, Andrew participated in various fundraising and service activities. For 16 years he collected and recycled used eyeglasses, one year collecting more than 6,500 pair of glasses that were used to raise money for Lions Clubs' eyeglass charities abroad. He also received the Jack Wiesch Fellow award for serving children at the Texas Lions Camp.

The family wishes to express thanks, respect, and appreciation for the medical care and services provided to Andrew by Medical City Transplant Institute Dallas, I-Care Rehabilitation Hospital, and Rambling Oaks Courtyard Extensive Care Community. Heartfelt thanks are extended to all doctors, nurses, specialists, and support staff who provided medical care to Andrew throughout his life.

To celebrate the life of Andrew Patterson Jr. family visitation will occur March 8, 2019 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. A Memorial Service will be held March 9 at 11:00am.. Both services will be held at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, 920 E. 14th St., Plano, Texas 75074. Telephone:(972) 423-6695; Website: [www.smbcplano.org](http://www.smbcplano.org).

Final disposition handled by Dalton & Son Funeral Home 1550 N. Stemmons Freeway, Lewisville, TX 75067; Telephone (972) 436-6511; Website: [www.daltonandson.com](http://www.daltonandson.com)

# Cemetery

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## Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery

2000 Mountain Creek Parkway

Dallas, TX, 75211

# Events

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**MAR 8 Visitation 06:30PM - 08:00PM**

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Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church

920 14th Street, Plano, TX, US, 75074

**MAR 9 Funeral Service 11:00AM**

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Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church

920 14th Street, Plano, TX, US, 75074

# Comments

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“ When we joined Shiloh Baptist Church, I got involved with the brotherhood meeting on Monday nights. Deacon Patterson was the parliamentarian for the group. This was something I was not very familiar with, but the focus and attention Deacon Patterson brought to the position really spoke volumes about the type of man he was. After I accepted my calling to the ministry and began to help teach the brotherhood, Deacon Patterson was always encouraging and inspired me to always rightly divide the word of God. There were times when I had the pleasure to sit in his Sunday School class, he had a saying that everyone knew. Unfortunately, I'm not able to quote it, but one part was "If you don't know you can't help". This spoke to me as a young minister and has continued to guide my life and the way that I study the word of God. I will miss Deacon Patterson but understand that God does not make mistakes and we have to accept what He allows. Our prayers are with the Patterson family during this touch time.

Min. Phillips - March 09, 2019 at 08:54 AM

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“ Dear Patterson Family,  
We were very sad to hear about the loss of Mr. Patterson. We wanted you to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. At a time like this, your faith will be challenged. Hold strong to your faith. Being the strong Christians that you are has its advantages, especially during this time. Remember, God doesn't make mistakes.  
May the Lord's grace and compassion be your rock and give you inner peace. God is good and He is always right by your side. He hears and answers every prayer. Remember the good times you shared with Mr. Patterson throughout the years. Hold on to those precious memories. We're sure that he has left a beautiful Legacy behind through the many lives that he touched. His presence is in your hearts and our hearts as well. It will live on for years to come. We will miss him but, we will never forget his professional disposition, loving character and strength. He taught several members of our family. Our sister, Robie fell in love with and married John Patterson. We all shared a memorable history. Mr. Patterson was a remarkable man and had a good soul.  
Countless times throughout the days ahead, you will find yourselves remembering him. Although you can no longer see or hear him, know that he is not gone. He is just further down the path than the rest of us. Try to think of it this way... Heaven just received a "new" angel. When you think that you're at the end of your rope... just tie a knot and hold on with all your strength. Time is the greatest healer there is in life. Celebrate his life. Take good care of yourselves as you heal.  
“Therefore I say unto, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.”\_ St. Mark 11:24

With Our Deepest Condolences,  
Ken & Shirley Hollins

## Extended Family Members Mesquite, Texas

Ken & Shirley Hollins - March 04, 2019 at 07:51 PM

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“ I have had the privilege of serving as the Sr. Pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church of Plano for 25 years. Andrew Patterson served as a Deacon, Sunday School Teacher, Bookstore Officer, New Member Instructor, and the list goes on. He demonstrated excellence and integrity in every aspect of his life. Yet, his humor far surpassed most! This gentle giant, of a man, could brighten up your worse day with his profoundly spoken words. I once shared with Deacon Patterson that I almost hit a parked car; to which he replied, "Pastor, I have never known "almost" to happen." From that, I learned to never allow "almost" to concern me. I shall always remember and love Andrew Patterson! Blessings upon Linda, his wife, and the entire Patterson Family!



Isiah Joshua Jr - March 01, 2019 at 11:35 PM



“ I am quite saddened to learn of Deacon Patterson's passing. I know he will be truly missed. Sunday School at Shiloh wasn't completely Sunday School without him leading the closing.

"If you don't study, you don't know. If you don't know, you don't care. If you don't care, you can't help. Study to know. Know to care. Care to help. Help to save".

I'm sure that I got some of those words mixed up, but I can hear his voice quoting that at the end of Sunday School class.

Deacon Patterson was a great teacher, encourager, a faithful servant and man of God and a true inspiration.

For the days ahead, I send prayers for strength and peace for his family, friends and all who knew and loved him. May you be comforted by your wonderful memories of him.

Sharla Lotts

**Sharla Lotts** - March 07, 2019 at 02:55 PM



“ I am sorry to hear that Andrew has passed. Mary and I both appreciate his friendship and the warm support he gave the Guthrie family over the years. Our deepest sympathy goes out to you, Linda.

Mary and Bert Guthrie

**Bert Guthrie** - March 08, 2019 at 02:43 PM