



Michael Christopher Patterson

May 5, 1967 - May 31, 2020

Michael Christopher Patterson, 53, of La Plata, Maryland, passed away on Sunday, May 31, 2020.

Born on May 5, 1967 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, he was the son of John Patterson and the late Marianne Patterson. Holding a PhD, Mr. Patterson was the Facility Director at the Clearwater Nature Center. He was a member of the Southern Maryland Audubon Society, was an avid birder and enjoyed watching sports, especially the Washington Nationals.

In addition to his father, Mr. Patterson is survived by his wife Nicole; brothers John Patterson, David Patterson and Chris Patterson.

Due to the circumstances of the COVID-19 Pandemic, a private service will be held and hope to arrange for a Celebration of his life at a later date. We are heartbroken that everyone cannot immediately honor his life with all the people who love him, but we know everyone will be there in spirit.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Southern Maryland Audubon Society, P.O. Box 181, Bryans Road, MD 20616.

Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Christopher Patterson*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Michael Christopher Patterson*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *Hello Nicole. We've never met but I knew Michael from high school at Father Judge. I was a classmate of his brother, Dave, and would see Mike around the house all the time. I always admired his intellect and his kindness to his mom. We always knew he'd accomplish great things, and it looks like he sure did. I'm so sorry for your loss. I pray for blessings of comfort and understanding for you. I can't image how you feel. May God bless you. Kevin W.*

Kevin Watkins - June 17, 2020 at 11:37 PM



“ *Dear Nicole:
Please accept our sympathies for your tragic loss. Many in Prince George's Audubon Society remember him fondly. We have all lost a real leader.
Sincerely,
Ken Cohen and Prince George's Audubon Society*

Kenneth Cohen - June 09, 2020 at 04:37 PM

MS

“ Even all those years ago at college in Philadelphia, it was obvious that Michael was someone who would make a difference in the lives of those around him. When we reconnected, I saw that his kindness, generosity, and good humor had only grown with time. He taught me to look up and appreciate the magic of birds and the beauty of our world. I'll always be honored that he was my friend.

My deepest condolences to Nicole and to Michael's family and friends.



Mike Sapanic - June 05, 2020 at 03:00 PM

JO

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Jon - June 04, 2020 at 09:33 AM

LK

“ Love, Jon and Kim purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Michael Christopher Patterson.



Love, Jon and Kim - June 03, 2020 at 12:51 PM

JO

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Jon - June 03, 2020 at 11:40 AM

LW

“ Nicole, I am so saddened about this. He will be remembered so fondly. I loved birding with him, he made me a better birder! I picture now the joy on his face of fabulous dawn chorus' and finding a Wilson's Warbler!! He was a wonderful President for the S Md Audubon Society, I was honored to be his VP. He always used the right touch for situations, and was just an overall wonderful and enjoyable person.

He will always be our Big Buteo!!

Love, Lynne Wheeler

Lynne Wheeler - June 03, 2020 at 09:01 AM

MD

“ Dear Nicole and family,
We're keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers as we remember Michael and celebrate his life. We'll always remember that iconic picture of him and Talon, the beautiful bald eagle perched on his arm.
Michael had such an appreciation of the great outdoors and it's beauty- such an advocate for our natural resources. He will be missed.
Love,
Marybeth and Mark Hoelk

Marybeth Dugan - June 02, 2020 at 07:25 PM

CR

“ Nicole,
On behalf of Southern Maryland Rock and Mineral club, I want to say how very sorry we are to hear of Michaels passing. He worked very closely with the club and members for many years. We greatly appreciated his leadership. We are all keeping you and your family in our thoughts and prayers.
Cheryl Reese
Secretary of SMRMC

Cheryl Reese - June 02, 2020 at 02:34 PM

DM

“ Dad and Marty. purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Michael Christopher Patterson.



Dad and Marty. - June 02, 2020 at 01:14 PM

MA

“ Nicole and family, I am so sorry for your unbelievable loss. Mike was a very important ally and support to me as I began my career in environmental education in Southern Maryland. His leadership in EE and birding was foundational in this community. My heart breaks for you. I pray for your peace and healing.

Margarita - June 02, 2020 at 10:29 AM

DD

“ Nicole my deepest condolence for the lost of Michael, he will be truly missed. Michael was very special always there when I had any questions. No words can explain how valuable he was to the NHRD Division. R.I.P Michael..

Debra Gail Dorsey

Debra Gail Dorsey - June 02, 2020 at 08:53 AM

JC

“ I am so sorry to hear of Michael's passing and hope that his family can feel the love, thoughts, and prayers being sent to them from afar right now.

Recently, when I was at the nature center, Michael introduced me to his beautiful bird Spree and enjoyed showing me how much Spree liked the Baby Shark song. He encouraged me to bring my daughter (who is a fellow bird lover) to meet Spree and all the birds at the center. She was very pleased to see the center's birds and other animals.

And when he learned I enjoy fossils, he gladly shared his knowledge of local fossil sites and events.

Jen Crump - June 02, 2020 at 08:34 AM

AW

“ So sorry to hear about his passing. He made a difference in many lives. He will be missed.

Ann Wass - June 02, 2020 at 05:31 AM

IT

“ Michael helped me advance in my career, gave me guidance, and made me feel heard in times when I wasn't. I am very grateful for the time I got to spend with him. Sending so much love to the Patterson family ❤️



Itsa - June 02, 2020 at 03:24 AM

KA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Kathy Addario - June 01, 2020 at 09:25 PM

SU

“ My sincere condolences to Patterson family and May his soul rest in peace.

Surendra - June 01, 2020 at 08:58 PM