

## 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"



# In Loving Memory



## David Melvin Patton

February 27, 1951 ~ October 20, 2022



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



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In Loving Memory  
**David Melvin Patton**  
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



Mike & Jackie Blake



Pat and Carrie Nolz



Mason, Jessica, Adley & Jr.