



## Samuel Joseph Patterson

January 13, 1935 - May 2, 2018

Patterson, Samuel Joseph, May 2, 2018 age 83 of Westland. Beloved husband of Karen Patterson. Loving father of Barry (Diana) Patterson and Samantha (Alex) Trout. Proud grandfather of Aaron Trout, Amanda Trout, Bradley Trout, Carson Hoffman and Caitlin Hoffman; great grandfather of Harley Jae Trout. Memorial gathering Sunday May 20th from Noon until 3 PM. Memorial Service will begin at 3 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Road (between Ford Road and Cherry Hill) Westland. To share a memory, please use the Share a Memory tab on this web page.

# Events

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**MAY** **Memorial Gathering** 12:00PM - 03:00PM

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Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Westland  
980 N. Newburgh Road, Westland, MI, US, 48185

**MAY** **Memorial Service** 03:00PM - 04:00PM

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# Comments

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“ I met Sam when my high school softball player Robyn Liberty played for Finasse. I went out to dinner with the team one night and met Sam. After that there was a big hello and hug from Sam when ever I would see him at a Finesse or Belleville - Garden City game. A great guy who will be missed by many.

Peg Curtis - May 19, 2018 at 04:30 PM

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“ The first year Sam and Karen were married, Sam asked Karen to make a list of a couple of things she would like for Christmas. Instead, Karen made a list of about 20 things and told Sam to pick out what he wanted to give her. In order to make sure he got the items that she really wanted, Sam worked overtime for two months and bought her everything on the list.  
What a sweet man. (and smart too!)

Sam would also make up "love" songs for Karen and just sing them for her and everybody else at random moments. There were many songs and the following is just one of the verses that I can remember completely:

Your hair is so long it knits at the bottom,  
Your teeth are so bad, I think they are rotten,  
Your old pug nose, it should be forgotten,  
Oh, Karen Patterson, won't you be mine.

Sam would do anything so make you laugh or smile, every time you were with him.

I will miss his kindness and funny disposition, but, most of all, I will miss the laughter.

Love you, Sam.  
Rest in peace.

Emilie

Emilie Porcelli - May 11, 2018 at 05:15 PM

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“ Sammy Patterson was the best!!! I started Finesse when I was 12 and I just always remember seeing Sammie with his Finesse shirt and Hat watching our teams play. He was always at our practices at Wayne Ford Civic League and of course at all our Tournaments. Always Sammy, Bill Eskew and Bill Martin. Going from Field to Field to support the the Different Age Groups for Finesse.

One very Vivid Memories, is I was 14 at the time, Sarah Lewis and I was asked to play in the 18- Worlds and that meant a long drive to South Carolina. So Sammie told us we could drive with him, so Sarah and I took him up on that Opportunity. Off to South Carolina in that Grey Truck of his. We made it safely and he was just the best.

He definitely was like a Grandpa to all of us girls and always had encouragement for us along the way.

All around Great man with a heart of Gold and would do anything for anyone.

Rest in Peace Sammy

Samantha Crews



Samantha Crews - May 11, 2018 at 10:28 AM

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“ I remember going fishing with Uncle Sam and my dad on the Detroit River one morning. They forgot to put the plug back in the back of the boat, and the boat started taking on water and we were only halfway to Grosse Ile Island. Uncle Sam said If the boat took on too much water I would have to learn how to swim. That was when I made him take the boat into the shore and let me out and I went with the trailer around and pick them up at Grosse Ile Island. He also told me one morning on our way hunting stopped in at a restaurant I cut up my eggs and he asked me why I didn't just ask for scrambled. Love uncle Sam . He could always make us laugh.

Terrell Walker - May 10, 2018 at 08:45 PM



“ Sending love and prayers to Barry,his wife, and Sam's wife Karen!

Pam Walker Knight - May 10, 2018 at 08:49 PM

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“ 48 files added to the album "Sammy / Sambodini / Sammy Joe"



Barry Patterson - May 09, 2018 at 06:12 AM

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“ I’ll never forget the day that Sammy Patterson and Bob Bako scouted me out at a gcyaa tryout and recruited me to play travel ball. At 10 years old, I became somebody, a ball player.

My family wasn’t always able to afford out of state travel for my tournaments. Not a problem though. Sammy and Bob convinced my reluctant parents to let me drive down to tournaments with them. I’m sure it had something to do with Sammy’s charm because let’s face it, these two were definitely characters.

On those road trips I had so much fun. Sammy was such a funny guy. He always had a light hearted joke after being reamed out by the coaches that made you believe in yourself again. Sammy was like a grandpa to all of us girls. With Sammy at a game, we all smiled a bit bigger and played a bit harder.

My deepest condolences to family and friends. Sammy touched so many lives and will be deeply missed.

-Sarah Booth “bootsie”

Sarah Booth - May 09, 2018 at 12:11 AM

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“ My favorite memory of my Uncle Sam has stayed with me my whole life. When I was young I he taught me how to play baseball I. I was such a tomboy I even had my hair as short as the boys and dressed like a boy. He coached my cousin Barry's little league team. At that time girls where not aloud to play baseball nor were there any organized sports for girls. So my Uncle Sammy would take me to practice with him and let me practice with the boys (but they all knew I was a girl). He gave me a nickname that has stayed with me and my husband keeps it going. That was the year I become Johnnie . Now , when the boys would do bad in the game he would yell at them "if you don't do better out there I'll send Johnnie in." And I would wait with barred breath. Dog gone it those boys would do better. Well their was one game when Uncle Sammy was short a player. He had me suit up in that awesome extra uniform he carried just for me. I practiced before the game with the team and was so excited to show my stuff. Just as the game was ready to start in came running one of his players. Johnnie was benched and pissed as hell that the kid showed up. However by the time I was in 6th grade I finally had a team to play on and played until I was 50 and still am proud to go by Johnnie. Thank you Uncle Sam for teaching me so much in life.

Lila CoultadCoultas - May 08, 2018 at 06:55 PM

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“ Grande Gourmet Fruit Basket was purchased for the family of Samuel Joseph Patterson.



May 08, 2018 at 03:30 PM

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“ Sam was a great supporter of Garden City HS athletics since 1984; when I hired his son Barry to be a JV girls basketball coach. You could always expect to see him at a basketball game or softball game rooting on the girls and his son. He was a nice man who was a positive influence on anyone who he came into contact with through the years. He will be missed by family, friends, and the large COUGAR FAMILY; that got to know him throughout the many years.

May GOD bless Sam Patterson and his family

Marshall Henry

Retired Girls Basketball Varsity Coach

marshall henry - May 08, 2018 at 09:37 AM