



Gary Edward Patton

March 24, 1952 - Nov. 5, 2023

Gary Edward Patton, 71, of Nebo, NC, passed away on the morning of Sunday, November 5, 2023.

Born in Oregon on March 24, 1952, he was the son of the late Garmon Edward Patton and Mary Emma Anderson Founds.

He was raised in and lived most of his life in the Nebo/Morganton area. Gary was raised on farming and he continued through most of his life. He eventually moved to general construction in adulthood and built many homes from the ground up. Gary was a veteran of the US Marine Corps and was stationed in 29 Palms, CA for a few years in the late 60s.

Gary was married twice, and had five children. He taught his children many lessons in life, both intended and unintended. He taught his children to be stubbornly independent, and to "do for yourselves and others."

Gary is survived by sons, Gary E. Patton, II and Michael J. Patton; daughters, Amanda C. Gomez and Candace M. Sneddon; five grandchildren; a great-grandchild; and many cousins and extended family.

In addition to his parents, Gary was preceded in death by his eldest son, Nathaniel Adam Patton; and his younger brother, Michael Allen Patton.

No services are planned at this time.

The family would like to express their appreciation to the care and support provided to Mr. Patton and his family by Autumn Care of Drexel, UNC Health – Blue Ridge in Morganton; and Sossoman Funeral Home.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



Gary was one amazing fellow! He helped my mother many times during her fight with cancer. It has always been carried in my heart for the deeds and his kindnesses that he brought to our family! I surely will miss him! My love to the 4 of you! Sending hugs and kisses and prayer your way during this hard time. He has transitioned to the Church Triumphant!!

—Angie Scott



—Mrs Micheal allen pattons (cindy lou who)widow



Much love, Dad. Hope you find peace in heaven.

—Amanda Gomez

Although we have been divorced for 40 years, you gave me the best gift in life, my children. For that I will always be grateful. God rest your soul and give you peace.

–Ava Todd

I am so sorry to hear that Gary died. He was a fine person and very independent.

–Genny Patton