The Trucker's Last Ride

He traveled the roads In years gone past A life he chose and Hoped it would last.

Driving all night From state to state Trying to get home And arriving so late.

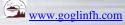
He parked his truck now His engine has stopped And those who love him Their hearts have dropped

He traveled the country
With a smile of great pride
Now he drives the streets of Heaven
On the trucker's last ride.

"May God Ride With You...10-4 And Goodbye"



Goglin Funeral Homes are honored to serve the family and friends of David Patton.



In Loving Memory



David Melvin Patton

February 27, 1951 ~ October 20, 2022



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1951 ~ 2022

Visitation 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 25, 2022
Goglin Funeral Home
Yankton, South Dakota

Memorial Service

10:30 a.m. Wednesday, October 26, 2022 Goglin Funeral Home Yankton, South Dakota

Clergy

Pastor Dani Jo Bierwagen

Music

"With A Little Help From My Friend" by Joe Cocker "Tears in Heaven" by Eric Clapton "Landslide" by Fleetwood Mac

Urn Bearers

Mark Vellek, Richard Vellek, Randy Freng Rob Barger, Jim Stucky & Dillon Barger

Military Rites

SD Honor Guard & VFW Post 791

Inurnment

Garden of Memories Cemetery Yankton, South Dakota

David Melvin Patton was born February 27, 1951 to Melvin and Sylvia Patton. He was raised on a farm near Utica, SD, where he lived most of his life.

David was drafted into the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War and was stationed at Hanau Germany where he met his lifelong friend, Blane Peak of Dallas, TX.

In 1974 he was married to Arletta Meyers. They had one child, Kristi, in 1979. She was the highlight of his life. He loved spending time with her, going to the movies and to concerts. They saw many amazing bands including the Rolling Stones when she was 15 and Fleetwood Mac on her 30th Birthday.

Dave farmed near Utica, custom combined from Oklahoma to Canada; but spent most of his life driving a Peterbilt from coast to coast. He had millions of miles under his belt and received many awards for being a safe driver. He made friends all over the country, throughout the years.

He loved to drag race his '69 Nova at Thunder Valley in Marion, SD during the '70s. He won many trophies. In later years he loved watching NHRA Drag Racing. He went to watch them in person, annually, with his brother-in-law, Frank Vellek, in Brainerd, MN.

He always loved cars and going fast. He owned several Corvettes over the years and also had Harley Davidsons.

David died, at the age of 71, on October 20, 2022 at Sister James Care Center in Yankton.

David is survived by his daughter, Kristi Patton; his sister, Janice (Frank) Vellek; nieces and nephews, LeeAnn (Randy) Freng, Lisa (Rob) Barger, Michelle (Jim) Stucky, Mark (Tami) Vellek and Richard (Brenda) Vellek; 13 great-nieces and nephews; 9 great-great-nieces and nephews; Kristi's half-sister, Kaylee Zoss and her son, Walker Zoss, who were like family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Melvin and Sylvia (Kralicek) Patton and many aunts and uncles.

Floral Tributes







A-Model Express Arletta, Buck Zoss



Mr. & Mrs. Doug Peterson Mr. & Mrs. Daryl Daniels



The Mason Family



Diana Spence and family

Floral Tributes



Walker Zoss & Kaylee Zoss



Dennis & Roxie Kralicek



Mason, Jessica, Adley & Jr.



Mike & Jackie Blake

