



Funeral Service
Stockham Family Funeral Home
McPherson, Kansas
Saturday, April 13, 2024, at 10:00 AM

Officiant
Pastor Laura Smith

Service Music
"Amazing Grace"
"Surely Goodness and Mercy"
Darla Presnell, vocalist

Casket Bearers
Tracy Presnell ~ Barry Pjesky ~ James Presnell
Aaron Pjesky ~ Tyler Pjesky ~ Timothy Rhodes

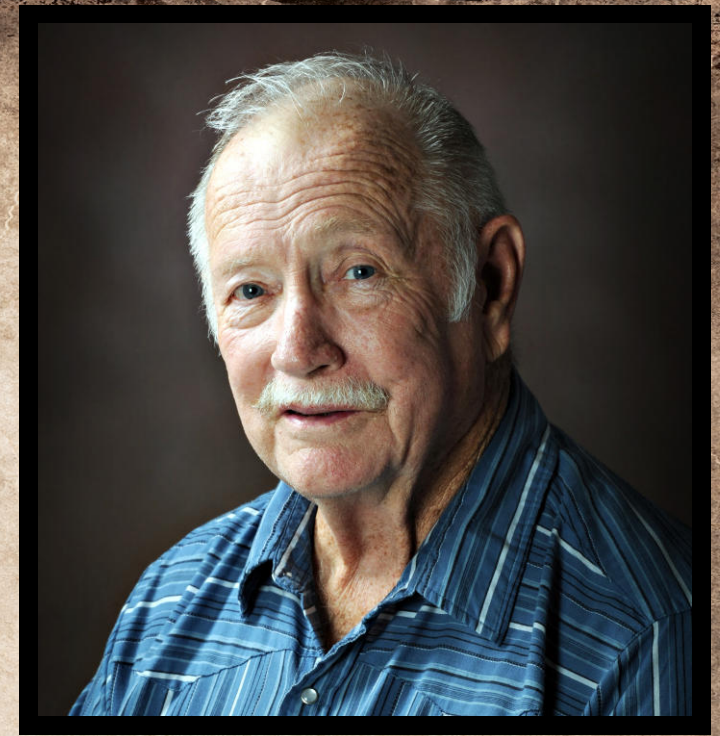
Honorary Casket Bearers
Elijah Pjesky ~ John Pjesky
Andrew Pjesky ~ Isaac Pjesky ~ Kyle Hall

Final Resting Place
McPherson Cemetery
Military Honors conducted by
American Legion Post #24 and V.F.W. Post #2715
"Taps" by Mark Casebeer, trumpet

Memorial Donations
The family suggests that memorial donations be made to the McPherson Animal Shelter or Cat House in care of Stockham Family Funeral Home, 205 North Chestnut, McPherson, KS 67460.

Appreciation & Luncheon
The Patrick family wishes to express sincere appreciation for your prayers and kindness, evidenced in thought and deed, and for your presence at this service. *Following the burial, the family invites all to join them for food and fellowship at Trinity Lutheran Church.*

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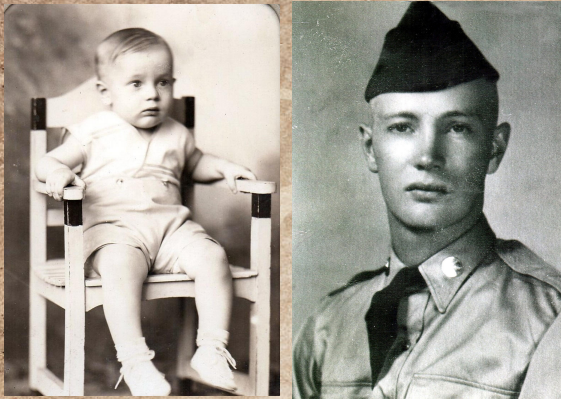
In Loving Memory
Donald Lee Patrick
June 12, 1935 - April 2, 2024



A Celebration of Life

Donald Lee Patrick

June 12, 1935 ~ April 2, 2024



Donald Lee Patrick (Pop) was born on June 12, 1935, to Gustaf Arthur Emmanuel and Alyce Dorothy Patrick, on his family's farm near Marquette, KS. He was the middle child of three children with two sisters, Norma and Deanna. They lived on the farm and he attended Marquette schools where he played basketball and graduated from High School in 1954. He then worked on the family farm until joining the Army National Guard in 1958. Shortly thereafter, he began working as an auto mechanic and remained in the Guard for 6 years. He married Mary Ellen Becker on August 2, 1958 and they lived in Lindsborg. They have two daughters Pamela Jean and Darla June.

They moved to McPherson and he continued his mechanic career at the Elton Lobban Ford dealership. While the girls were growing up, a favorite family activity was sitting uptown on Thursday nights people watching.

Don was a big fan of Fords and owned many of them as well as Volkswagen Beetles. Don loved horses and he had a number of them throughout the years. Both daughters rode in barrel racing, western pleasure and showed their horses where they won numerous awards. For a time, Don also worked on bicycles.

Don later went to work for the McPherson Street Department as a mechanic and remained there until he retired. He enjoyed attending Darla's country music band performances, raising Labrador Retrievers, taking photos and spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He also enjoyed attending their various sporting events and was a big fan of the KU football and basketball teams and the Kansas City Chiefs. Another favorite activity was parking at Walmart with Mary Ellen and people watching.

Forever Memory

He was an avid collector of cowboy boots and his collection grew to be well over 100 pairs. Don also collected metal toy tractors and he loved turquoise rings of which he had many. Sometimes, he would wear a ring on every finger. He also had numerous pieces of turquoise jewelry including bolo ties and belt buckles.

In his later years, he made his own fashion statement by wearing shorts and cowboy boots together. The staff at the assisted living facility nicknamed him and Mary Ellen, "Cowboy" and "Miss Kitty".

Survivors include: his wife, Mary Ellen, two daughters, Pam Pjesky and husband Barry, Darla Presnell and husband Tracy; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; sisters Norma Jean Holm and Deanna Applequist. He was preceded in death by his parents and two infant children, Daryl Lee and Maria Jane.

He was a dedicated husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. He will be greatly missed by his family and those that knew him.