



Thomas "Tom" Patterson

August 10, 1942 - May 8, 2026

Thomas "Tom" Patterson, 83, of South Cairo, NY, took his last breath on May 8, 2026, surrounded by his loving family.

Tom was born on August 10, 1942, to Lyle and Ethel Patterson in Catskill, NY, raised in Earlton, NY and was a life-long resident of South Cairo. Tom was famous for his "Yosemite Sam" red mustache. A hardworking and dedicated man, he spent his life working as a mason and proudly owned and operated his own masonry business. He also honorably served his country in the United States Army.

Tom was a devoted son, husband, father, brother, uncle, and friend to many. He is survived by his daughter, Barbara (Doug Emery); his son, Wayne Patterson; his brothers, David (Patty) Patterson, Billy (Joan) Patterson, Ray (Vickie) Patterson, and Gary (Jane) Patterson; sisters-in-law Arline Patterson, Doris Patterson, and Joan Walker, and brother-in-law Gerald "Butch"

Lampman; along with many beloved nieces, nephews, extended family members, and friends.

He was predeceased by his loving wife of 45 years, Jane (Lampman) Patterson; his brothers, Lyle and Donald; his sister, Sally; and his parents.

Tom was a lifelong sports fan and proudly cheered for the NY Yankees and the New England Patriots. He enjoyed hunting, trapping, and spending time watching the wildlife in his backyard, especially the does he called his “girls.”

A passionate motorsports enthusiast, Tom raced snowmobiles on oval tracks before becoming crew chief for the sleds of Bobby Mallory and R.L. Cooke. Racing remained a central part of his

life for decades. He owned and served as crew chief for the mini sprint and 360 sprint cars driven

by his son Wayne. Tom also owned the renowned #33 360 sprint car team that competed on the

Empire Super Sprints and United Racing Club tours. Under his leadership, drivers Jessica

Zemken-Friesen, Kramer Williamson, and Doug Emery consistently ranked in the top 10.

Traveling throughout NY, NJ, PA, and Canada with the race team, Tom formed countless lifelong

friendships within the racing community.

Tom was equally dedicated to his community. He coached Cairo Little League, Cairo Babe Ruth,

Catskill Babe Ruth All-Star 13-year-old, and Catskill Babe Ruth All-Star 14–

15-year-old teams.

He led the Cairo Babe Ruth team to the 1977 Greene County Championship and the All-Star

14–15-year-old team to the 1979 District 1 Championship. Tom also served as Assistant District

1 Commissioner for Babe Ruth baseball and was recognized by the Catskill Babe Ruth League

for his many years of hard work and dedication to the organization.

Above all else, Tom treasured his family and the time spent with them. He didn't miss an event

involving his children, faithfully supporting them at sporting events, dance performances, sprint

car races, and church activities.

Calling hours will be held on Thursday, May 14, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Richards

Funeral Home in Cairo, New York, with a service immediately following.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Greene County Senior Angels Fund

or the Greene County Veterans Relief Fund.

Cemetery Details

Catskill Town Cemetery

Jefferson Avenue
Catskill, NY 12414

Upcoming Events

Calling Hours

MAY 14. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Richards Funeral Home - Cairo
P.O. Box # 383
29 Bross Street
Cairo, NY 12413
(518) 622-9503
info@richardsbradysfh.com

Tribute Wall

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“ I knew Tommy from working with him 26 years ago. He taught me everything I never knew I needed to know about pouring concrete!!! He was a complete hardass with a sweet gooey center. I knew I had won him over when he started calling me Petunia and he allowed me to call him Buttercup. I had the best time with him at work. I appreciate all the knowledge he shared and the help he offered when we did our final concrete job forming and pouring our own foundation and floor. His name is in the concrete forever. You were one of the good ones and you will certainly be missed Buttercup ❤️

Jennifer Abrahamsen - Yesterday at 04:40 PM

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“ I have known Tom for many years. Tom was instrumental in the creation of the Cairo Little League Program. His hard work and dedication in building this program was what made it possible to grow into what it is today. He worked to established a Babe Ruth Team as a part of the program. He built the dugouts and announcers stand himself without wanting any accolades. All of this simply for the love of the sport and the kids. He has left a lasting legacy.

Tony the Barber

Tony Carocciolo - Yesterday at 10:53 AM